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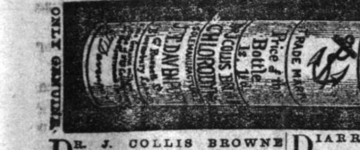

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STATIONS.	Week Days																Sundays		
	Mid	L&Y	L&Y	Mid	L&Y	Mid		L&Y	Mid.	Mid		Mid	L&Y	Mid	Mid	Mid	Mid	Mid	Mid
	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Leeds	7 5	9 10	11 0	1120	1 22	1220	2 15	3 35	4 50	5 48	5 40	6 40	8 0	8 25	9 20	1050	7 0	2 0	9 25
Hunslet	7 11	9 17	..	1126	1 28	1226	2 23	3 41	4 56	5 54	5 46	6 49	8 6	8 31	9 26	1056	7 6	2 6	9 32
Woodlesford	7 19	9 25	1111	1134	1 36	1234	2 31	3 49	5 4	6 2	5 54	6 57	8 14	8 40	9 35	11 5	7 14	2 14	9 41
Methley	7 24	9 30	D	1139	1 41	1239	2 36	3 54	5 8	6 7	5 59	7 1	8 19	8 45	9 40	1110	7 19	2 19	9 46
Altofts	7 28	..	..	1144	..	1244	2 41	..	5 12	6 11	..	7 5	..	8 49	9 45	1115	7 24	2 24	9 50
Normanton	7 39	..	..	1150	..	1250	2 47	..	5 18	6 18	..	7 11	..	9 0	9 50	1120	7 35	2 36	9 55
Wakefield, ar	..	..	..	1221	..	1 39	..	..	..	..	..	7 27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Barnsley ,,	8 25	..	..	..	..	1 37	..	..	..	..	..	8 10	..	9 30	..	..	8 15	3 45	..
Sheffield ,,	8 55	..	..	..	..	2 5	..	..	..	..	..	8 35	..	1030	..	..	8 58	4 3	..
Methley Jun	..	9 33	1117	..	1 44	..	Saturdays Only	3 57	..	..	6 2	..	8 22	..	Tuesday & Saturdays	..	..	..	..
Castleford	..	9 37	1121	..	1 48	..		4 1	..	..	6 6	..	8 26	..		..	..	..	..
Pontefract	..	9 44	1128	..	1 55	..		4 8	..	..	6 13	..	8 34	..		..	..	..	..
Goole	..	1027	12 8	..	2 43	..		4 50	..	..	6 53	..	9 15	..		..	..	..	..
Doncaster	..	1028	1215	..	2 53	..		4 50	..	..	6 52	..	9 25	..		..	..	..	..

(D stops at Methley to pick for Pontefract and beyond when required.

FROM DONCASTER TO PONTEFRACT, SHEFFIELD, NORMANTON and LEEDS.

STATIONS.	Week Days														Sundays			
	Mid	L&Y	Mid	L&Y	L&Y	Mid	L&Y	Mid		L&Y	Mid	L&Y	Mid	Mid	Mid	Mid	Mid	Mid.
	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Doncaster	..	7 37	..	9 7	1053	..	1 40	..	..	3 55	..	6 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Goole	..	7 35	..	8 58	11 0	..	1 42	..	..	3 45	..	6 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pontefract	..	8 17	..	9 39	12 4	..	2 25	..	..	4 44	..	6 43	..	..	..	..	..	..
Castleford	..	8 24	..	9 45	1210	..	2 31	..	Saturdays Only	4 50	..	6 49	..	..	..	..	..	..
Methley June	..	8 29	..	9 49	1214	..	2 35	..		4 54	..	6 53	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheffield	..	..	7 10	..	..	..	..	2 40		..	..	..	7 0	8 22	8 55	2 30	..	8 7
Barnsley	..	..	7 45	..	..	..	..	2 55		..	..	..	7 20	8 30	9 30	3 0	..	8 45
Wakefield, Kirk	..	..	9 11	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	9 31	..	..	..	..
Normanton	7 50	..	8 42	..	..	1 8	..	4 5	3 45	..	6 20	..	8 23	9 13	1019	3 45	8 20	9 34
Altofts	7 54	..	8 46	..	..	1 13	..	4 7	3 52	..	6 24	..	8 28	..	1024	3 50	8 25	9 38
Methley	8 0	8 33	8 52	9 52	1217	1 19	2 38	4 12	3 57	4 57	6 29	6 56	8 34	..	1030	3 56	8 30	9 43
Woodlesford	8 4	8 38	8 57	9 57	1222	1 24	2 43	4 16	4 1	5 2	6 34	7 1	8 38	9 23	1035	4 1	8 35	9 47
Hunslet	8 11	8 46	9 6	10 4	1229	1 31	2 50	4 25	4 8	5 9	6 41	7 8	8 45	..	1042	4 8	8 42	9 55
Leeds	8 18	8 54	9 12	1010	1237	1 40	2 57	4 32	4 15	5 17	6 48	7 15	8 55	9 35	1050	4 15	8 50	10 5

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

ROTHWELL TENNIS BALL.

The Committee of the above, beg to announce that the
ANNUAL BALL
Will take place at the
ROTHWELL MECHANICS' INSTITUTE,
On FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 1899.

FREE CHURCH SUNDAY, ROTHWELL.
JANUARY 8th, 1899.

	Preachers.	Subjects.
Morning 10-30.		
WESLEYAN	Rev. J. B. MALTBY	"Christ and His Faithful People."
PRIMITIVE	Rev. J. A. ALDERSON	"The Hart and the Waterbrooks."
Evening 6.		
WESLEYAN	Rev. J. A. ALDERSON	"The Eternal Name."
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An UNITED COMMUNION SERVICE will be held in the WESLEYAN CHAPEL at 7.45 p.m., to which all Members of Nonconformist Churches are earnestly invited. Collection at the close.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A. SOCIETY.
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TENDERS.

ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

THE above Council invite Tenders for leading about 250 tons of Dross from Ardsley Forge to Carlton Lane, Rothwell.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Council Offices.

Sealed Tenders endorsed "Dross Leading" to be delivered to me on or before Tuesday next, the 10th January, 1899.

Rothwell, Leeds. J. T. PEARS, Surveyor.

COMING EVENTS REGISTER.

The proprietors of this journa propose opening a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at one be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

Jan. 11, 1899—Mr. Ernest Denny's recital in the Harold Hall.
Feb. 3rd—Rothwell Tennis Ball.
Feb. 9—Mr. B. W. Higgins' Concert in the Harold Hall, Oulton.
April 29, 1899—Woodlesford Jumble Sale
May 24 & 25, 1899—Woodlesford Board Schools, Bazaar in aid of the Parish Room Fund.

WANTED.

WANTED—General Servant, 18 to 20, in Doctor's house. No children. Apply—53, Church Street, Hunslet.

IN MEMORIAM

BATTY—In affectionate remembrance of our dear father, James Batty, of Rothwell, who died Jan. 2nd, 1894.

DEATHS.

CROMACK—Jan. 4th, aged 18 months, Clarence Victor, son of Ben Cromack, Rothwell.
THOMPSON—Dec. 31st, aged 19 months, Mary Victoria, daughter of Ralph Thompson, Royds Green.
WARD—Dec. 31st, aged 15 months, Ernest, son of Asa Ward, Stourton.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley
Friday, January 6, 1899.

OUR readers will receive, as a supplement to this week's issue, a copy of Mr. Stead's "War against war," the contents of which we cordially commend to all who are anxious for the permanent establishment of peace amongst the nations. The paper is an interesting one, and we purpose following it up by publishing weekly articles on the same subject.

We would direct attention to the call for volunteers; and expect being able next week to give all information necessary, so as to secure all the support desirable for so noble an object.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

WOODEN BUILDINGS:—DECISION TO PROSECUTE.

Cr. TAYLOR PREPARED TO STAND THE TEST.

Cr. STEAD AND HIS PROPOSED LAMP IN SMITHSON STREET.

A monthly meeting of the above Council was held on Wednesday night, in the Council Chamber, Councillor T. Oliver (chairman), presiding. There were also present Councillors J. Abbishaw (vice-chairman), B Taylor, W. W. Harrison, Walter Hargreaves, J. Armitage, J. Hargreaves, J Bulmer, P. G. Milner, T. Chapman, J. Stead, C. Sykes, G. Armitage, with the clerk (Mr Wimbush), medical officer (Dr. Stevenson), surveyor (Mr. J. T. Pears), the nuisance inspector (Mr. Jones), and a large number of ratepayers.

SPECIAL MEETING

On the 24th, of December, a special general meeting had been held at which it was agreed that the seal of the Council be fixed to the agreement with the London and Midland bank, to borrow £700 at 3 per cent interest, on behalf of £4522 sanctioned by the Local Government Board for purposes of private streets repair. These minutes were confirmed.

HIGHWAYS:—APPOINTMENT OF ENGINE-DRIVER

At a meeting of the Highways Committee held on the 22nd of December, Mr. Frank Charlesworth was appointed driver of the road roller, at 27s. per week, to commence duties on January 2nd, 1899. The tender of Mr. T. Lambert for fencing the continuation of Meynel Avenue at 3s. 3d. per yard, was accepted. It was decided that the workmen be paid one day's wages of the Christmas holidays, and that they re commence on the Wednesday morning. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. W. S. Ramsden, drawing his attention to the damage done to the road by his carting of rhubarb out of one of his fields. Members of the Committee had arranged with Messrs. Grenside, Haldane and Elliott, to pay 1s per yard for the land required at Robin Hood for the road improvement, the Council to build the boundary wall. The Clerk was asked to write to the West Riding Solicitor, asking what power the Council had to compel the contractors of the branch railway at Stourton to properly maintain the road under the bridge on the Leeds and Wakefield road.

Mr. J. Hargreaves proposed the confirmation of the minutes.

Mr. Chapman asked if the Committee were going to put any more flags down on Wakefield Road.

Mr. Sykes enquired if anything could be done in Langley road, where it was now eighteen inches deep in ruts and sludge. He also drew attention to the state of the footpath below his lodge gates, down to the Council's boundary at Lofthouse hill. The flags were in a dangerous condition, and he would like the Committee to go up and inspect.

Mr J. Hargreaves said Mr. Chapman's question should be looked into by the Committee. As to Mr. Sykes' complaint about the road at Lofthouse, he might say that it was private property. The matter had been before the authority for the past 25 years, but unless it was brought under the Private Streets Works Act, it could not be repaired.

Mr. Sykes: The Council have had the road up for drainage, and I think they should see to its being put into proper condition.

Mr. J. Hargreaves: The Sanitary Committee should see that the contractors put the road into the same state of repair as they found it.

Mr. Milner drew attention to the footpath from the Gardener's Arms to Robin Hood, than which it would be difficult to find a worse.

Mr. Bulmer asked if the Committee had not made the worst choice in choosing a worse engineman than the old one. He thought they had, and that the wage to be paid for a man in that position was rather too little.

Mr. J. Hargreaves: I am not in a position to say whether he is a better or a worse man; after only a three days' trial it is not for me to pass an opinion, and a man, I think, should not stoop so low as to ask such a question.

Mr. Abbishaw said the new man was quiet and steady, and was a native of Rothwell. The old engineman was master of all, the Highways Committee, the Surveyor, and everybody else. He would have had more wage if he had done his work well, and been civil. The job was worth more money, if done well, and he would vote for more if the man suited the Council.

Mr. J. Hargreaves said there was no desire to grind the men down in wage, but the old engineman had neglected his work grossly, and had also threatened what he would do. He said he had not had a legal notice, and would not go off the premises.

Mr. Bulmer said he was sorry that they were misconstruing his remarks; when he learnt that the engineman could not treat the other men properly, he had done with him; it was pleasing to him to know that if satisfactory the new man would have a rise.

The minutes were then confirmed.

SANITATION.

At a meeting of the Sanitary and Sewage Committee, it was decided that the Council's workmen clean out at intervals of three months, all the sewer-gullies of the district.

Mr. W. Hargreaves, in proposing the confirmation of the minutes, said the old works at Lemonroyd had now been re-modelled and enlarged, and in the course of ten days or so, would be in full operation.

Mr. Jas. Hargreaves said that now the Council were going to clear out the gullies, they should see that more care was exercised in keeping out solid matter.

Mr. Harrison: Does it apply to houses in the outlying districts, such as John O' Gaunt's?

Mr. W. Hargreaves: Certainly.

The minutes were then confirmed.

HEALTH REPORT.

Dr. Stevenson reported that during the past four weeks, there had been 21 births registered (11 males and 10 females), 14 in Rothwell (6 males and 8 females), and 7 in Lofthouse and Carlton (5 males and 2 females). During the same period, there had been 17 deaths (10 males and 7 females), 10 of these being in Rothwell (6 males and 4 females), and 7 in Lofthouse and Carlton (4 males and 3 females). He had pleasure in informing them that only 7 cases of infectious disease had been notified since the last meeting, six being cases of scarlet fever and one of enteric fever.

FINANCE:—THE MODE OF PAYING RATES.

Mr. A. Marshall brought before the Committee several applications that had been made for the rates to be assessed upon the occupier instead of the owner. The question was left over for future consideration.

A list of accounts was passed for payment, including a sum on account of the Private streets repairing at Rothwell.

Mr. Harrison said that according to the Act under which the Council worked, owners of property rated under £8 were bound to pay their own rates; if they allowed that this cottage property should be paid for by the occupiers, it would mean more work for the collectors and more pay for doing it.

Mr. J. Hargreaves: Owners are bound to pay, unless you adopt the Small Tenements Act.

Mr. J. Armitage: If that was adopted, then they would know how to vote at the election, better than they do now.

Mr. J. Hargreaves: Then every occupier in the district would pay his own rates; it is in force at Stanley, and other places.

The minutes were approved.

BUILDINGS.

The Building Committee recommended the approval of the following plans:—shed, &c., for Mr. T. Hanks; privies at Rothwell Haigh by Messrs. Mammatt and White; addition to Carlton Board School; erection of 4 houses by Messrs. G. Armitage and Sons; out-kitchen by Mr. Morley Hopton; erection of 7 houses by Mr. T. Stainer, and stable by Messrs. Bromett and Sons. Mr. W. E. Richardson's plans for the erection of office adjoining his house in Royds Lane was referred back. It was decided that the local painters be asked their prices for numbering the streets at Stourton.

The minutes were confirmed.

Mr. G. Armitage referring to the question of wooden buildings, said that one of the parties mentioned at last meeting had since complied with the Council's wishes, but the three others had not complied, and he had to propose that the Clerk be instructed to take necessary legal steps to enforce compliance with the bye-laws. These three were Mr. Smith, Mr. Bulmer and Mr. Taylor. He didn't know that there was any necessity to say anything more than had been said; there was a difference of opinion on the subject, and a decision would have to be arrived at, he supposed by an outside person. Mr. Smith had practically agreed to pull down, and if he did so, his name would be left off the list.

The Clerk: Mr. Smith has seen me and has told me that he is willing to make a clean sweep when he could turn his horses out to grass. He is perfectly willing to meet the Council in the matter.

Mr. Milner: Will he put it in writing?

The Clerk: In a moment.

Mr. G. Armitage: It would have been better if Mr. Smith had met the Council as far as he could. One of the buildings has been put up during the past two months, and he should take some steps to clear, as all the buildings are not for the convenience of his horses.

Mr. J. Hargreaves: It would be better to get his promise in writing.

Mr. G. Armitage: Broadbent has complied.

Mr. Jas. Hargreaves, in seconding the motion, said he thought it was time to sweep this question off the books in one way or another. If the Magistrates decided against them, then there would be an end of it, and it would test the law on the question.

Mr. Taylor said he was of opinion that the Building Committee should have control over wooden buildings, if such were a nuisance to a neighbourhood; but why, in the name of the Council, if these wooden buildings were in opposition to the bye-laws, had the Committee passed plans for the erection of wooden buildings, and that during the past two years. Mr. Wm. Young's plans for his wooden building had been passed during the last two years; yet Mr. Jas. Hargreaves had said they would be a laughing stock if they did not stop these buildings, and have them pulled down. There was Mr. J. Ward's shop at the bottom of the Marsh, for which also plans had been passed.

Mr. J. Hargreaves: Under the old bye-laws.

Mr. Taylor: How is it the Chairman of the Building Committee has not tackled wooden buildings in his own ward, at Carlton, Rothwell Haigh, and Ouzlewell Green, where wooden erections are used for dwelling houses, and where wooden erections encroach on the footpath so that people have to get off the causeway to pass. Is not the pavilion in the Cricket Field, just as much a wooden building as mine? I should like to know whether rhubarb sheds built of wood are going to be allowed to stand, and I think we should have a statement as to where the thing is going to end. Mine is no more than a green-house in a garden, painted inside, with glass all round and plants, and for that reason I shall not remove it, if there are 40 decisions got from the magistrates. I wonder if Mr. Jas. Hargreaves is going to shift that on their lawn-tennis ground. How will you stand with regard to these travelling theatres, where hundreds of people congregate under wood and canvas. Why should you wait and try to pull down now. I tell you, I shall not pull my building down; if it is pulled down, it will be by somebody else.

Mr. J. Hargreaves: When he gets the magistrate's order, he will talk a bit differently.

Mr Harrison: Mr. Taylor rather overdraws it, it is not a nuisance we are well aware; Mr. Taylor would not have been one of the first to be attacked, but for his own foolishness; he said we could not prevent these buildings, and we came to the conclusion to try. Mr. Bulmer was the same; he advised the two persons we had before us not to remove their buildings.

Mr. G. Armitage: I don't want to add any more personal feeling, Mr. Harrison has put it as plainly as I can; if these gentlemen had kept quiet, they very likely would not have been in the position they are. They advised the two persons who came before the Council to set the Council at defiance, and they have only themselves to blame. When dealing with the gentlemen named we shall be going on with the other two as well, for although we deferred the matter we felt the case was strong enough, and we don't intend to be put off by a side issue. With regard to the wooden buildings at Rothwell Haigh and Carlton, they were put up before the Council came into existence. As to the cricket pavilion and lawn tennis tent they are outside our jurisdiction. Wooden erections put up in certain positions are not in accordance with the byelaws. If it came to a question as to whether the pavilion and lawn tennis tent are in order, we say they are. The rhubarb sheds are in compliance too. I don't want to make it a personal matter, but so far as the credit of the Council is concerned we have already had too much of personal questions lately. Steps should be taken to clear the way in this matter, but if it was as Mr. Bulmer said then there is an end of it.

Mr. Bulmer: You say they are contrary to the byelaws, would you name in what respect they are contrary.

Mr. G. Armitage: It is not for me to say.

On the motion being put to the meeting there voted in support Messrs. Abbishaw, Harrison, G. Armitage, J. Hargreaves, J. Armitage, Walter Hargreaves, Sykes, Milner, Chapman, Stead, and the chairman; Mr. Taylor against; and Mr. Bulmer neutral.

As this subject appears to be agitating the minds of others besides those on our local legislating authority, the bye-law dealing with the question will be found of interest to many of our readers. The relative bye-law is as follows, and comes under the heading of Exempted Buildings:—

(*h.*) Any building erected and used, or intended to be erected and used, exclusively for the purpose of a plant-house, orchard-house, summer-house, poultry-house, or aviary, which shall be wholly detached, and at a distance of ten feet at the least from any other building, and which shall not be heated otherwise than by hot water, and in which the fireplaces (if any) shall be detached with no flues of any kind within such plant-house, orchard-house, summer-house, poultry house, or avairy:

(*i.*) Any building which shall not exceed in height thirty feet as measured from the footings of the walls, and shall not exceed in extent one hundred and twenty-five thousand cubic feet, and shall not be a public building, and shall not be constructed or adapted to be used either wholly or partly for human habitation, or as a place of habitual employment for any person in any manufacture, trade, or business, and shall be distant at least eight feet from the nearest street, and at least thirty feet from the nearest building and from the boundary of any adjoining lands or premises:

(*j.*) Any building which shall exceed in height thirty feet as measured from the footings of the walls, and shall exceed in extent one hundred and twenty-five thousand cubic feet, and shall not be a public building, and shall not be constructed or adapted to be used either wholly or partly for human habitation, or as a place of habitual employment for any person in any manufacture, trade, or business, and shall be distant at least thirty feet from the nearest building and from the boundary of any adjoining lands or premises:

(*k.*) Any building erected or intended to be erected for use solely as a temporary hospital for the reception and treatment of persons suffering from any dangerous infectious disorder.

THE SCALE OF WATER CHARGES.

At a meeting of the Waterworks Committee the scale of charges was discussed, and adjourned to a special meeting, at which it is proposed to revise the regulations. The average daily consumption of water was reported as follows:—Rothwell 188 000 gallons, Stourton 21,000 and Thorpe 59,000.

LAMPS AND GAS

LAMP BURNERS AND BROKEN GLASSES.

Mr. G. Armitage mentioned that the lamps in some of the districts were not satisfactorily lighted, being lighted on some light nights and unlighted on dark nights.

Mr. J. Hargreaves also drew attention to the breaking of lamp glasses at the Long Bridge, and suggested the offer of a likely reward for anyone caught doing this damage.

Mr. Harrison promised that the Committee would pay attention to these complaints, and remarked that the bad light in some of the lamps was caused by defective burners.

Mr. Stead, pursuant to notice, proposed that an additional lamp be fixed in Smithson Street, near the Mechanics' new building, where a lamp had previously been fixed, but had since been removed.

Mr. Harrison said that if the lamp had been put up at the corner of the Mechanics' yard to light up private property, it was wrong. The lamp had been removed further up the street, so that if another lamp was placed where the old one used to be, there would be two lamps within a distance of seventeen yards or so.

Mr. Jas. Armitage seconded the motion, to put it in order.

Mr. Milner thought there were other places far worse lighted than Smithson Street.

Mr. Chapman said a lamp lighting up private property had been removed at Stourton, in a place where it was much required, and where there was a big rateable value.

A Member: Aye, that was where the big dog was.

On the motion being put to the meeting, only Mr. Stead voted in support.

HACKNEY CARRIAGES.

On the motion of Messrs. J. Hargreaves and G. Armitage, the byelaws regulating conveyances plying for hire were ordered to be forwarded to the Local Government Board for their approval, after Mr. Bulmer had asked for several trivial alterations.

LOAN.

On the motion of Messrs. Taylor and Harrison, the seal of the Council was affixed to the mortgage deed for the borrowing of £700 for purposes of private streets repair.

This concluded the business, and the Chairman, on rising, wished all a very Happy New Year.

TO MOTHERS.—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is pleasant to taste; it produces natural quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." Of all Chemists, 1s. 1½d. per bottle.

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

An ordinary meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon last, at the Guardians' Offices, Glasshouse Street, Hunslet, Mr. J. Farrer in the chair. The other members present were Messrs. Knight, Fryer, and Nicholson, with the clerk (Mr. Pindar), and medical officer (Dr. Buck).

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

MIDDLETON.

The appointment of an attendant for the new Middleton Sewage Works was left in the hands of the Clerk and Mr. Nicholson at last meeting, and the Clerk now reported that Mr. Nicholson had temporarily appointed Alfred Crossland, and the question of wages was left over. The appointment was confirmed on the motion of Messrs. Fryer and Knight.

The agreement with Ardsley for a supply of water to Middleton was sealed, on the motion of Messrs. Fryer and Nicholson.

HALTON AND TEMPLENEWSAM.

The agreement with Mrs. Ingram allowing the Council to pass through her land was sealed.

A claim for damages was put in by Mr. E. Hartley for injury to crops in passing through his land. Messrs. Bartle, auctioneers and valuers, had been engaged, and the complainant now asked 11s in settlement of the claim.

The Chairman: What are the valuer's fees?

The Clerk: 10s 6d. (Laughter.)

The Council considered they were getting off very easily, and it was ordered that the claim be paid, on the motion of Messrs. Fryer and Knight.

Mr. Grimshaw not being present his notice to propose the adoption of the Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890, and the Public Health Amendment Act, 1890, was left over.

Among the plans approved was one for a jam and marmalade factory at Halton.

A communication had been received from the West Riding Rivers Board complaining of sewage matter being allowed to run into the beck at Halton from the sewage works.

Mr. Whitehead reported having visited the works on several recent occasions, and stated that there had been an overflow into the beck. He attributed the cause to the great quantity of storm water which had been coming down lately. He considered the works too small, but if the storm water was kept out he thought they would work efficiently. They had for days during the last month been altogether beyond control.

Dr. Buck thought the works required more constant attention than they had been receiving.

It was agreed, after discussion, that Mr. Whitehead attend the works during the ensuing month and report at next meeting.

A letter had been received from the Templenewsam Parish Council complaining of a nuisance in connection with the ashpits in Dial Row, Halton.

It was considered that the nuisance was principally due to the dirty habits of the people. On the motion of Messrs. Fryer and Knight, it was agreed that handbills be printed and distributed through the whole district.

OULTON AND WOODLESFORD.

Mr. Whitehead produced the altered plans for Mr. Snell's property in Pottery Hill; the plans were approved subject to slight alteration of the ashpit, on the motion of Messrs. Fryer and Knight. The plans for Mr. Leather's property at Woodlesford, which was complained of last meeting, agreed with the Council's regulations and were passed on the motion of Messrs. Knight and Fryer.

Mr. W. Clarkson, surveyor, reported that all the road-men were given holiday on the 26th. of December. Three of the men, however, in the Oulton district did not turn up on the Tuesday or Wednesday morning to their work. On Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Clarkson saw the men and told them that they might have the whole week, and that if they started work on Thursday, they would receive no wage for it. In spite of this, the men worked on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, but Mr. Clarkson paid them nothing for it. He now asked for instructions.

Messrs. the Chairman, Knight, and Nicholson, strongly supported the Surveyor's action, but Mr. Fryer thought some gentler means should be adopted to show the men they were in the wrong. It was eventually decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Surveyor, to do as he thought best.

MISCELLANEOUS.

New regulations, regarding the laying down of new drains, and dealing with the size of the pipes, and the direction and manner in which the drains shall be laid, were considered; it will also be compulsory to acquaint an officer of the Council of intention to lay a drain.

The Clerk drew attention to the Bill which the Leeds Corporation were introducing compelling drivers of conveyances in their borough to have a man for each horse yoked to a vehicle. It was agreed on the motion of Messrs. Nicholson and Fryer, that the Council petition Parliament against the Bill.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady who has been cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by means of Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent 1,000 to his Institute, in order that those deaf people who have not the means to procure the Ear Drums may have them free of charge. Apply by letter to Branch A. K. U. of the Nicholson Aural Institute, Ealing Dean London, W.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Dec. 31st., 1898, is £210; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £205, thus showing increase of £5. For the 26 weeks ending Dec. 31st., the return is £6990, against £5854 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £1136.

EPPS'S COCOAINE.—Cocoa-Nib Extract. (Tea-like). —The choicest roasted nibs (broken up beans) of the natural Cocoa, on being subjected to powerful hydraulic pressure, give forth their excess of oil, leaving for use a finely flavoured powder—"Cocoaine," a product, which, when prepared with boiling water, has the consistence of tea, of which it is now, with many, beneficially taking the place. Its active principle being a gentle nerve stimulant, supplies the needed energy without unduly exciting the system. Sold only in labelled tins. If unable to obtain it of your tradesman, a tin will be sent post free for 9 stamps.—James Epps and Co., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London.

ROBIN HOOD P.S.A.

The anniversary of this Society was celebrated on Sunday and Monday last. The audience on Sunday afternoon was addressed by the Rev. J. A. Alderson, and selections of music were rendered by the Carlton Temperance Band.

The proceedings on Monday were inaugurated with a public tea, which was not so well attended as was anticipated, the providing of which, however, was all that could be desired.

The public meeting was held in the chapel, which, we regret to say was not nearly full, a fact that was evidently keenly felt by the genial and gifted chairman, Mr. A. E. Hutton, M.P., for the division. With such a platform of speakers, an M.P. to preside, and a 'superb' singer like Miss Gertrude Hartley, the building should have been over-crowded by an enthusiastic audience.

The proceedings were opened with singing and prayer, after which Mr. Hutton rose to address his audience, prefacing his speech by a remark that he feared his visits to Robin Hood were calculated to keep the people away, rather than attract them. He expressed his pleasure in hearing that their P.S.A. was succeeding so well, remarking that while it was easy to start such institutions, it required constant energy and variety to keep them up year after year. He believed the Churches exercised a vast influence for good in matters outside their own work, and greatly affected the movements of a social and political character. He instanced the cry for international peace, which was coming up from so many quarters just now, and so strikingly and unexpectedly voiced by the Czar of Russia in his recent Rescript. Although England had at first received the suggestion with some suspicion, her hypercritical attitude had changed, and he believed that both religion and our national interests strongly favour the serious consideration of the subject, and that by-and-bye, it would become an actual reality. Speaking on the present lawlessness amongst the clergy of the Church of England, he argued that so long as that Church was established and supported by the State, every Englishman had a right to his opinion on the subject, and to see that the money and position held by the State Church was properly used. The Protestant Church of England was established to resist certain dogmas and practices under the Papacy, and the clergy of that English Church have no right to permit or to introduce such matters into their churches. A Roman Catholic has a perfect right to his own opinions and his own rites and doctrines, as practised in his own Church, but these things are not permissible in Churches receiving State support. From an article in *Catholic Truth*, it was stated in a jubilant tone that there is not one of the 39 Articles of Faith, as set down in the Prayer Book, that has not been broken by Clergymen of the Established Church. And yet, at their ordination these men solemnly vowed to keep these 39 Articles! The Bishops seem to be unable to regulate these matters, and each clergyman just does as he thinks proper. Mr. Hutton thought that a man like Lord Kitchener would be very useful amongst the Bishops, and related the following story:—

In connection with the memorial service for the late General Gordon, at Khartoum, it was ordered that all the ministers of religion should join in reciting a certain prayer. A report was made to the Sirdar that one clergyman refused to join in this service, along with Nonconformist and Roman Catholic ministers, and he was sent for, and asked if it was true that he refused to take part. The parson answered in the affirmative. "Then" said the Sirdar, "I give you five minutes (taking out his watch) in which to reconsider your position; you either join the other ministers, or I shall send you back to Cairo." He soon with-drew his objection. Something like this, on the Bench of Bishops, would bring these law-breaking clergymen to their senses. We cannot consent to allowing in the Established Church, such things as the Mass, the Confessional, the adoration of the Virgin Mary, &c., and bring this country into a similar condition as Spain is to-day. Englishmen cannot allow such things by men receiving Protestant money. The only way to make religious practices and creeds as free as air, is by the separation of Church and State. Let there be perfect religious freedom, and no interference between man and his God. There must be a popular resistance to these insidious practices, and the people must shew that they will not be bound hand and foot by these Priests.

Addresses were afterwards delivered by the Rev. Francis Wrigley, of Salem chapel, by the Rev. S. Foster Waterhouse, of Holbeck, and by Mr. T. H. Fleming, on suitable subjects, and encouraging the members of the P.S.A. to hold together, to use individual effort, and to seek to do lasting good to those about them.

During the evening, a very pleasant variety was afforded by Miss Gertrude Hartley, of Horsforth, who sang with excellent taste and feeling, and well articulated expression "Bethlehem," "The Lord shall wipe away all tears," and "Lead, Kindly Light;" her voice is naturally full and sweet, while considerable pains have evidently been taken by her in training her talent so as to produce a most pleasant, flexible, and musical tone. The part sustained by Miss Hartley was an important factor in the success of the evening.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks to the speakers, the vocalist, and those who had had to do with the tea.

Collections were made on Sunday and Monday towards the purchase of prizes, and current expenses.

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FOOTBALL.

ROTHWELL V. PONTEFRACT.

The return match between these clubs was witnessed on the Parkside grounds, last Saturday afternoon. Owing to the inclement weather, there was only a moderate attendance of spectators, the ground being really not fit for a contest. Only about half of the home team put in appearance, the absentees being, Cromack, J. Morrell, Kelly, B. Morrell, Robinson, Ward, Gillings, Godley, and Fidler, the vacancies being filled by spectators. Owing to the constitution of both the teams and the slippery condition of the ground, the game, which was of a scrambly nature, ended in a draw, each sides scoring a try.

At the County Committee Meeting held last night at the Mitre Hotel, Leeds, Outwood Church Club charged Rothwell Club (players and spectators) with assaulting their players after their match on December 17th last. Witnesses on both sides were heard, and after some consideration the Committee adjourned their decision in the matter to the next meeting, and resolved to request the referee to attend the meeting, to see if he could throw any additional light on the subject.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

Last night, before a good audience a really excellent programme of entertainment was provided, on behalf of the Society, by the efforts of Mr. Fred Hargreaves. The Rev. J. B. Maltby genially presided, and announced the various items. The musical proceedings opened with a pianoforte solo by Miss Gertrude Hargreaves, and the whole of the accompaniments, some of which were very difficult, were played by Miss Louie Hargreaves. Miss Tasker was down for the two songs "O Mains Steial," and "Dream of Paradise," both of which were greatly enjoyed, and she kindly gave "Ora pro Nobis" as an encore (Mr. Howarth tastefully played the violin obligatos). Miss Agnes Oldroyd, though quite young, succeeded very nicely in "Angus Macdonald" and "The winged Chorister," "The Banks of Allan Water" being sung as an encore. To Miss Maud Nicholls thanks are due for her successful violin solos, being selections from "Bonheur—Perdu" and "The Geisha," part of which she kindly repeated as an encore. Mr. A. L. Parker is already well-known in Rothwell, and he effectively recited with appropriate gesture and expression "The Graveyard Scene from *Hamlet*" (which worthily earned a re-call "The Seven ages of Man,") and *Hood's* "Bridge of Sighs." The entire programme was well rendered, and fully merited all the praise bestowed upon the performers, and the thanks to Mr. Fred Hargreaves for his kindness in securing their help, which were voiced in a resolution by Mr. Marshall and the Rev. J. A. Alderson.

At the close a coffee supper was ready on the tables, to which some 80 or 90 sat down, everything passing off in a most satisfactory manner.

In our report of the Wesleyan Christmas gathering, we unfortunately omitted the names of Mr. Kale and Mr. S. Morton, who kindly contributed to the concert on Monday evening, and also the names of Mrs. Idle, who took a leading hand on the refreshment stall, and Miss Nelly Copley, who recited in the tableaux.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

In connection with the above, the second session for the winter season was opened in the Board School, on Monday evening last. There was a large attendance, attracted by a capital programme of vocal and instrumental music, provided by Mr. G. Barker, one of the secretaries. Mr. A. L. Parker, the president, conducted the proceedings, and in a few opening remarks spoke of the favourable prospects of the Society, and of the splendid weekly gatherings held during the preceding term. The programme included songs by Miss Clara Barker, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Walker, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Willie Idle (comic); recitations by the chairman; and pianoforte solos. Refreshments were served at the close of the musical programme, after which dancing took place, the music being suppled by Mr. G. H. Barker, and Mr. A. W. Duffil. The inauguration of the second term was a decided success, and as a capital list of essays, debates, &c. are to be given from week to week there is every promise that the interest in, and popularity of, the "Mutual" will still be maintained.

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INSTITUTE BALL AT OULTON.

On Friday night last, the members of the Oulton Institute held a very successful ball, in the Harold Hall, in support of the Institute funds. There was an attendance limited to 108. The decoration of the room was most effective, which, together with the elegant dresses of many of those present went to make one of the most brilliant scenes the hall has presented. The music was supplied by Dunnill's band, from Wakefield; the M. C's were Mr. Farrer and Dr. James, and the stewards Mr. G. M. Abbey, Mr. W. Inman, Mr. W. Poole, and Mr. W. Smith. The refreshments were in the hands of Mrs. Sharpe, who fully maintained her character as a first class caterer. The dances gone through were:—lancers, waltz, polka, quadrille, waltz, schottische, lancers, waltz, polka waltz cotillion, barn dance, sarabands, circassian circle, waltz, lancers, polka, waltz, quadrille, waltz, schottische highland, waltz, lancers, waltz, Sir Roger-de-Coverley.

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FROM EAST TO WEST VIA HUNSLET.

A very interesting object-lesson in bridge-building may be obtained just now at Thwaite Gate, Hunslet. This is the new Great Northern Railway bridge over the River Aire—perhaps the biggest piece of ironwork of its kind, in the city of Leeds. The undertaking is part and parcel of that important railway extension through South and East Leeds of which accounts have from time to time appeared in the columns of *The Yorkshire Post* during the past two or three years. Since we last reported progress, however, a great deal has been effected. Not only is the course of the new line thoroughly well defined, but excepting the more difficult portions on the banks of the Aire, it has been practically constructed, that is to say the embankments and cuttings are made, the ordinary bridges are either in position or actually completed, and the rails in certain places are laid.

The work was started just two years ago and has to be finished by the end of 1899. The short section of North-Eastern Railway, which will connect it with Neville Sidings, is already in order for goods purposes, and will be opened to-morrow; so that when the larger enterprise is accomplished it will be possible to carry traffic from the East of Yorkshire to the towns and districts west of Leeds without passing through the centre of the city. Primarily, the line is intended for the conveyance of goods, but its first-class character will admit of its being used also for the carriage of passengers; indeed, seeing that there will be a junction with the Great Northern main line on one hand and a junction with the North-Eastern on the other, the idea is, in due course, to utilise it at excursion seasons by running passenger trains direct from the populous districts of the West Riding to the holiday resorts on the coast. Apart from such a convenience, the connection is likely to be of great stimulating value to trade. All congestion of goods traffic in Leeds will be avoided, and the railway companies concerned—like the local industrial establishments—expect to derive much benefit from the opportunity—already possessed by the Midland Railway Company,—of dealing on the spot, in commodious depôts, with Hunslet's heavy engineering productions. The district has been expanding for some time in anticipation of the new developments, and is bound to go ahead even more when the undertaking is complete.

But to return to the bridge over the river. It is the last great piece of work in the contract, and connects the line running from Beeston to Thwaite Gate with the extensive plateau of sidings stretching along the side of the Knostrop Lane to the depôt near the Suspension Bridge in South Accommodation Road. The warehouses and sidings alone cover an area of 40 acres. The plateau, formed by the tipping process at the cost of immense labour, has strikingly changed the aspect of the locality. One needs to visit the scene to get a notion of the transformation. On several well-built abutments the line is to be carried to the iron span over the river, itself nearly 200 feet in length. Half the length—that on the Thwaite Gate side—is already in position, supported on a circular pier of ashlar stone. The line is continued by bridges over the Pontefract and Wakefield roads, both in a forward state, and then crosses the Midland Railway in the direction of Woodhouse Hill. Three piers have been built in the cutting here to support three spans of about 50 feet and one span of 25 feet. Through a cutting in the side of Woodhouse Hill, and along an embankment past Nursery Mount, the railway reaches the Middleton Colliery Company's line, which it crosses after permitting of a junction. Three bridges of Staffordshire brick carry it over the footpaths from Lewsbury Road, and then, through cuttings at the back of the old Rifle Butts and along the side of Middleton Woods, the neighbourhood of the junction with the main line at Beeston is gained. Near here there is ample land for further development, even for a station if necessary. As near as possible, the new line has a length of four miles.

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Josie, a bright little three-year-old, had just paid his visit to the barber's. He looked very dissatisfied upon his return, and his mamma asked the reason.

"I don't like my hair combed this way, all in little curls," he said.

"How do you wish it?" queried his mamma.

"Why, I want it like Uncle Tom's. I want it in two slices."

Visitor: "Does your dog know any tricks?"

Boy: "Lots of 'em."

"I should like to see some of them. Can you make him lie down and pretend to be dead?"

"Easy. Down, Trowser, down! Now be dead! There!"

"Fine, very fine! Please keep him like that until I leave."

James Payn, the novelist, tells a good story of two mechanics having the most sensible conversation on baldness that he ever listened to. They were talking of some advertisement of a balsam for the hair, and one of them said to the other:

"Balsam be blowed! Do you suppose Prince Halbert and the Duke of Cambridge would be both bald as bell 'andels if money could save 'em?"

An actor named Priest was playing at one of the principal theatres. Some one remarked at the Garrick Club that there were a great many men in the pit. "Probably clerks who have taken Priest's orders," said Mr. Poole, one of the best punsters as well as one of the cleverest comic satirists of the day.

A little girl, aged three and a half, had been sent to a kindergarten for the first time. On her return, her mother asked her how she liked it. "I didn't like it a bit," the mite replied. "The teacher put me on a chair and told me to sit there for the present, and I sat and sat, and she never gave me the present."

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THE HOME: USEFUL AND SUGGESTIVE.

FOR HEARTBURN.—Take a saltspoonful of carbonate of soda, or potash in a wineglassful of cold water. I have known this cause great relief in obstinate cases of this disagreeable malady.

TO DESTROY BLACK BEETLES.—A simple remedy is to strew the floor with parings of a fresh cucumber. Another is to make wafers with red lead, flour, and water, rolled out thin, then put on a hot baking sheet to dry. These wafers are highly poisonous, so must not be left within the reach of children. Some people find that scattering powdered borax and alum is good for destroying this disagreeable pest.

TO CLEAN LACQUERED BRASS.—Lay the brass in hot soda-water, and brush it well over with crystal soap. Lift it up, and lay it as it is in a pan and pour clear boiling water on it. Let it remain for a few moments, and then pour cold water on it; dry carefully. Then polish well with powder or either of the crystal soaps. When the article is small enough to enable one to boil in a saucepan of soda-water it will be found to clean quickly and thoroughly.

PLAICE AU GRATIN.—Procure a good-sized plaice, clean it, and sprinkle with salt. Let it lie for two or three hours, then dry it and cut into neat pieces about two and a half inches wide. Mince half an onion and mix it with some bread-crumbs, chopped parsley, and a little butter. Arrange some of this mixture on the bottom of a pie-dish, lay the slices of plaice on it, and season with cayenne and salt. Cover with more bread-crumbs. Pour in a gill of stock or water and bake in a brisk oven till the fish is done and comes away from the bones. Serve very hot.

BAKED HADDOCK.—This recipe is sent me by a lady who says she constantly uses it, the fish, cooked in this way, being excellent. Make a nice stuffing of bread-crumb, chopped thyme, parsley, and lemon peel. Season with pepper and salt. Press all these ingredients together, using a little butter to bind. Fill the haddock where it has been cleaned, and fasten it together with a small skewer. Then put it in a baking tin, with a very small quantity of water and a few pieces of butter on each fish. Just before serving sprinkle a few bread-crumbs over, and what liquor is in the tin serve with the fish.

HOW TO RENOVATE.—I have just had an expensive tailor gown cleaned and find the bodice has shrunk upwards, and the sleeves also. Fortunately tailors unlike dressmakers, always leave wide turnings, so that I have been able to let down the skirt sufficiently. I have added balloon velvet puffs to the top of the sleeves, and in order to give necessary length to the waist, I opened the seams at the edge of the bodice, let out all the turnings, shaped the bodice anew, to the figure, and then added triple basques of velvet the same colour as that forming the upper portion of the sleeves. The length of the basques severally must be regulated according to the requirements of the figure. Some persons with full hips may prefer the basques, or perhaps one only. In any case the basque or baques must be set on full. As a rule they do not quite meet in front, but this is quite open to discretion. I am always glad to be able to show means whereby gowns which for various reasons may have become unwearable, can be renovated for future use.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BODILY EXERCISE.—In maintaining good health is not properly realised in the present day. Besides strengthening the limbs, there is no doubt that bodily exercise has a great influence on respiration, the circulation of the blood, and consequently acts on the whole body. There are many people who from various causes never take any exercise, seldom walking even, when it is possible to avoid it. What is the result? The various disorders, generally known under the name of indigeston, which arise from a want of circulation of blood through the bowels. Constipation and headache are well known to be the general companions of those who lead a very sedentary life. More marked is the effect when worry and anxiety is added, for it greatly reduces the functions of the stomach, and in some cases causes diarrhœa, in others flatulency and other evils. I would point out that bodily exercise which is to benefit the system must be regular, and, if possible, it should be taken in the open air, and combined with amusement. The fast-growing fashion of each lady in the household undertaking some light household duty is very good, but it should never take the place of out-door exercise.

HOW TO KEEP THE FEET WARM.—I advise men who suffer from cold feet to wear silk socks beneath their half hose; this plan adds much to comfort, and the size of the boot or shoes need not be increased to accomodate the extra pair of socks. Many men otherwise sensible enough are apt to think it is womanish to take more than ordinary means to protect themselves from cold; or perhaps it is that incomes do not always stretch to the warm underclothing so essential when a man has to sit all day in a draughty office, or otherwise has to face the cold during long hours of travel by road or rail. Yet that should be remembered—man being in many cases the bread-winner, and children and wives, or maybe aged parents depending on his exertions—that it is little short of a religious duty he owes to such beloved dependants to take care of himself. A strip of good Welsh flannel sewn neatly inside the vest back and front just over the most vital organs is an inexpensive but most efficient protector. Flannel after it has been washed—and thus deprived of the natural oil—is far less warm than it is when fresh from the loom. I have a partiality for Welsh flannel, though it is not perhaps so attractive in appearance as other makes of flannel are. The difficulty in these days is to get real Welsh flannel. I only know one place where one can make sure of finding the genuine article, and that place is naturally in Wales.

HOW TO MAKE NEAPOLITAN PUDDING AND SAUCE.—One large cup bread-crumbs soaked in milk, three-quarters of a cup sugar, juice and grated rind of one lemon, six eggs, half pound macaroon biscuits, half cup of jelly or jam, and small tumbler of sherry; one tablespoonful of melted butter, and about half a cup of milk to soak the bread. Rub the butter and sugar to a cream, add the yolks, beaten well, then the soaked crumbs, the juice and rind of lemon; mix well, and then lastly the egg whites whipped stiffly. Butter a mould well, put a light layer of dry bread crumbs at the bottom, then upon this one of macaroons, laid evenly; moisten with a little of the sherry, then pour a layer of the mixture, then sponge crumbs and jam, and so on alternately until the mould is full, adding a layer of the mixture last. Cover closely, and steam in the oven three-quarters of an hour, then remove cover, and brown. Turn out and serve with Neapolitan sauce—half a cup currant jelly, two tablespoons melted butter, juice of one lemon and half the grated rind, a little nutmeg, two small glasses of wine, and a tablespoonful fine sugar; heat butter a little, beat the jelly to a smooth batter, and add gradually the butter, lemon, and nutmeg. Warm to almost boiling point, stirring the while; beat hard and add the sugar, and lastly the wine. Set pan in a vessel of hot water, stirring now and then till wanted, and keep it covered to prevent escape of wine flavour. This is also a good sauce for cabinet pudding.

The transmission of messages through telegraph wires does not injure birds that may be perched on them.

The oldest ruins in the world are probably the rock-cut temples of Ipsambul or About Samboul in Nubia, on the left bank of the Nile. They are over 4,000 years old.

The electric light was invented in 1846, and as late as 1876 was pronounced by a high scientific authority "a pretty toy," and the prediction was made that it would never be anything else. At present over 200 cities and thousands upon thousands of offices and dwellings are lighted by means of electricity.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

On New Year's day, Mr. Isaac Smith presided over the meeting of the above, held in the Wesleyan Chapel. There was a large attendance, and the address was given by Mr. Alfred Ward, of Hunslet, who spoke on the good achieved in the past, and exhorted all to put forth more determined efforts in the future for the accomplishment of that for which Christ came upon earth to establish. In the musical department, Mr. Joe Oakley, of Ouzlewell Green, kindly rendered two excellent violin solos, "Home sweet Home" and a selection by *Verdi.* Miss Firth, of Carlton, ably accompanied.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We would particularly urge our friends to send in their letters and news, as early as possible, as we cannot accept contributions later than Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, except in the case of matters occurring on Wednesday or Thursday, which should be forwarded within a short period after. Advertisements may be sent as late as Friday morning.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.

THE PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times.

Sir,

The decision of our School Board to advertise for land, on which to build increased school accommodation, near the railway, came to me as a great surprise. It has not apparently dawned upon the Board how the noise of the railway traffic—which will no doubt increase—would interfere with the comfort and studies of the children and with the efficiency of the teachers. To me, the probable noise is a serious objection to such a site as proposed. Apart from that, the scheme leaves the question, as regards accommodation for Rothwell Haigh, practically as before. There will have to be a school on the Haigh, and the sooner the better. If the matter is deferred two or three years, land will probably be more expensive than now, for one thing. Look also at the serious risk of illness through getting wet; and of accidents now run by the children—especially the younger ones—on their way to and from Carlton Lane. For the Rothwell children, the proposed site would be of no practical advantage, while there is no doubt that both for cleaning and management the schools would be much better centralised in Carlton Lane, than unnecessarily split up. Then why is this harebrained scheme thrust upon us? Is it not because the majority of the Board are prepared both to sacrifice the ratepayers' and the children's interests—both of which they are elected to look after—rather than the interests of the Church of England? Were most votes polled for Church or Nonconformity? Are there in the district most churchpeople or most dissenters? Yet here we have a deliberate attempt of the minority to over-ride the wishes of the majority. Is it right? Both Church and Board Schools receive state support. The management and the funds received by Church Schools are entirely administered by Churchmen. Not content with that they dictate the will of the Church also on the School Board. Is it just? No, let them put their schools under popular control; or else, let them manage theirs, and Nonconformists the Board School. If the only object of the Churchman is education. he has nothing to fear. If his object be education and dogma, he is not honest to his avowed mission, but is pulling down with one hand what he builds with the other. Whichever church it is that wishes to inculcate her pet nostrum into innocent youth, she should do so at her own expense and in her own time. Hoping to hear others' opinions on this important matter.

I am, yours truly,
PROGRESS.

THE CRUSADE OF PEACE.

A SUMMONS TO THE NATION

A PERSONAL APPEAL BY MR. W. T. STEAD.

The Crusade of Peace is a movement which needs your help, and which, I hope, if you will read this article through to the close, will receive your help. It is, no doubt, extremely unusual for any representative body of private citizens to take the initiative in addressing such an appeal to their fellow-countrymen, as that which has been signed on behalf of the General Committee of the Crusade by Dr. Creighton, the Bishop of London. But the circumstances are also extremely unusual. Never before, in the history of the world, has there been such an opportunity as that which is now offered to the Nations of striking a heavy blow against one of the greatest curses of the world. Nothing but so grave a danger would have brought into line the representatives of all the Christian Churches, with all the various societies, trades' unions, and other organisations which are represented on the General Committee. The wrangles of party, and the differences of sect are hushed in the presence of a grave peril which confronts us, and of the great hope which has arisen as to the possibility of deliverance.

But before proceeding to explain how or why this summons should be issued I had better print here the very words of the appeal which is addressed to every person of influence in the country, over the signature of the Bishop of London.

"We appeal to our fellow-citizens, especially to all those in positions of influence and authority, on a subject of the gravest importance to our national and social life.

"The Emperor of Russia, by inviting the Government to a conference to arrest the growth of armaments, gives the peoples an opportunity of which it is their manifest duty to take prompt advantage. In the words of John Morley: 'Never was the moment more opportune.'

"By the resolute and zealous co-operation of public opinion, expressed with no uncertain sound through it recognised channels of the Press, the pulpit, and the platform, and by the votes of representative bodies, the noble initiative of the Emperor will be crowned with success, and the Peace Conference will realise the fruitful results which it is designed to secure.

"We would, therefore, earnestly recommend that no time should be lost in making the response of the nations manifest, audible, and universal by every available constitutional means, especially by town and district meetings summoned by the mayors or chairmen on requisition of the householders for the purpose of passing resolutions: (1) In support of the objects of the Rescript; (2) To strengthen her Majesty's Ministers in their expressed intention of giving energetic and hearty support to the proposals of the Emperor; (3) To elect representatives to the national convention charged with the arrangement of the international pilgrimage of peace.

"We, therefore, earnestly appeal to all our fellow-citizens, acting without party or sectarian bias, to co-operate as speedily as possible in the effort now being made to secure such a vigorous and comprehensive expression of the will of the people as will assure to her Majesty's Government the support of the nation in realising the earnest desire of the Czar that 'something practical shall be done.'"

Signed on behalf of the General Committee by the BISHOP OF LONDON.

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(AND No. 1, WESTGATE, WAKEFIELD).

That explains why this Crusade has been proclaimed, and that describes also the method in which it is hoped that all those who love their fellow-men, and care for the mending of the evil conditions under which they live, should co-operate in producing an expression of national opinion both emphatic and overwhelming.

The necessity for such a demonstration at present is because the diplomatists generally are sceptical about anything being done. They say that the Conference will only end in a mere exchange of pious platitudes, because there is no motive force behind it strong enough to insist that something should be done. What we wish to do by this appeal to the country is to create that force, to bring out the latent desire for peace and for the reduction of armaments to the surface, so that all men may see and recognise what is the people's will. Emperors, and kings, and plenipotentiaries are all utterly powerless in this matter, unless behind them stands arrayed the peoples of the world, passionate for peace, and earnest to secure some relief for the increasing burden of their armaments.

Pray, understand, there is no question of disbanding armies or of dismantling the ships. What is proposed is far more simple than this. The armies and the navies of Europe alone have increased so much in the last thirty years, that the cost has nearly doubled. Before the Franco-German War, the cost of the Armed Peace was about 120 millions sterling; it is now 230 millions, and, what is worse, the increase is ever going on more and more rapidly. If nothing is done to stop it it will double again in thirty years, unless what is still more probable takes place before then, and a great war breaks out, which will involve all the nations in bankruptcy, and ruin, and bloodshed.

The Emperor does not propose to interfere in any way with the full Sovereign liberty of England, or of any of the nations, but only says we are all of us drifting to destruction. The game of beggar-my-neighbour, which is going on at present, is one which must be kept up until there is a general agreement to stop. What the Emperor asks, is that all the Governments should meet together in a friendly Conference to discuss whether the time has not come to stop, and to arrange, if possible, for some way of settling differences that will be better than general slaughter. His proposal is so sensible, so practical, and so simple, that it is difficult to see that any rational man or woman can object to it. And that, strange to say, is just the worst of it, for no one objects, but no one enthusiastically supports. What we want is to take advantage of this golden opportunity and to declare that, in so far as lies within the power of the British people, we shall do our very utmost to help the Czar and to put the good work through.

If we act, and act with vigour, and act altogether, there is no knowing what incalculable good will result among the other nations. Hitherto, no one has ventured to hope that anything could be done. The peoples who were ground down beneath the terrible blood-tax of conscription on the Continent, which takes the young men from their homes and reduces them to what is practically military slavery for two, or three, or four years, have until now not ventured to believe that any relief was possible to them in their lifetime. But now, if the great autocrat of the East of Europe finds his noble proposal cordially supported by the great democracy in the West of Europe, a new hope would dawn like the rising sun upon the nations of the world.

Now, it is for you who read these lines, each of you in your own locality, and according to the measure of your own influence, to decide whether or not this great opportunity shall be wasted or whether, in so far as lies in your power, it shall be utilised to the uttermost.

Forms of a memorial, to which signatures should be appended, also forms of application for enrolment, will be supplied to those willing to act as recruiting sergeants in this great Crusade. Copies of the broadsheet, containing the report of the great Conference in St. James's Hall, when the Crusade was decided upon, will be supplied to any person who will undertake to distribute them among their neighbours, so as to enlist their support and arouse their interest in the "War against War" in the Crusade of Peace.

Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of Truth and Falsehood, for the good or evil side;
Some great cause, God's new Messiah, offering each the bloom or blight,
Parts the goats upon the left hand, and the sheep upon the right,
And the choice goes by forever 'twixt that darkness and that light.
Hast thou chosen, O my people, on whose party thou shalt stand,
'Ere the Doom from its worn sandals shakes the dust against our land?

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL A.B.C.

At the meeting of the above held in the Rothwell Primitive Chapel on Sunday afternoon last, Mr. D. B. Foster, of Leeds, gave an interesting address on "The old year and the new." Mr. D. Townsley presided, and Miss M Bulmer was the soloist.

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Bullfinch: "Got it nearly done?"
Dramaticus: "Well, yes, the most important part of it. I haven't started on the play itself yet, but I have nearly finished my speech of surprise when I am called out between the acts."

"Harkins," said Mr. Barlow to the foreman, "the firm has decided to inaugurate a system of profit-sharing with its employés."
"Good!" replied Harkins. "What were the firm's profits last year?"
"Last year the firm lost seven thousand pounds. That necessitates a cut of ten per cent. in wages under the new system. Tell the men the new arrangement comes into effect immediately, Harkins."

"And now, children," remarked Professor Hiales, in one of the public schools the other day, "If a family consisting of father and mother and seven children have a pie for dinner, how much would each one receive?"
"Why," remarked the bright boy, "each would get an eighth."
"But there are nine persons, you must remember."
"I know that, but the mother wouldn't want any. There wouldn't be enough to go round."

Biffers: "Do you think bicycle riding conducive to health?"
Whiffers: "Most assuredly. My health has improved wonderfully."
"But you don't ride a bicycle."
"Who said I did?"
"But you said bicycle riding improved your health."
"Yes. I get so much exercise, you know."
"Exercise? How?"
"Dodging the bicycles of course."

Pat had recently secured a place on a farm. One day at noon he was handed a glass of butter milk, but expected something better. He tasted the liquid, set the glass down and went into the house.
"Oi say sorr," he said to the employer, "don't yez tink oi'd better be afther goin, out and seein' to the stock?"
"Why?"
"Because oi've me suspicions that somebody's left the cow standin' in the sun, and lettin' her milk get sour." 114

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Young Hopeful who had been sent on an errand): "Ma, would you be angry if I'd lost your change down a drain?"
Mother: "I should indeed, Johnny, I should thrash you severely. Come, you don't mean to say you've been so careless?"
Young Hopeful: "Oh, no; here it is. I thought if you'd box my ears, or send me to bed early, I might do it; but it ain't worth taking a real hard licking for the sevenpence-ha' penny.

A PINT OF THE SAME.

A Temperance meeting was being held in an Irish town at which a gentleman in rather two much spirit, happened to be among the crowd.
When the meeting had proceeded a long time uninterrupted, a few outsiders were beginning to get a bit noisy over some party subject. The chairman stood hastily up and shouted:
"I rise to a point (pronouncing it "pint") of order."
Our elevated friend, feeling at the moment a little parched, exclaimed:
"Hooray, old bhoy, an' oill (hic) rise to a pint (hic) av the same.

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She cried, admiring him through her tears.
"Indeed I am," he murmured sadly,
"For I've been married twenty years."

A young working man was being show... the advantages of having a home of his ow... instead of knocking about in lodgings. "... don't see," said he, "the good of givi... some woman half my victuals to get t'oth... half cooked."

A merchant of Amsterdam who died su... denly left in his desk a letter written to o... of his correspondents. His sagacious cle... seeing it necessary to send the letter, wro... at the bottom, "P.S.—Since writing t... above I have died."

It was his first dinner, at which he found... programme printed in French, and after e... aming the bill of fare intently from top... bottom he called in the waiter, and, poi... ing to the word menu, at the top, sa... "Fetch me a dish of that for a starter."

First Coming Woman: "That Miss Hard... hood will never get left." Second Ditt... "How do you make that out?" Fi... Coming Woman: "Why, she got Per... Willetts in the surf, and held him unc... water till he promised to be her husband."

Magistrate (to prisoner): "You say th... you took the ham because you are out... work and your family are starving, and y... I understand that you have four dogs abo... the house?" Prisoner: "Yes, your hono... but I wouldnt ask my family to eat do... your honour."

"Yes," remarked the returned Detroit... "I saw a sea serpent while I was down... the shore." "Come off," dissented t... other man, "there's no such thing as a s... serpent." "That's all right. You can s... that and believe it, but wait till you ha... sampled some of the stuff they charge y... 25 cents a drink for at sea shore hotels a... you'll change your mind."

"Maria," he said plaintively, "are y... going to join the woman's suffrage mo... ment?" "I am," was the resolute rep... "And make speeches, and carry on..." "Very likely." "Well, if that's the ca... I've just got one thing to say," and his ja... shut hard. "What is that?" "After t... you'll have to get up in the middle of... night and help to chase the burglars." 12...

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THE CRUSADE DECLARED—A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

ever made by the English people. There is no natural or necessary antagonism between England and Russia. There are representative Russians here to-day, and I hope that they will inform his Majesty that this singularly representative gathering of English men and English women firmly believes in the sincerity of the Tsar. We have this standing evidence of it that the very proposal which the Tsar makes is the most astonishingly kind and conciliatory proposal ever made to the English people. For what does it mean? I do not know whether newspaper men and politicians will grasp it. Any fool may. (Applause.) It is obvious to the most ordinary intelligence. But what does he propose? The continuance of the *status quo*. What does the *status quo* mean? English supremacy on the sea. What the Tsar merely proposes, in plain English, is that our fleet shall continue to dominate every ocean in the world; and he does it with his eyes open. Russian statesmen are not fools. They know perfectly well that at sea, at any rate, England is supreme to-day, and if there is to be no alteration in the relative strength of armies and navies, of all countries under heaven England will gain the most; and the more I think of that the more I feel profound gratitude to that mighty potentate who is willing that we should be supreme at sea in order to secure peace on land. (Applause.) I have been proposing for years that the working men of Europe should have an international strike against war, and I have offered myself as the unpaid secretary of that strike. Now, blessed be God, for the first time in human history, we have a mighty Emperor leading that strike. Now, I think that the least that the poor can do is to respond to that astonishing appeal. We never had such an opportunity before. May God rouse us to take it. We want leaders. There are a few eminent politicians in this country who are out of work just now. (Laughter and applause.) Let them take up the greatest and finest job that God and man ever offered them. Whatever human selfishness or human temper may say or do, we have always been brought at last to the conviction that war, instead of being the glory of man, is the curse of man. Our consciences are on the right side. Let men of eminence, who should take the lead in this matter, appeal to the English conscience, and the result will astonish the whole world. If they won't do it, let us do it. God has often chosen the weak and the poor and the obscure of this world to effect a peaceful revolution in the direction of human progress. Assuredly this is the greatest opportunity that has ever come in this century, and it will never occur again. We have three months in which to make our voices heard, and to appeal to everything which is free and just and true in every civilised land. I believe the thing can be done, and I have sufficient confidence in my fellow-countrymen to believe that if we all do our duty it will be done. (Applause.)

The Resolution was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Archdeacon then closed the Conference by the Benediction.

The Programme of the Crusade.

The following is the programme drawn up by the committee appointed at the St. James's Hall Conference for the prosecution of this Campaign of Peace:—

THE CRUSADE PROCLAIMED.

1. That it be resolved to promote an International Crusade of Peace on lines absolutely free from party or sectarian bias in support of the Peace Conference proposed by the Emperor of Russia.

FOR THREE MONTHS.

2. That this Crusade shall be proclaimed in all lands, beginning with our own country, with the aim and object of enlisting for three months' service in the cause of peace the greatest possible number of persons.

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS—HOW FORMED.

3. That the main line of the organisation shall be as follows:—

Delegates locally elected from every part of the country, together with representatives of existing organisations, shall be invited to a Central National Convention, to be held in London towards the end of January. Other countries to be respectfully invited to make their own arrangements, and hold their own conventions in their own capitals.

ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE.

By the National Conventions in Britain and the United States arrangements should be made for a joint English-speaking deputation to proceed to St. Petersburg.

APPEAL TO OTHER NATIONS.

Other nations should be respectfully invited to elect at National Conventions deputations to participate with the Anglo-American deputation in presenting an Address to the Tsar, and expressing the earnest desire of the civilised world for the success of his proposals.

A PILGRIMAGE OF PEACE THROUGH EUROPE.

4. To this English-speaking deputation there should be invited representatives of the smaller Western States of Europe. The deputation thus constituted should then make a progress through the Continent, beginning with Paris, and visiting each capital, in order to appeal everywhere for the support of the nations through which it passes.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED.

5. That the members of this organisation should be enlisted for a term of service under certain definite obligations. Each volunteer should be asked to subscribe to a pledge as follows:—

THE CRUSADING PLEDGE.

I, of

do hereby enlist in the service of the Crusade of Peace, and undertake for three months from now to do all that in me lies to promote the success of the effort now being made by the Tsar to seek by means of international discussion the most effectual means of ensuring to all peoples the benefits of a real and durable peace, and, above all, of putting an end to the progressive development of the present armaments.

In proof whereof I undertake:—

(*a*) To obtain signatures to the International Memorial.
(*b*) To enlist two other volunteers.
(*c*) To attend any general muster of the volunteers in my district in support of the cause.
(*d*) To subscribe at least 1d. per week during my term of service.

N.B.—Members are strongly urged to wear the badge of the Crusade as long as their period of service lasts.

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION.

6. That in order to promote the success of the Crusade the executive is instructed to enter into communication immediately with all the associations working in favour of peace and disarmament whose addresses are accessible in this country, on the Continent, and in the United States of America, asking for their co-operation, and outlining what it is proposed to do.

APPEAL TO THE NATION.

7. That the names of as many influential persons as possible should be obtained as members of the general council, and that they should be asked to join in a general appeal for immediate action in this matter to all persons of influence in this country, especially to bishops and rural deans, to mayors and chairmen of district and parish councils, to the presidents of the local Free Church councils, to the heads of all the religious denominations, to trade councils and other labour organisations, and to any other persons who may be in a position to take the initiative in this matter.

8. That at least one million copies of the broadsheet containing the report of the Conference last Sunday, and a statement of the objects and methods of the Crusade, be printed and circulated at once.

Sir Robert Peel on Armaments.

Jeremy Bentham long ago declared that "whatsoever nation should get the start of the other in making the proposal to reduce and fix the amount of its armed force would crown itself with everlasting honour." It was an English Conservative statesman, Sir Robert Peel, who as long ago as 1841 pressed the importance of an international understanding to reduce armaments on the House of Commons. Sir Robert Peel's words, although uttered more than half a century since, have gained rather than lost in force since they were uttered:—

"Is not the time come when the powerful countries of Europe should reduce those military armaments which they have so sedulously raised? Is not the time come when they should be prepared to declare that there is no use in such overgrown establishments? What is the advantage of one power greatly increasing its army and navy? Does it not see that, if it possesses such increase for self-protection and defence, the other powers will follow its example? The consequence of this state must be, that no increase of relative strength will accrue to any one power, but there must be a universal consumption of the resources of every country in military preparations. They are, in fact, depriving peace of half its advantages, and anticipating the energies of war whenever they may be required. I do not mean to advocate any romantic notion of each nation trusting with security the professions of its neighbours; but if each country were to commune with itself and ask—What is at present the danger of foreign invasion compared to the danger of producing dissatisfaction and discontent, and curtailing the comforts of the people by undue taxation? the answer must be this—THAT THE DANGER OF AGGRESSION IS INFINITELY LESS THAN THE DANGER OF THOSE SUFFERINGS TO WHICH THE PRESENT EXORBITANT EXPENDITURE MUST GIVE RISE."

TO ALL WHO WISH TO HELP!

If you wish to help in this **Campaign** of Peace—
1. Enlist as volunteer for three months' service.
2. Speak to your friends about it.
3. Call upon or write to the most influential men or women in sympathy with the cause, urging them to action, and sending them copies of this.
4. Write a letter to the local newspaper calling attention to the "war against war," and asking the editor to support the cause.
5. Endeavour to secure the passing of a resolution in its favour by any association with which you are connected. The Trades Union Congress was one of the first to welcome the Tsar's initiative. See that a report of your resolution is duly sent to the local press.
6. If possible induce all the ministers of religion to press the matter upon the hearts and consciences of their congregations.
7. Secure the holding of a town's meeting called by requisition to the mayor for the purpose of expressing sympathy with the attempt to arrest the growth of armaments, and of electing a local committee to co-operate with the National Organisation for Appeal to the Peoples.
8. Support, if possible, by subscription the costs of this appeal to the people, and
9. Think seriously every day, if only for one moment, with that longing wish which is the essence of effective prayer, that the hearts of men and women may be stirred and the present opportunity utilised for the deliverance of a suffering world from one of the worst scourges that ever afflicted mankind.

If any more information is required as to resolutions, speakers, &c., please communicate in the first instance with Mr. CORRIE GRANT, Organiser of the Crusade, Talbot House, Arundel Street, London, W.C. Telegraphic address—"Disarm," London.

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Mar 4	Roundhay	away			
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T—Winner of Round K v winner of Round B
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V—Winner of Round M v winner of Round P
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X—Winner of Round H v winner of Round F

FOURTH ROUND.

AA—Winner of Round V v winner of Round T
BB—Winner of Round W v winner of Round X
CC—Winner of Round R v winner of Round S
DD—Winner of Round Q v winner of Round U

SEMI-FINALS.

EE—Winner of Round CC v winner of Round DD
FF—Winner of Round AA v winner of Round BB

FINAL.

Winner of Round EE v winner of Round FF

All the Lancashire and Yorkshire First Senior Competition clubs were exempted from the qualifying round, as were Hull Kingstone Rovers and Barrow.

The dates of the rounds are:—Qualifying Round, March 4. First Round, March 18. Second Round, March 25. Third Round, April 1. Fourth Round, April 8. Semi-finals, April 15 Final, April 29

The semi-finals and final to be played on neutral ground. Other rounds on the ground of the first-named clubs.

It was ruled that under Section B, Rule 1 of the Professional Laws, all clubs members of the Union shall be entitled to register for next season all players who received payments during the past season.

	28	Goole v ...
	28	Outwood Church v Hull Kingston Rovers
	28	Pontefract v Kinsley
	28	Ripon v Normanton
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	4	Featherstone v Outwood Church
	4	Normanton v Pontefract
	4	York v Kinsley
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	11	Pontefract v Ripon
	11	Rothwell v York
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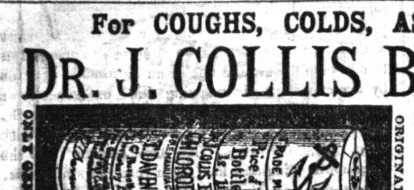

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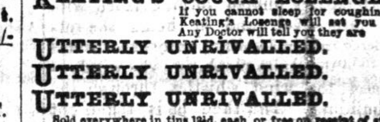

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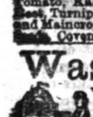

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	Mid	L&Y	L&Y	Mid	L&Y	Mid		L&Y	Mid.	Mid		Mid	L&Y	Mid	Mid	Mid	Mid	Mid	Mid
	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Leeds	7 5	9 10	11 0	1120	1 22	1220	2 15	3 35	4 50	5 48	5 40	6 40	8 0	8 25	9 20	1050	7 0	2 0	9 25
Hunslet	7 11	9 17	..	1126	1 28	1226	2 23	3 41	4 56	5 54	5 46	6 49	8 6	8 31	9 26	1056	7 6	2 6	9 32
Woodlesford	7 19	9 25	1111	1134	1 36	1234	2 31	3 49	5 4	6 2	5 54	6 57	8 14	8 40	9 35	11 5	7 14	2 14	9 41
Methley	7 24	9 30	D	1139	1 41	1239	2 36	3 54	5 8	6 7	5 59	7 1	8 19	8 45	9 40	1110	7 19	2 19	9 46
Altofts	7 28	..	..	1144	..	1244	2 41	..	5 12	6 11	..	7 5	..	8 49	9 45	1115	7 24	2 24	9 50
Normanton	7 39	..	..	1150	..	1250	2 47	..	5 18	6 18	..	7 11	..	9 0	9 50	1120	7 35	2 36	9 55
Wakefield, ar	..	..	..	1221	...	1 39	..	..	..	..	..	7 27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Barnsley ,,	8 25	..	..	..	..	1 37	..	..	..	..	..	8 10	..	9 30	..	..	8 15	3 45	..
Sheffield ,,	8 55	..	..	..	..	2 5	..	..	..	..	..	8 35	..	1030	..	..	8 58	4 3	..
Methley Jun	..	9 33	1117	..	1 44	..	Saturdays Only	3 57	..	..	6 2	..	8 22	..	Tuesday & Saturdays	..	..	..	..
Castleford	..	9 37	1121	..	1 48	..		4 1	..	..	6 6	..	8 26	..		..	..	..	..
Pontefract	..	9 44	1128	..	1 55	..		4 8	..	..	6 13	..	8 34	..		..	..	..	..
Goole	..	1027	12 8	..	2 43	..		4 50	..	..	6 53	..	9 15	..		..	..	..	..
Doncaster	..	1028	1215	..	2 53	..		4 50	..	..	6 52	..	9 25	..		..	..	..	..

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	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m	p.m	p.m.	p.m	p m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Doncaster	..	7 37	..	9 7	1053	..	1 40	..	..	3 55	..	6 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Goole	..	7 35	..	8 55	11 0	..	1 42	..	..	3 45	..	6 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pontefract	..	8 17	..	9 39	12 4	..	2 25	..	..	4 44	..	6 43	..	..	..	..	..	..
Castleford	..	8 24	..	9 45	1210	..	2 31	..	Saturdays Only.	4 50	..	6 49	..	..	..	..	..	..
Methley Junc	..	8 29	..	9 49	1214	..	2 35	..		4 54	..	6 58	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheffield	..	..	7 10	..	..	..	..	2 45		..	..	..	7 0	8 22	8 55	2 30	..	8 7
Barnsley	..	..	7 45	..	..	..	..	2 55		..	..	..	7 20	8 30	9 30	3 0	..	8 45
Wakefield, Kirk	..	..	9 11	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	9 31	..	..	..	..
Normanton	7 50	..	8 42	..	..	1 8	..	4 3	3 45	..	6 20	..	8 23	9 13	1019	3 45	8 20	9 34
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Woodlesford	8 4	8 38	8 57	9 57	1222	1 24	2 43	4 16	4 1	5 2	6 34	7 1	8 38	9 23	1035	4 1	8 35	9 47
Hunslet	8 11	8 46	9 6	10 4	1229	1 31	2 50	4 23	4 8	5 9	6 41	7 8	8 45	..	1042	4 8	8 42	9 55
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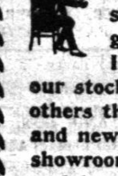

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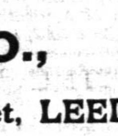

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Feb. 3rd—Rothwell Tennis Ball.
Feb. 9—Mr. B. W. Higgins' Concert in the Harold Hall, Oulton.
Feb. 20—Rev. J. Arthur Alderson's Evening Concert in the Mechanics' Institute.
April 29, 1899—Woodlesford Jumble Sale
Apr. 3, 4 & 5—Public Luncheon and Grand National Bazaar in Board Schools for Primitive Methodist Trust Funds.
May 24 & 25, 1899—Woodlesford Board Schools, Bazaar in aid of the Parish Room Fund.

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Friday, January 13, 1899.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A fortnightly meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the Offices, Hunslet, Mr. J. Banks presiding. There were also in attendance Dr. Hawkyard, (vice-chairman), Mrs. Woodcock, Messrs. Hirst, Butterick, Edwards, Charlesworth, Fryer, Dillon, Seddon, Houghton, Robb, and Hargreaves, with the clerk (Mr. Mee), and assistant clerk (Mr. Ward).

The number of vagrants relieved during the fortnight was reported as 359, against 312 during the same period last year.

CHILDREN'S HOMES COMMITTEE.

It was reported to the above Committee that the children of the Homes had had their teeth examined by a dentist, and defects attended to. It was also made known that two boys had absconded; steps were taken to ascertain their whereabouts, and orders issued for their punishment when brought back.

Mr. Butterick, in proposing the adoption of the minutes, said the two boys returned the same evening on which the Committee sat. The boys were punished with solitary confinement and reduced diet.

The minutes were duly confirmed.

WORKHOUSE VISITING COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

At a meeting of the above Committee the quarterly report on lunatics was considered.

There was no report from the Ladies Committee.

Mrs. Dickenson reported that the Matron had promised to set apart one woman to knit stockings for the Homes, but if she needs her help she will have to take her off the work. Ordered that the stockings be sent quarterly to the Homes, and the material invoiced to the Homes Committee as sent.

The circular from the Parliamentary Committee on old age pensions was considered on a reference from the Board.

It was proposed by Mr. Dillon, that the Clerk get all possible information on the subject for each Guardian. Seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. Banks, that the whole Board be recommended to take up the further consideration of the matter. Seconded by Mr. Dillon, and carried unanimously.

The minutes were confirmed.

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to £386 4s 3d. The valuations of tenants' rights for the land at Rothwell Haigh had been sent in by Mr. J. Hirst, of Rothwell, were considered reasonable, and approved.

VACCINATION COMMITTEE.

The Vaccination Committee had considered an application from Mr. Snowden, for an increase in his remuneration. As the increase in his fees according to the recent alteration will bring up his remuneration from £44 to £94, and as there is no substantial increase in his work, the Committee could not see its way to grant an increase until a twelve months' trial had been made.

The return of conscientious objectors had been made, and shows that in Mr. Snowden's district there were only 17 certificates issued, representing 17 children. Mr. Denton (Rothwell), had three certificates for three children, and Mr. Whitehead (Woodlesford), had received none whatever. This shows that there are only 20 conscientious objectors in the district.

Dr. Hawkyard remarked that the Board might congratulate itself upon having so few foolish persons to deal with.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD COMMUNICATIONS.

Letters from the above Board were received sanctioning the advances of salary to Mr. Mee, the clerk, and to Mr. and Mrs. Ward, as industrial trainer and matron at the Homes.

The receipt by the Board of the plans for new workhouse was acknowledged, with an intimation that they should receive the attention of the Board.

The appointment of Davidind Sutherland as assistant nurse was also approved.

In the matter of the Guardians' proposal to allow some little remuneration to an inmate who had had temporary charge of the laundry engine and machinery, the Local Government Board wrote stating that they were not prepared to sanction such payment as it would be in contravention of regulations.

The Clerk said they had power to allow it if they liked, but it appeared they were not prepared to override one of their own orders.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING.

In our report of the last meeting of the above, Councillor Bulmer was reported to have asked in connection with the discussion on the Highway Committee minutes, if the Committee had not made a worse choice in choosing a worse engineman than the old one. Mr. Bulmer informs us that his remark was of quite the opposite meaning, and wishes us to make such known. Our reporter must have seriously misunderstood the statement or else Mr. Bulmer's tongue has grossly deceived his intentions as both memory and short-hand notes go to prove that the statement in our report was a correct one.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A.

The first meeting this year in connection with the above popular Sunday afternoon services, was held on Sunday last, and was well attended. Mr. T. Dickinson, of Castleford, was the speaker, and took for his subject "Practical experience," from which he gave an eloquent, and instructive address, mostly in broad Yorkshire dialect; Mr. Dickinson gave very many interesting reminiscences and incidents from his own life and work as a Christian; the address was greatly enjoyed and appreciated. Mr. David Tilley rendered two solos from *Sankey's* collection, which added very considerably to the success of the service and did credit to the performer. The Bible lesson was read by Mr. Hedley Goldthorpe, and was taken from the first Epistle to the Corinthians and the 13th. chapter. Mr. J. Butterick presided over the meeting, and proceedings passed off very successfully under his able chairmanship. Good speakers and singers are being secured, and very prosperous times in the future are anticipated. It is sincerely hoped that these expectations may be gratified, and the services even better attended than ever they have been in the past.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL A.B.C.

The above service was, as usual, well attended on Sunday afternoon last. The speaker, Mr. J. W. Booth, of Armley, gave an interesting address on "Beginnings" and offered some good advice to those starting on life's journey. The soloist was Mr. A. Phillips, of Stourton, who is becoming quite well-known as a good bass vocalist in Rothwell and district, especially in gatherings connected with the places of worship; his efforts were very creditable and were much enjoyed last Sunday.

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EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

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I was not surprised, Mr. Editor, to see in my last week's *Rothwell Times*, that the recent decision of our School Board *re* School accommodation for Rothwell Haigh, had come in for a bit of fair criticism, in fact it is amazing to me that stronger opposition has not before been expressed to the ridiculous proposal to erect school accommodation on the south side of the "East and West." From what I understand of the proposal, it is to place an infants' school for all the children in Rothwell and Rothwell Haigh in the locality of Churchfield, and do away altogether with an infants' department in Carlton Lane. In that case, there will be no diminution of the inconvenience of little ones having to travel a long way to school, as the disadvantages of the Haigh children will only be transferred to infants living in such districts as Melbourne, and the top side of the Marsh. It appears to me that the "progressive" party were determined that if they could not get an apple, they would take the opportunity of securing a crab, and 'crab' it will be if the ratepayers allow the present proposals to be carried into actual effect. I admire their fighting front and the plucky spirit which prompted their course of action, but rather than press their present scheme, I would advise that the premises in Carlton Lane be made sufficiently adequate for immediate purposes. Notwithstanding that the church party appear to be determined to have the sole catering for the educational requirements of the inhabitants of the Wood Lane district, (and have lately been almost yearly extending their accommodation), a school under popular management is bound to come in the near future for the Wood Lane suburb. The position of the new school is an all-important one, and it behoves both Board members and the ratepayers generally, to see that its location is the most convenient. Rothwell Haigh has grown vastly during recent years, and appears to be the only practical side of Rothwell that can be developed. The school must be on the Haigh, and when land is bought for it, care should be exercised to secure plenty, as it is my opinion that ere long, not only an infants' department will be necessary, but a mixed department also.

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The last few meetings of the District Council have been quite attractive to a certain section of the ratepayers, whose glory it is to see certain Councillors at daggers drawn The start of it appears to have been Mr. Bulmer's remarks on certain alleged irregularities of water supply; these allegations rebounded on himself and others at the subsequent meeting, and the sequel was a serious disclosure of practices quite contrary to the byelaws and to the ratepayers' interest as well.

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The crusade against wooden structures, too, has had peculiar interest to the ratepayers living in these wooden dwelling houses which grace the district in certain localities, down to the cottager with his wooden hen pen, the tradesman with his wooden cart shed, and the publican with his summer house, dressing tent, or by what ever other name he deems fit to mark off his structure of wood. The fester appears to be coming to a head now, and the legal proceedings ordered to be taken at last meeting will be watched with keen interest by all.

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The paving of Smithson Street is now complete, and right well it looks in every respect. It appears, however, that some people think it has not sufficent artificial light at nights, and had got Councillor Stead to propose at last Council meeting that another lamp be put down. Just like some people! Now that the street is well paved and set, why not start ripping it up? But even this could be excused if there was a necessity for it; but with a lamp at the top and bottom and one in the middle of this short street, Mr. Stead's proposal to put another lamp only a few yards away from one already in existence, is the most absurd proposal that has been brought before the Council for some time.

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I quite approve of the decision of the Sanitary Committee of our Council to have all house gullies periodically cleansed, and with the remark of Councillor Jas. Hargreaves, that more care should be exercised and every endeavour made to the end that house-holders should deposit their dirty water in the proper place. Endeavours in this direction are urgently required when one sees water used for domestic purposes frequently deposited in the side channel of the principal street of our town, and the same made into an open sewer for a distance of several dozen yards.

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Steps, projecting on to the causeway in Commercial Street, is a matter that has been discussed in our local Parliament recently, and should be dealt with, if possible; but in most cases, I believe, the owners can claim their present and long existing privileges. It behoves the authorities, however, to see that no fresh rights are acquired in this direction. For intance, there is the iron gate at our local bank premises, which opens on to the causeway, and which, if left open, might bring to grief some unaware pedestrian. Did this right to open on to the causeway exist before the property was rebuilt?

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The army is on its last legs in France over the Dreyfus affair. Good. Justice may now have a chance. M. Beaurepaire's hysterical resignation should tend to the ultimate settlement of the whole business.

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The phenomenally mild weather is giving rise to grave fears on the land. Frost in season is always better than rigour at the wrong time, and there is fear after all this openness of a spell of the Ice King's *regimè*. Meanwhile, the birds are singing and preparing for nidification. It is a state of topsy-turvydom. Let us hope that we may not have to pay for it later on.

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MR. ERNEST DENNY'S RECITAL AT OULTON.

There was an attentive and most appreciative audience assembled in the Harold Hall, Oulton, on Wednesday evening, in order to listen to the above talented elocutionist in one of his dramatic and humourous recitals. Mr. Denny had been engaged by the Committee of the Oulton Institute, and although as we have said, those present might fairly represent the intelligence and *elite* of the district, there was sadly too much room left for the remainder of the intelligence, which is certainly to be found in those who are not generally included amongst the *classes*.

Mr. Denny's task as a reciter, without the aid of dress, stage trappings, music, or any accessory whatever, is a decidedly difficult one, and the rapt interest with which an audience follows the story as told by him so graphically, is a conquest of which any man may well be proud.

The first portion of the programme consisted of three extracts, one being a humorous commentary on various views of the weather, and the second a powerful word-picture of the vicissitudes of life on sea, entitled "The Ballad of the Clamperdown," by *Rudyard Kipling*.

The third of these little pieces was a most life-like pourtrayal of the incidents which all of us have witnessed on visiting some place of interest, and was entitled "The humours of being shown over a Ducal Castle," by *Anstey*. Once arrived in the entrance hall, we are introduced to the inquisitive young lady, the awe-stricken matron, the reverential maiden, the out spoken Charles, the egotistical Yankee, and the irreconcilable Revolutionist. The portly butler enters amid profound silence, and after a supercilious glance on the "motley crowd" below, he deigns to say that as the housekeeper is engaged with "Her Grace," he may spare a few minutes in which to show a few of the lions, finishing up by offering to allow the reverential maiden to see what is not shown to the public generally, the room in which are kept His Grace's boots and shoes (!).

After a very short respite, Mr. Denny undertook the recital of *Charles Dickens'* "Christmas Carol," divided for convenience into five staves or parts, a work which occupied over an hour in delivery, and which abounds in almost every possible shade of feeling, from the most pathetic and tender, to the most gruesome and alarming. The story opens with a view of Ebenezer Scrooge in his miserable little office, where for years he has screwed and chested those who were unlucky enough to fall into his merciless hands, his misdeeds culminating in the betrayal, fall and death of his wealthy client, testator, and partner, Jack Marley, whose worldly effects he manages to clutch. Here we are introduced to his starving clerk, writing shiveringly in his fireless 'tank,' and we also get a glimpse of Bob Cratchit, and of the disposition of the lively, cheery young fellow, Scrooge's nephew. 'Tis Christmas Eve, the clerk has gone, Scrooge puts out his candle, turns the key in the office door, and walks down the creaking stairs, through the outer door, and into the dark and stormy night. On reaching his own attic lodgings, he finds all in order, and the materials for his frugal supper ready near the fire. As the church clock strikes the hour of midnight, he becomes painfully aware of movements in the room, and is suddenly confronted with the ghost of Jack Marley, who warns him of the coming of three ghostly visitors, to whose advice he is besought to listen. These visitors are 'Christmas Past,' 'Christmas Present,' and 'Christmas yet to come.' True to the warning, the first ghost appears, and leads poor trembling Scrooge into scenes of his early boyhood, where his kindly master provided for the enjoyment of his employés on Christmas Eve, and to another scene where Scrooge was the eye witness of his own greed for gold submerging his first and only love. Then 'Christmas present' visits the wretched man, and a touching scene is disclosed at the house of poor downtrodden Bob Cratchit, who, notwithstanding his miserable wage of 15s a week, has contrived, with the aid of his plucky wife, to arrange for a right merry Christmas with his children, not forgetting poor crippled little Tim. Scarcely has the unhappy man got rid of his second visitor before he observes, moving stealthily but steadily along the ground, a shadowy phantom-like form which he knows is his third ghost, "Christmas yet to come." Again is Scrooge compelled to follow his dumb guide, and is led into a low part of the City into an old clothes shop, and there witnesses two females disposing of bed curtains and blankets which are fearfully similar to his own. Then he is led into a room like that he occupies himself, and observes that on a curtainless, blanketless bedstead, is a form, evidently a human form, covered with but one thin sheet, and he hears the rats gnawing at rafters awaiting a more toothsome feast, while the stairs creak, and the windows rattle, and the wind whistles through the whole building. And then he is taken out into the street again, and away to a lonely churchyard, to a neglected corner of it, and his ghostly companion points to a stone, on which, with a shriek, he reads his own name, Ebenezer Scrooge. Racked with remorse, anxious beyond description that the 'yet to come' may be but a possibility, not a reality, resolved, if allowed, to change his miserable, misanthropic life, Scrooge gradually awakens, the ghost gradually narrows down, thinner and thinner, until, when fully alive to his real condition, he finds it is only his own bed-post, and that on this glorious Christmas Day, there is an opportunity of beginning a happier, brighter, more useful existence, by doing all he can to bless others, and make the world happier and better for his living in it.

Mr. Denny's representation of this thrilling story, without any accessories whatever, was a splendid success, his pathetic pictures drawing tears from the eyes, while, as he described the gruesome sights connected with Scrooge's supposed death, one's heart almost ceased beating and a cold sweat stood on the brow. There were two or three humourous incidents and other lighter touches, which were sharply noticed and appreciated, and altogether the evening's entertainment was of a most enjoyable and elevating description, the close being signalised by a round of applause, which the highly gifted elocutionist briefly acknowledged, and the proceedings came to an end.

THE PEACE CRUSADE.

PROGRESS OF THE MOVEMENT.

By W. T. STEAD.

The Crusade prospers bravely. The Duke of Argyll many years ago spoke of the House of Lords as "the house-top of the world." That the same phrase may be applied to London the proclamation of this Crusade is a notable example. The echoes of the word which has been uttered in favour of an international movement in favour of Peace have gone round the world. It has produced immediate and excellent results in the places where, of all others, it was most needful to make its influence felt, viz., in the Governments of Russia and of England. The great meeting at St. James's Hall and the strong expressions of sympathy from influential leaders of English opinion have done much to encourage the Emperor of Russia in his resolve to persevere in his philanthropic design. From the first time the Peace Rescript was issued, opinion in Russia has been divided, very much as it is here. The Emperor's initiative was hailed in some quarters with enthusiasm; in others it was regarded as Utopian and impracticable. The latter party, consisting largely of the old men, the Czar's uncles, the Grand Dukes, and the cynical pessimists who abound in high places, did their best to minimise its significance and to pour cold water upon the Czar's enthusiasm. They declared that he would make Russia a laughing-stock inasmuch as no one really cared a fig about arresting the growth of armaments, and that England was certain to meet the proposal with the deadliest animosity. The long delay which took place in the despatch of Lord Salisbury's answer to the Rescript gave the party of reaction a great chance; and the preparations for war carried on in England, in view of the Fashoda difficulty, tended in the same direction. The hopes of the party of progress, with the Czar at its head, sank steadily, until at last they were so discouraged as to contemplate getting out of an impossible position by the expedient of reducing the Conference to a mere confabulation of the Ambassadors at St. Petersburg. It is not difficult to imagine with what joy, therefore, the proclamation of the Crusade in England has been received in Russia. It has been as a sudden outburst of light in a very dark place, and the Russians, who are keenly sensitive to the movement of opinion on the Continent, note with surprise and delight that the action of England has already produced a sensible effect upon the Press of Europe. If the English initiative is followed throughout the country, no one can predict how far-reaching may be its beneficent results.

A very striking instance of the value of public meetings and of popular expressions of opinion was afforded by Lord Salisbury's despatch to the Russian Government acknowledging the receipt of the Rescript. In the ordinary course, that despatch would not have been published until the meeting of Parliament. Its publication is a slight, but significant, sign of the goodwill of the Government to the Crusade; but still stronger evidence is afforded by the passage in the despatch in which Lord Salisbury, writing to the Russian Government, calls the special attention of the Emperor to the public meetings which had been held and the resolutions which had been passed in England in support of his proposal. After such a friendly lead as this from the Prime Minister, it is felt that no true Briton need hang back from participating in the agitation.

There is, indeed, no reason to think that they will hang back. The Christmas holidays are barely over, but already it is evident that people will manifest their wishes and aspirations in this matter with a unanimity and an earnestness for which previous agitations afford no precedent. Brighton is not exactly the most enthusiastic place in the world, that in which advanced political movements find their most congenial soil, but the report from that precious city of the southern coast shews what may be expected where interest in public questions is much keener. The local magistrate who took in hand the requisition to the Mayor for a town's meeting on the subject obtained at once the signatures of the leading men in both political parties, and when their names were seen at the head of the requisition, the aldermen, members of the Town Council, and the School Board at once appended their signatures. In the whole town, of all the leading householders to whom application was made, there was not a single refusal. The Mayor, therefore, will call a town's meeting at an early date.

Equally good results are reported from the great cities whose identity is merged in the metropolis. London, which really consists of a dozen cities the size of Birmingham or Manchester, can only act through its constituencies, and before the week is out what are practically town's meetings will be arranged in several of the largest and most influential divisions of the metropolis. Throughout the week the task of sowing the seed and spreading the light, in the shape of the dissemination broadcast throughout the country of 1,000,000 copies of the Crusade broadsheet containing the Czar's Rescript, the manifesto of the Crusade, and a report of the Conference in St. James's Hall, has been energetically carried on. At the headquarters at first considerable misgivings were entertained as to the possibility of distributing 1,000,000 copies of so large a broadsheet in such a short space of time The paper alone weighed twenty-seven tons. The task has been accomplished, however, with such celerity and ease that the committee is already considering whether the issue of another million copies may not be necessary.

To quote even a tithe of the letters which have been received at the offices of the Crusade would fill many columns. Men and women of all parties and of all creeds have vied with one another in expressing their sympathy, and in urging the necessity of a truly International movement. The clergy are throwing themselves into the Crusade with an enthusiasm which promises to be contagious. Support, however, does not come alone from the pulpit, and from those whose names are associated with every philanthropic movement. Men like Colonel Rotton and Mr. G. R. Sims, whom nobody would dream of accusing of being visionaries or sentimentalists, have not been behind in their expressions of approval, the former remarking that "no one realises the horrors of war more keenly than those who have practical experience."

The Crusade has this week established its journalistic organ in the shape of a penny weekly paper entitled *War Against War*, the Chronicle of the Crusade. The first number is a curiosity in journalism, and a phenomenon absolutely without record in the annals of peace propaganda. The middle pages of the paper contain, besides an original drawing by Mr. Holiday, allegorical of the triumph of Peace over War, a collection of autographs of eminent men and women, which, for number, variety and interest, has no parallel in the history of British journalism. The first two signatures among the autograph benedictions with which the new organ appears in the interests of peace are those of Lord Wolseley, Commander-in-Chief, and one of our Admirals, Sir Anthony Hoskins. Altogether there are about fifty autographs reproduced in *fac-simile*, a collection which makes the first number of *War Against War* unique. Besides the chronicles of the Crusade, the new number contains a very important signed article by Mr. Bryce, concerning the bearing of the Anglo-American Alliance on the future of peace. This is supported by signed letters from many of the most famous American statesmen and senators. There is an illustrated character-sketch of the Czar, which will be followed in other numbers by sketches of leading pioneers in the cause of Peace. Mr. Kipling's Recessional poem, which he published in the *Times* in 1897, is republished by permission, as the first contribution to the Psalter of the Crusade. One hundred thousand copies of the first number will be ready for issue to the trade on Friday.

A VERY POLITE PATIENT.

I am a consulting physician, as the popular phrase goes, although it does not very accurately define my employment.

The cases brought under my notice had been unusually serious upon the morning in question, and about 11.40 I enquired of my servant somewhat anxiously how many patients remained still to be seen, as I had to be at a consultation in the neighbourhood precisely at noon.

"There's only one gentleman left," said he; "he arrived an hour ago; but he is so very polite, that he has hitherto declined to take his turn."

I was sorry to hear this, for according to my experience, such an individual was likely to be in a critical state of health, or perhaps only postponed his interview till last so that he might prolong it without interruption.

"I hope everybody does come in in proper order, James," said I. "You know what an objection I have to any favouritism."

"Oh dear, sir, I am sure I never took a shilling from any gentleman or lady in my life, in order that they might be admitted earlier."

"Really, James, I never said you did," replied I, severely. "Show the gentleman in."

"I am afraid, sir, you have been detained a considerable time," observed I.

"Not at all," returned he briskly. "I was in no particular hurry. I have plenty of leisure here in London, away from all my usual country avocations, and there were several people in your ante-room who, I am sure, had more urgent need of your advice than I. In fact, I feel that I have scarcely any right to intrude upon your valuable time at all; but I have been a good deal bothered with cough at night, and I should like to be cured of it."

"Take a seat, sir. Any pain in your chest?"

"I don't think it will be necessary to examine me," observed he nervously; "I can tell you my symptoms, such as they are."

How curious it is that those who are apparently the strongest and most healthy are often the most morbid and apprehensive. I could not help smiling to see this respectable fox-hunter, as he looked to be, hugging his coat together, as though my stethoscope had been a dagger seeking entrance into his heart.

"My dear sir," said I," this little instrument will not hurt you."

At this moment a very singular thing took place; the clock upon my mantelpiece struck the three quarters past eleven, and I seemed to hear the sound repeated from the clock in the next room. It was a muffled sound, but the wonder was how it could have arrived at all through two wooden doors and a baize one. I was so convinced that I did hear it, however, that I immediately strode forward to see for myself whether any of the doors of communication were open. They were all closed.

When I returned my patient had unbuttoned his coat, and assured me that he had no silly objection to being stethoscoped, if I thought it worth while, but that there was nothing the matter with him beyond a troublesome cough, for which he wanted a prescription.

His lungs seemed sound enough indeed, and I need not have been so long examining them but for a certain reason. Very different from most hypochondriacal folks, my new friend seemed so very anxious to cut short our interview that he began to awaken my suspicions as to whether he was a *bona fide* patient at all. I knew that I should discover this if I could only detain him a quarter of an hour, and therefore I prolonged my stethoscopic investigations. At last he jumped up, and throwing down a sovereign and a shilling, with no little ostentation, upon the table, expressed himself as perfectly satisfied.

"But, my dear sir," said I. "you have not got your prescription."

It wanted then one minute to the hour of noon, but I was still writing very slowly, when the clock on the mantelpiece began to strike; I thought it would never have done, so eagerly was I watching for the first note of its companion timepiece, which I felt sure by this time was concealed somewhere about my polite patient's person.

He had waited until he had been left alone in the ante-room, to make a clean sweep of everything valuable he could lay his hands upon, the clock among the rest. He had stuffed this at first, I fancy, into his breast-pocket—whence arose his original objection to the use of the stethoscope—but had transferred it, while I went to look at the doors, to some other part of his attire. Sagacious as he had been, however, he had omitted, or had not had the opportunity, to silence the voice of my faithful dial. I heard its whisper—its faint "tick, tick" all the time—and now I was waiting for its full voice in accusation of the robber. At last it came. One can scarcely imagine a situation more embarrassing than that of my polite patient with his stolen clock striking twelve very distinctly in the pocket of his coat-tail, and in the hearing of its rightful proprietor.

"I have found out what is the matter with you, my friend," said I, pressing a handbell, which brought in James upon the instant, "You are troubled with the *Tic Douloureux*. Your symptoms are exceedingly striking. This prescription must be made up at once, and my servant will run out for it, while you remain here a minute or two."

Never was prescription so short.

Jam. fet. a. pol. im.,

or without any abbreviation, as I had written it

James, fetch a policeman immediately.

THE EFFECT OF DRINKING WHISKY.

"Patrick Flanagan," said the District Attorney one day in court, "stand up and plead guilty or not guilty to the charge preferred against you." When Pat had complied with the police request thus made by the officer of the law, the attorney proceeded to read from a paper in his hand a very graphic description of a certain transaction in which Pat had been engaged a few days before.

"What say you? Are you guilty or not guilty?" "I'm not guilty of half thim things you've read to me," said Pat, looking at the Court, "but I did have a row last Saturday was a week; an' I dunno just what I did, for you see I was stavin' drunk on the meanest corn whiskey yer honour iver tasted."

"But, Patrick, we never taste it," said the judge, while a smile lurked behind the grave judicial countenance. "Sure, now, don't ye though?" said Pat, with a look of mingled surprise and incredulity—"well, thin, ye ought to jist once, to know how it acts and to know how to pity a poor fellow that does. Sure yer honour grants licenses, an' how do ye know the mischief yer doin' to honest men like meself unless ye take a drink now and thin, jist to see how it makes a man behave hisself."

"Who gave you the liquor, Patrick?" asked the Court. "Well, I dunno vat's his name," said Pat, too honest to turn informant, while a gleam of true native humour twinkled in his eye. "But I know I seed a license hangin' behind the bar. Ye see, Judge, I was working for the city, on the streets jis close by, an' I was thirsty an' it was so handy I wint in and took a drink that ortent to have hurt a baby, an' in tin seconds I was crasy drunk, an' I dreamt that I was at Donnybrook fair, an' that's all I remember till next mornin', when I was boardin' at Sheriff Ryan's Hotel."

"But," said the Court, "you are charged with perpetrating an aggravating assault and battery on Mr. S., the hotel-keeper."

"Well, yer honour," said Pat, "if I did I only gin him back vats in his own whisky; an' if yer honour hadn't give him that license I wouldn't 've been drunk, an' if I hadn't been drunk, I wouldn't 've got into the fight, and I wouldn't 've been here this mornin', anyhow."

This was a process of reasoning new to the court. It was self-evident truth dressed in plain clothes, and while the law was with the court, Pat evidently had all the logic.

Mistress: "Mary, what kept you so long talking to the butcher boy, wasting your time?" Mary: "Please, 'm, I wanted an explanation why he didn't take me down to supper at the last assembly ball."

The man who can count his friends upon his fingers is comparatively safe.

Fashion make fools of some, cowards of many, and apes of all.

FREE CHURCH SUNDAY.

One outcome of the Federation of Free Churches throughout the country is the interchange of pulpits by ministers of different churches, to the mutual advantage of all Last Sunday evening the Rev. J. A. Alderson (Primitive minister) occupied the rostrum and conducted service in the Rothwell Wesleyan Church, preaching an excellent sermon on "The Eternal Name." Meanwhile the Rev. J. B. Maltby (Wesleyan) was the preacher at Mr. Alderson's place of worship, his subject being "Up-to-date Religion." At the close of the service, Mr. Maltby and the congregation from the Primitive Methodist Church came down to the Wesleyan place of worship, and the two ministers conducted a united celebration of the "Lord's Supper," in which members of the various Nonconformist Churches took part. The services passed off very successfully, and must be productive of good to all.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT BEESTON PIT.

Alfred Parker (35), miner, 3, Red Lion Yard, Thwaite Gate, Leeds, who was injured by a fall of roof at Messrs. J. and J. Charlesworth's Rothwell Colliery, on Tuesday morning last, has died in the Leeds Infirmary, and an inquest will be held to-day.

OUR FORMER SURVEYOR.

It will be gratifying to many of our readers to learn that Mr. Lewis Starkie, who left Rothwell to become surveyor to the Lincolnshire County Council, still continues to merit their confidence. The following extract from a recent meeting will be read with interest. Mr. Starkie had suggested that a second road roller be purchased, to which some objection was raised.

"The Chairman: You know that our county roads are the best roads in Lincolnshire, and almost in England, and I think you ought to be satisfied.

Coun. Upsall: The very fact that the surveyor is only asking for Spilsby-road to be dealt with, shows that there is no need for a second roller.

Coun. Dennis said that in his opinion the steam rolled roads were the best and cheapest roads they had at present. The road at Kirton from Boston to Spalding required attention. It had not been done for years.

Coun. Dunn: It's a beautiful road.

Coun. Dennis: It has been a beautiful road for five years, ever since it was done by the steam roller, and I think that road has cost less in material and labour, during those five years, than it cost extra in making, and we have had a good road all the time.

In reply to Coun. Gooch, the surveyor said that it would save material if all the granite were rolled in immediately it was placed upon the roads, instead of it being crushed about.

Coun. Gooch said that he would give notice in regard to the matter.

TEMPERANCE HALL, ROTHWELL.

The above Hall was well filled on Sunday evening last, to hear the service of song, 'The Gipsy Girl, or the dying Saviour," given by the Rothwell Temperance Choir. The service was beautifully illustrated by a series of lime-light views of the incidents in the Service.

NEWS FROM THE REV. O. YOUNGHUSBAND.

The Mission College,
Gloucester,
January 9th, 1899.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

When I was at Rothwell, I was told that an old Rothwell doctor who went out to Australia used to write letters to the *Rothwell Times* about his experiences out there; now I have been no further than Rome, but perhaps a short letter might be of some interest to old friends at Rothwell. To any one who is fond either of splendid churches, or of famous pictures, or of ancient ruins, I would say, go to Rome. You will see there the vast Coliseum where the early Christians were given to the beasts, you will see the Catacombs, so extensive that if the tombs were put side by side they would stretch the whole length of Italy. The drainage at Rome is now very good, and they tell you that it is quite possible for Englishmen to live there even in the middle of the summer. Now why should not the Rothwell bicyclists set their faces for Rome for their next summer outing? But let me now give you some news from Gloucester. The house I am living in looks straight on to the Cathedral. On going to the Cathedral for evensong at 4 p.m., I saw in a long row of choir boys that the end boy of the row was—Allan Clark. He looked much amazed at seeing me, and spent most of the service time in trying to make out if it was me or my ghost. After service I went to see Mr. Wilson, who proudly pointed out how plump Allan Clark was getting. I quite agreed with him. I also saw Mr. Morgan. This afternoon as I was walking along one of the main streets here, I saw over a chemist's shop at the corner the name "Hargreaves." I thought I knew that name, so I turned in and asked Mr. Hargreaves if his father lived at Rothwell; he said he did, and then we made acquaintance with each other. Now I must stop; perhaps on some future occasion, if I have not wearied you, I might give some account of my life and work here.

Yours sincerely,
OSWALD YOUNGHUSBAND.

P.S.—I might add that in writing this letter I am making use of the writing case which the Royds Green parishioners so kindly gave me, and that the Rothwell presents are the admiration and envy of all my brother clergy who have *not* worked in Rothwell.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Jan. 7th., 1899, is £306; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £268, thus showing increase of £38.

As a safe, permanent, and warranted cure for Pimples, Scrofula, Scurvy, Bad Legs and Blood Diseases, and Sores of all kinds, we can with confidence recommend CLARKE'S WORLD-FAMED BLOOD MIXTURE. Sold by Chemists everywhere.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

FOUNTAINS.—Formerly, when the supply of water within houses was comparatively unknown, every leading street in London, and every town in the provinces, had its fountain, or conduit. It is worth noticing that these were more generally ornamented with a lion's head than with any other effigy. This symbol was adopted by the ancients, from the circumstance that the inundation of the Nile happened during the progress of the sun in Leo (the lion).

THE NAVY.—The navy of England may be said to have had its origin at the beginning of the 15th century, up to which period our vessels of war were almost entirely composed of merchant ships and others hired by the crown. The formation of a regular navy originated with Henry VIII., who founded dockyards at Deptford, Woolwich, and Portsmouth, and established the Trinity House. In the time of Cromwell our naval power was very formidable, and from that period till the present it has gradually increased until it has attained that pre-eminence which it at present boasts.

USE OF GOLD AND SILVER PLATE.—In the reign of Henry VIII. the luxury of the table had descended even to citizens, and there were few whose tables were not daily provided with spoons, cups, and salt-cellars of silver and gold. Those of a higher sphere affected a greater profusion of plate; but the quantity accumulated by the great Cardinal Wolsey, though the precious metals are now so copious, still continues to excite our surprise. At Hampton Court, where he feasted the French Ambassadors and their splendid retinue in 1528, two cupboards extending across the banquet-chambers were piled to the top with gold and silver plate, and illuminated; yet, without encroaching on these ostentatious repositories, a profusion of a magnificent service remained for the table. Two hundred and eighty beds were provided for the guests, every chamber had a basin and ewer of solid silver.

ANCIENT MUSIC.—The Egyptian flute was only a cow's horn with three or four holes in it, and their harp or lyre had only three strings; the Grecian lyre had only seven strings, and was very small, being held in one hand; the Jewish trumpets that made the walls of Jericho fall down, were only ram's horns; their flute was the same as the Egyptian; they had no other instrumental music but by percussion, of which the greatest boast made was the psaltery, a small triangular harp or lyre with wire strings, and struck with an iron needle or stick; their sacbut was something like a bagpipe; the timbrel was a tambourine; and the dulcimer was a horizontal harp, with wire strings, and struck with a stick like the psaltery. They had no written music; had scarcely a vowel in their language; and yet (according to Josephus) had two hundred thousand musicians playing at the dedication of the Temple of Solomon. Mozart would have died at such a concert in the greatest agonies!

MOURNING.—The usual mode of expressing grief for departed relatives and friends among the ancients was by rending the clothes, by laying aside the externals of rank and honour, by going unshaved and by neglecting certain of the ordinary duties of life. As mankind became more practical, it was considered that the purpose of mourning might be sufficiently carried out by the adoption of some particular colour of dress. These colours vary considerably, according to local influence or national sentiment. In Europe the general colour for mourning is black, for that colour, being the privation of light, is supposed to represent the privation of life. In China it is white, that colour representing purity. In Turkey it is purple or violet, colours which are supposed to express a mixture of sorrow and hope. In Egypt it is yellow, that being the colour of vegetation when it fades and decays. In Ethiopia it is brown, that being the colour of the earth, to which the dead return.

WHY THE GERMANS COME TO LONDON.—The slums of London and Paris are bad enough, but it appears that the slums of Berlin are, if possible, worse. *Das Echo* has just published some interesting details on the subject. There are about 40,000 houses in the Prussian capital. A small number are inhabited by one or two families, but the great majority are divided into several distinct lodgings. Two thousand five hundred contain from 16 to 20 lodgings, 20,000 from 20 to 30 lodgings, and 10,000 over 30 lodgings each. Seventy-five thousand of these lodgings are composed of one room only, and inhabited by no fewer than 270,000 persons, which is an average of nearly four persons per room; 75,000 other lodgings are composed of two rooms, and occupied by three hundred and sixty thousand inhabitants; while the remaining thirty thousand lodgings are formed of three rooms, inhabited by one hundred and forty thousand people. These figures will suffice to show the promiscuous way in which the masses of the Berlin population are lodged The houses in the poor quarters, often five or six storeys high, are built so close to one another that they are nearly totally devoid of both light and air. As wages in London, low as they often may be, are a good deal higher than in the German factories and workshops, it is not wonderful that some London slums are almost entirely inhabited by German tailors and others of the same nationality.

BURNING DIAMONDS.—In the year 1694 it was discovered, by actual experiment, at Florence, that a diamond would burn. Cosmo III. had one fixed in the focus of a burning glass, and after some exposure to the rays of the sun, it cracked, coruscated and finally disappeared like a ghost, leaving no trace behind. Another potentate, the Emperor Francis I., tried a number of valuable diamonds in the heat of a smelting furnace, and may have felt some gratification in finding they had disappeared This was in 1750, and about twenty years later a magnificent diamond was burned in France. A jeweller named Le Blanc denied the possibility of burning diamonds, and suspected some unfair play on the part of Macquer, the chemist who conducted the operation. He had often, he asserted, exposed diamonds to great heat, with the sole result of increasing their brilliancy. Then another jeweller, Maillard by name, who seems to have had a suspicion of the scientific truth, put three diamonds into an earthern-bowl pipe packed in powdered charcoal, and exposed them without injury to intense heat. Lavosier, who was present, proved in 1775 that by shutting out the air the diamond was preserved in a furnace, but that the admission of oxygen with which the carbon combines, allows the diamond to burn like a piece of coal.

ORIGIN OF THE PENNY POST.—A traveller sauntering through the lake districts of England some years ago, arrived at a small public-house just as the postman stopped to deliver a letter. A young girl came out to receive it; she took it in her hand, turned it over and over, and asked the charge. It was a large sum—no less than a shilling. Sighing heavily, she observed that it came from her brother, but that she was too poor to take it in, and she returned it to the postman accordingly. The traveller was a man of kindness, as well as of observation; he offered to pay the postage himself, and, in spite of more reluctance on the girl's part than he could well understand, he did pay it, and gave her the letter. No sooner, however, was the postman's back turned, than she confessed that the proceeding had been concerted between her brother and herself, that the letter was empty, that certain signs on the direction conveyed all that she wanted to know, and that, as they could neither of them afford to pay postage, they had devised this method of franking the intelligence desired. The traveller pursued his journey; and as he plodded over the Cumberland Fells he mused upon the badness of a system which drove people to such straits for means of correspondence, and defeated its object all the time. With most men such musings would have ended before the close of the hour; but this man's name was Rowland Hill. And it was from this incident and these reflections that the whole scheme of penny postage was derived.

Less advice and more hands
Fear the man who fears you.
Mirth and motion prolong life.
He who doubts nothing, knows nothing.
One sword keeps another in the scabbard.
If you can't be quiet, hang yourself.
Good soup may be made in an old saucepan.
It is better to flatter one who strikes us than to flatter one who separates us from good.
To quarrel with a man of good speech is better than to converse with a man of rude address.
It is estimated that £130,000,000 is invested in the liquor trade of this country.
Contentment is a pearl of great price, and whoever procures it at the expense of 10,000 desires makes a wise and happy purchase.
Associations supported by working men recently paid in benefits to their members £2,350,305 in a single year.
Religion can be no more learnt out of books than seamanship, or soldiership, or engineering, or painting, or any practical trade whatsoever.

We would particularly urge our friends to send their letters and news as early as possible, as we cannot accept contributions later than Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, except in the case of matter occurring on Wednesday or Thursday, which should be forwarded within a short period after. Advertisements may be sent as late as Friday morning.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.

THE PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times.

Sir,

On reading the letter of "Progress" in last week's *Rothwell Times*, I felt very much amused. I don't know who wrote it, but I must say he is a nap hand at blowing hot and cold, whoever he may be. And as for having the interest of the children at heart, that is quite out of the question altogether. I feel convinced that he does not live on Rothwell Haigh, and therefore has no children trudging down all weathers; if he had, I am sure he would play a very different tune. I should like him to come into Wood Lane some wet cold morning a little before nine, or some hot summer's day between half-past twelve and one, and see for himself the poor little creatures running down in a drenching rain, or toiling up the road nearly boiled. I think if he has got any heart at all, he would think twice before he talks about building an Infants School at the top of Wind Mill Lane, or course we Rothwell Haigh people would rather have a school on Rothwell Haigh if we could get it, but if we can't, half-a-cake is better than nothing, and I don't see any serious objection to one in Churchfields; the little ones could cross the Paddock. And then look at the advantage to John O' Gaunt's and Bullock Lane children, to say nothing of those who live at the bottom of Commercial Street, who could just turn in at the new road; there is only the Carlton Lane children to consider, and they have now to come to the Wesleyan and Church Schools; the distance is nothing compared with the distance from Rothwell Haigh to the very top of Wind Mill Lane. Your correspondent speaks of the railway traffic, why I was talking to a man the other day who lives very near the line, and he said that he scarcely hears any noise at all, but supposing that was so, there is land to be had in Churchfield at the other side of the road from the line. Hoping you will oblige me by printing this letter.

I remain,
Yours truly,
NONCONFORMIST.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Dear Sir,

The advertisement of our School Board for land in Churchfield on which to place schools, says to me and others, that it is high time that another Ratepayers' Association should be formed at Rothwell, in order to bring to the bar of public opinion that erratic money spending authority. As, however, that cannot be accomplished in order to save a disaster, I trust to be allowed to submit the Board to that ordeal through your popular paper. In your criticism of the late Board, you wrote that "each member seemed to be a law unto himself," and in my opinion the present Board seems little different. The consideration seems, not to be, what can be done for the public good, but what resolution can be passed in the incongruous elements of the Board. I consider, that opposition to the National Schools is not for the public good, and that a third set of schools in the village would be the very height of opposition to them. Nor would favouring these schools be for the public good. But placing a new school where it is most needed, is the most favourable and neutral position that can be maintained. Everybody, except a majority of the board, seem to admit that an Infant School is needed in Wood Lane somewhere at the end of the Old Road. Also, to those looking ahead, it is most probable that a full set of schools will be needed there before many years pass. Therefore before further building plots are secured for houses, a fairly large site should be secured there to meet what we may consider a fully anticipated public need, and on that site there should first be built an Infant School. As you may have other expressions of opinion on this most important subject, I forbear saying more at present.

Remaining yours,
January 11th., 1899. ON THE LOOK OUT.

[The remark that "each member seemed to be a law unto himself," was made by one of our correspondents, not by ourselves. ED.]

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Sir,

It seems to me that your correspondent's objection to a school in the vicinity of the railway on account of the increasing (?) noise caused by the traffic, is a very weak one. Many of our large and influential schools are side by side with public railways. What about the London Board Schools? Is it not a fact that the clock on the mantle will tick on for days without ever being heard or noticed, but immediately the clock ceases to tick every eye is upon it; the silence and not the noise becomes the more objectionable. The increasing noise of that wonderfully busy railroad with its gigantic engines and proposed coaches would soon be entirely unnoticed by both staff and children, so habituated would they become to the sound. It is possible to get used to anything,—to wit—even Mr. Elstob's anomalous position on the School Board. But why waste time on discussing a proposed new school in an imaginary locality which the Board have not yet even conceived. When your correspondent leaves the hair-brained scheme, which is the product of his own ingenious brain, and proceeds to say there will have to be a school on the Haigh sooner or later, I say Hear! Hear! There is no doubt about it, and the sooner the better. If all the Wood Lane householders were in the same mind as your humble servant, a strongly worded petition would be sent to the next Board Meeting, and at the same time the facts of the case should be laid before the Educational Department and their interposition entreated. I perfectly coincide with the latter part of the letter signed Progress. It is a shame that the one-and-a-half Churchmen who were at the bottom of the Poll should be allowed to so manipulate the Stourton members as to gain a majority over the three Nonconformists (who were at the head of the Poll), and thus monopolise the decisions of the Board in direct opposition to the desire of a great majority of the ratepayers. An Infant School in Wood Lane is daily an increasing necessity, and pressure should be brought to bear on the one-and-a-half Churchmen whose judgment has been distorted by prejudice—in favour of the voluntary system and interest.

Yours &c ,
WOOD LANE FOR EVER.

WHO IS TO BLAME?

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times.

Sir,

A serious blunder has been made by someone in granting the use of the Wesleyan School-room for the purpose of a lecture under the auspices of the Leeds Co-operative Society. This is the more apparent, owing to the fact that persons attending Divine Service in the chapel at the same time were disturbed by the tramping of those who were passing by to the lecture. In small communities especially, the religious authorities should be careful to maintain a neutral position with respect to the premises under their control, The chief supporters of the local Wesleyan Society are tradespeople, and as the object of Co-operation is to starve them out of existence, it is obvious that any action which favors the obnoxious principle must be distasteful and harmful. I am not going to justify any uncharitable spirit of retaliation, and it is with sorrow I hear that several members of the Church and congregation will decline to subscribe to the projected new Sunday Schools, as a protest against the unwise action of letting the present School-room for the purpose named. I am not here going to debate the *pros* and *cons* of the principle of Co-operation. I believe its introduction into this community, has caused many of the Church adherents to become niggardly in relation to giving for religious purposes. The Church is already suffering in this direction, and it is a thousand pities to increase the deficit by alienating others who are accustomed to give in a spirit of fair liberality.

Yours &c.,
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WIT AND HUMOUR.

A shilling in the pocket is worth five invested in a lottery ticket.

Jess: "They say heaven lies about us in our infancy." Jack: "Possibly; "any way, the world does when we grow up."

French way of complimenting the old lady: "Ah, madam, you grow every day to look more like your daughter."

She: "Tell me, when you were in the army, were you cool in the hour of danger? He: "Cool?" I actually shivered.

"Do you let your wife have her own way?" "Oh, yes, it's only when she wants to have mine that I object."

It is curious how a woman who scream at a mouse is not startled by a millinery bill that makes a man tremble.

It's a bad idea to lock the stable door after the horse is stolen. When if the thief repent and bring back the horse.

Why is a young lady just from boarding school like a building committee? Because she is ready to receive proposals.

Mrs. Pesterd: "Well, what is it?"—Hungry Hickey: "Wotever you say, kind lady. It's leap year."

"The external use of hot water will prevent wrinkles." How about the married man who is kept in hot water all the time.

"I would die for you," passionately exclaimed the rich old suitor; and the practical girl calmly asked him, "How soon?"

Merritt: "She has such a pretty foot. I don't know where you would find anything smaller, do you? Cora: There is the shoe she wears.

A Hobart obituary advertisement is "Inserted by his only unmarried daughter, Eliza, who is now at 10, Harrington-street, Hobart."

Patriot: "Say, little boy, do you know why Washington crossed the Delaware?"—Boy: "Wanted to get on the other side, I reckon."

"Whalebone," began the teacher, "isn't a bone at all." "Well," broke in the bold, bad boy, "it isn't a whale either, so what is it?

"Why, Mr. Councillor, you are trying to open the front door with your cigar?" "Really, now! I wonder if I've been smoking the latch key?"

Sam: "Tell me candidly, do you think that I ought to marry the girl?" John: "Marry her by all means. You will not be fooled half so bad as she will be."

Miss Quizzer: "Do you believe all the disagreeable things you read in newspapers?" Miss Burbuz: "I do if they're about people I know."

Old Bullion: "What, you wish to marry my daughter? She is a mere schoolgirl yet. Suitor: "Yes, sir. I came early to avoid the rush."

"Don't go into ecstacies, my son, over a young woman who "has a secret charm about her." She won't keep it any more than any other secret."

He: You say that women excel men in intelligence. Pray, tell me how you make that out? She: Did you ever hear of them taking women to sit in a jury?

Mrs. Newed: Is your husband a domestic man? Mrs. Henpeck: He's the only domestic we keep. I have taught him to cook and wash the dishes very nicely.

Clara: Mr. Softerly paid me a great compliment yesterday. He said I grew more beautiful every day. Maude: Well, practice makes perfect, you know.

"I wish you'd pay a little attention to what I'm saying, sir," roared a lawyer at an exasperating witness. "I'm paying as little as I can," was the calm reply.

At the ball—Grace (whispering): What lovely boots your partner has got, Mary.—Mary (ditto): Yes, unfortunately, he shines at the wrong end.

Wife: Do you really love me, my pet?—Husband: I adore you, my sweet, and am prepared to give you any proof of the fact not exceeding a hundred francs.

Magistrate: What is the charge against this prisoner?—Officer: Having an infernal machine in his possession, yer worship.—Magistrate: Anarchist or bicyclist?

First Husband: What do you do when you go home late at night and find your wife sitting up waiting for you?—Second Husband: Wish I hadn't gone home.

Wife: "If I had known before we were married that you swore so, I never would have married you. The husband (sadly): That's what becomes of being a hypocrite."

The difference between honour and discretion is that honour tells you not to hit a man when he's down, and discretion warns you to be careful about hitting him when he's up.

Wallace: Do you think electricity will be much in use in the next war?—Ferry: In the next war? Why, the Spaniards are winning most of their battles in Cuba with it at the present time.

Assistant: She will sing that aria. It's too bad—everybody is tired of it. Manager: Well, let her have her own way. Assistant: But she wants us to put on the programme "By request."

Eastern Visitor: How was it that you did not hang that last murderer? Did he establish an abili? Quick Drop Dan: That's just what he did. When the sheriff went to the gaol to hang him he wasn't there.

A great Irish orator and wit was asked what an Irish friend of his, who had just arrived in London, could mean by perpetually putting out his tongue. "I suppose he is trying to catch the English accent," said the wit.

Cobwigger: You seem rather amused over the idea of your wife's wearing bloomers.—Smith: You'd be amused yourself if you could see her when she tried to find something in her work basket and emptied it in her lap.

Wife: What in the world do you want with a trombone? You know that the man next door has driven us nearly wild by his performances on that awful instrument.—Hubby: Calm yourself, my dear. That's the one I've bought.

Mrs Slimdiet (moralising): Yes, indeed, there are many families you would never think it of, who have a skeleton in their closet." Mr. Hall Rume (with his eyes on the remains of the four-days old turkey): "Well, that's a confounded sight better than having it on the table!

Little Ned: "Don't take away the light." Mamma: "I want you to learn to sleep without a light." Little Ned: "Must I sleep in the dark?" Mamma: "Yes." Little Ned: "Well, then, wait a minute, I'll get up and say my prayers a little more carefully."

"Here is one faulty passage in your story," said the editor: "Ha! Villain! I have found you out, have I?' he hissed. Now, how could he 'hiss' those words?" "He might have had a hare-lip, sir," replied the gifted young author, rising to the emergency.

Mother (sternly): "Why did you tell that lie to the teacher?" Johnny: "To save someone from punishment, Mother (mollified): "I knew there must be some extenuating circumstances. Who was it you wished to save from punishment?" Johnny: "Myself, mother."

Friend Perrichon, accompanied by his wife, took a trip to the outskirts of Paris. Very tired and hungry they entered an eating-house. The proprietor declared that he had nothing but a chop to offer them. "Only one!" exclaimed Perrichon; "then what is my wife to have?"

Sub-Editor: "A correspondent sends us a full account of a cock fight, with photographs of the steel spurs used, the cock-pit, spectators, birds in battle, etc., with every round described." Great Editor: "Glorious! Get it all in." Sub Editor (doubtfully): "But this is a family paper." Great Editor: "Y-es—I know. Head it "A Brutal Sport—Where were the Police."

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LECTURE BY MR. FRANK CURZON.

In the Rothwell Wesleyan School-room, on Wednesday evening, the above talented gentleman lectured under the auspices of the Leeds Co-operative Society's educational department, on "Rags and Bones, or humanity and its clothing." The chair was occupied by Mr. W. Lunn, Jun., who in a brief speech introduced Mr. Curzon, who is no stranger to many inhabitants of Rothwell, having lectured in the town many years ago in connection with the Mechanics' Institute. The lecture was liberally illustrated by chalk drawings on the blackboard in which art Mr. Curzon is an adept. Physiology, dress and fashion, habits and customs, and class distinctions, were spoken of in an amusing, witty, and original style, and together with the effective and life-like illustrations, went to make up a very profitable and entertaining evening's enjoyment.

Votes of thanks were accorded to lecturer, and chairman, at the close, on the motion of Mr. Joe Wade and Mr. Clarkson,

ROTHWELL AMBULANCE CLASS.

It is gratifying to all concerned, to report that all the students recently examined by Dr. Griffiths, in connection with the St. John's Ambulance Association, have passed satisfactorily, 22 for the first year's certificates, and one for the third year's medallion. There will be a public presentation of the honours shortly.

ROTHWELL MINERS AND CHECK-WEIGHMAN WALSH'S SENTENCE.

The following resolution has been passed at a meeting of the miners of Rothwell:—

"That we, the members of the Rothwell Branch of the Yorkshire Miners' Association, appeal to the Home Secretary (Sir W. M. Ridley, Bart.), for a reduction in the sentence of nine months' imprisonment, with hard labour passed upon James Walsh for perjury, at the Leeds Assizes, on December 20, 1898. We believe that this punishment is too harsh, and more than meets the case, and hope that the Home Secretary may see to the immediate release of Mr. Walsh."

STOURTON TEACHERS' SOCIAL.

The Central Hall at Stourton Board School was gaily decorated last Friday evening, in celebration of the Teachers' Social, and a very enjoyable time was spent by some 140 persons, including the members and officers of the Board, teachers at both schools, and friends. Dancing, of course, was the main occupation, the M.C's being Mr. Elstob and Mr. Park, and the musicians Mr. G. Fowler and Mr. J. Howarth. An excellent supper was provided by Mrs. Hepworth, of Armley, and the whole affair passed off with the utmost *eclat*.

FOR BOYS AND MEN.—A very able booklet of inestimable value to those who would be Manly Boys and Noble Men, should be in the hands of all Men and Boys. 3d. post free, from F. C. Richardson, 9, Gt. Russell St., London W.C.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

RUGBY.

At Rothwell—Idle v Rothwell.

ROTHWELL TEAM—Full back, B Cromack; three-quarter backs, J Fieldhouse, O Taylor, H Morgan, J Morrell; half-backs, B Morrell, F Robinson; forwards, W Shaw, H Hemsworth, E Godley, J Ward, G Bulmer, Joe Walker, E Ambler, J Westmoreland, W Speight, A Gillings.

ASSOCIATION.

At Oulton—Eastmoor v Oulton.

OULTON TEAM—Goal, H W Higgins; backs, W. Inman, F Bradley; half-backs, D Raybould, O Inman F Bell; forwards, E A Higgins, C Weddall (capt), A T Murtland, W Hutchinson, H Mitchell; Reserves C Hullah, P Higgins.

At Wakefield—Oulton 'A' v Wakefield Cathedral.

OULTON 'A' TEAM—Goal, C Higgins; backs, A Higgins, J T Morrison; half-backs, S Lockwood, P Higgins, P Inman; forwards, C Hullah (capt), W Killingbeck, T Hurdus, J Taylor, H Hammond; Reserves, F Armitage, L Lockwood.

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Feb. 3rd—Rothwell Tennis Ball.
Feb. 9—Mr. B. W. Higgins' Concert in the Harold Hall, Oulton.
Feb. 20—Rev. J. Arthur Alderson's Evening Concert in the Mechanics' Institute.
April 29, 1899—Woodlesford Jumble Sale
Apr. 3, 4 & 5—Public Luncheon and Grand National Bazaar in Board Schools for Primitive Methodist Trust Funds.
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TENDERS.

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The Board do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.
JOHN H. LEE,
18, St. John's Square, Wakefield. Clerk to the Board.

TENDERS Wanted for the Excavator's, Bricklayer's, Mason's, Joiner's, Plumber's, Slater's, Plasterer's, and Painter's Work required in the erection of a New Store and Four Cottages at Woodlesford for the Leeds Industrial Co-operative Society, Ltd. Plans and specifications may be seen and quantities obtained at the Office of the Society, 10, Albion Street, Leeds, on or after Thursday, January 19th. Tenders addressed to the Secretary, JOHN W. FAWCETT, to be sent in not later than Saturday, January 28th.

IN MEMORIAM.

HOLMES—In loving memory of Joseph Holmes, of Haigh Villa, Stourton, who died January 18th, 1889.
"Gone, but not Forgotten."

HIGGINS—In loving memory of our dear mother, Anna Higgins, who died January 18th, 1897.
"Gone from our sight, but still to memory Dear."

BIRTH.

RAWLING—Jan. 16th, the wife of Joe Hargreaves Rawling, of a daughter, (Gladys Mary Elizabeth).

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley

Friday, January 20, 1899.

LOFTHOUSE AND CARLTON SCHOOL BOARD.

PROPOSAL TO OPEN THE MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC.

UNSUCCESSFUL MOVE BY MR. HORNER.

The monthly meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday night, at the Robin Hood Schools. Mr. G. Armitage, chairman, presiding. There were also present Mr. Ridyard, Rev. G. H. Scott, Mr. J. Dobson, and Mr. Horner, with the clerk (Mr. J. H. Lee).

PAYMENT OF THE EVENING SCHOOL MASTER.

The Clerk reported that the auditor had been going through the arrangements made with regard to the evening schools, and had demurred to the arrangement made by the Board, that the master, Mr. Grimshaw, should receive as salary the amount earned as grant. This irregularity had been reported to the Department, who had written the Clerk, pointing out that such payment was in violation of article 81, which provides that the teacher must be engaged and paid by the school managers. The Clerk had replied stating that the Board provided everything for the school, that Mr. Grimshaw was the only teacher engaged, and that the Board thought the amount of the grant earned would be fair remuneration. The contention of the Department appeared to be that the Board ought to have fixed the salary.

Mr. Scott: It is simply a bit of red tape.

The Clerk had received no further reply.

PROPOSAL TO OPEN THE BOARD MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Horner proposed that the public who cared to attend the ordinary meetings of the Board, should be permitted to do so.

[This, we believe, is the second time Mr. Horner has suggested that the Board make this customary concession. It was at the first meeting after Mr. Horner was made a member, in 1895, we find, that he suggested that the Board make this experiment for a period of six months. Mr. Newton at that time said he had no objection to the public being admitted to the meetings. The Clerk pointed out that some inconvenience might arise when committee business was being taken, and after a short discussion on the subject Mr. Horner said he would leave it over for the present.]

In again introducing the subject, Mr. Horner said he had not been asked by anybody to move the resolution, and he could not say that there was a great demand for it. He understood, however, that the meetings had been thrown open at Rothwell, and had been taken advantage of. Such a course would make it possible for anybody who took much interest in the proceedings of the School Board to attend, see the business transacted, and hear what the members had to say on the different matters. In the case of any ratepayer who was likely at any time to become a member of the Board, as for instance in Mr. Ridyard's case, he would then be at liberty to attend the Board meetings, and get some insight into the Board's work before he became a member. Of course, in the event of any private matter being discussed, the public could be asked to withdraw. Meetings where public money was dealt with, had been thrown open for the attendance of the public throughout the country; it was a step in the right direction, and would be a means of education in public affairs.

Mr. Scott, without seconding the resolution, and before any other member had put the motion in order for discussion, rose and remarked that Mr. Horner had acknowledged in his speech that there was really no demand for it. He would like to know if the members were likely to discuss the business of the Board to any greater advantage or come to any better decisions, with ratepayers present. There might be a call then for catering to the gallery, but so far as he was concerned he felt that his supporters and those who voted for him at the election, were quite content to leave the Board matters in his hands, and had confidence in him that he was well qualified to give decisions on any questions that might come before the Board. Supposing they got a few people present, and any exciting business came up for discussion, who was to keep order? Were they going to keep a policeman there? He thought they had been able to discuss and discharge the business quite well without any outside help; they had a representative of the press present, who was quite at liberty to take what notes he thought proper of their proceedings, and so far as he could see there was no need to act on Mr. Horner's proposition.

Mr. Horner said he had proposed the resolution in order that their district could, in this respect, be on an equality with such places as Rothwell, and because he believed it to be on a line with the spirit of the age.

There being no seconder to the resolution, he matter dropped.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It was agreed on the motion of Mr. Dobson and Mr. Scott, that Mr. Fozzard, of Carlton, have the coal-leading for the next twelve months, at the old figure, 1s 2d Robin Hood, and 1s 6d Carlton.

On the suggestion of Mr. Scott, it was agreed that Mr. Duce, of Lofthouse, have a share in the plumbing work in future.

On the motion of Messrs. Scott and Ridyard, it was decided to advertise for tenders for the various works required to be done in the erection of the new building at Carlton, the advertisement to appear in the *Yorkshire Post*, *Rothwell Times*, and *Wakefield Express*.

Mr. Ridyard: What kind of an extension is it going to be at Carlton; is it going to be a new room altogether?

The Clerk: That is so, it is to be a new room entirely.

Cheques were passed and signed for the following payments:—

	£	s.	d.
Repayment of Principal and Interest	278	11	2
Robin Hood Salaries	34	10	2
Carlton	35	19	2
D. Bell, ...	1	13	4
Yorkshire School for the Blind ..	5	5	0
S. Grant, stationery	9	9	3
H. Beaumont, election expenses ..	30	1	0
E. J. Arnold, stationery	8	5	7
W. H. Milnes	6	14	8
G. Wilson	2	10	1
Prof. Cusack	1	1	0

The Attendance Officer was instructed to bring all flagrant cases of bad attendance before the Board at its next meeting, and also summon the parents of the children concerned, to appear. The important question of attendance is being tackled with earnestness by the Board, and after next meeting they propose taking legal measures against parents who persist in their indifference with regard to their children's attendance at school.

Mr. Dobson gave notice that at next meeting he would introduce the question of the teaching staff and ask the Board to thoroughly consider the question; they were at the present time over-staffed.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Dear Sir,

I feel that I have lost touch with you to a great extent, through not having written to you for so long a time; although you have not received any communication from me since November, 1897, yet your valued paper has been delivered to me regularly, for which I thank you. There have been many changes taking place which I might have recorded, but are now like ancient history, the most recent event which concerns me most, is the election which took place on the 1st. inst., for mayor, aldermen, and councillors, for the city of Adelaide. I was induced to contest Hindmarsh Ward, for a seat as councillor, against Mr. Theo. Bruce—a Leeds man—but when the numbers went up they shewed that I was badly beaten. I did not expect that I should be elected, and came out mostly to advocate the cause I have espoused—that of the Single Tax. The manifesto which I enclose, will show you that it is an advanced one, and could not be accepted but in an advanced county or district. South Australia is not near so far advanced as she gets credit for being, and the ward I contested is the most conservative of the lot, as there are a large number of offices in it, and as you may know, offices as a rule stand for conservatism and monopoly; to make matters worse, the so-called Labour Party worked against me, as they also did against Mr. Smeaton, who was contesting for Mayor, nay, a prominent member of the Party who is also a member of the Legislative Council (House of Lords) South Australia, actually nominated Mr. Ware, a brewer, and a person who opposes the Land Values Assessment Bill, which is the main plank in the Labour Party's platform, to oppose Mr. Smeaton, who advocates it. They also voted for Mr. Bruce, who opposes it, and against myself who supports it, and for the simple reason, apparently, that we do not belong to their clique. They would sooner vote for a rank opponent than an independent person should get in, that is not under their thumb; they must pull the strings. But I am pleased to note that a reaction is setting in against these vaunted friends of the people, and I am hopeful, that at the next general election, which takes place in April next, they will be utterly routed, for it seems to me that is the only thing that will bring them to their senses. They assume so much, and are so totally ignorant as to what is really needed to remove the burden of taxation and secure to the people all they earn, and advocate such clap-trap measures to gull the masses, that one gets wearied and would fain see a change even, if it was to the narrowest conservatism, than be fooled as we are at present. Many Acts have been passed, which were said at the time would do away with the unemployed difficulty, such as the Eight Hours Bill, State Bank, Village Settlements, etc. Yet we find the same men going to-day to the Ministers of the Crown, asking that public works might be started, to find work for the unemployed, and so it will ever be until the earth, the common storehouse, the table around which God intended *all* His children should sit, is restored to the people. I repeat that until the so-called Labour Party realise this, it would be better for the people if they were relegated to obscurity until they learn better. I see by your issue of the 4th. ult., that the School Board was to be elected by the cumulative system of voting, which is an inaccurate way and represents minorities; but a much better system is that which is known as the Hare-Spence System or Effective Voting. The advantage in this system is that no votes are wasted, as is the case with all other methods. At the School Board election for the city of London, in 1894, the Progressives were so anxious to secure the election of Miss Davenport Hill that they cast for her 18,932 votes, or twice as many as she needed, which showed a waste of one half of the votes; had they been transferable, as they would be under the Hare-Spence method, the Progressives would have secured two representatives (which they were justly entitled to), whereas they only got one member, while the Moderates returned three members. I am not sure whether the Hare-Spence method has been advocated in your district or not, but at the risk of trying to explain something that your readers already know, let me say that voting under this method is done not by making crosses, writing words, or making figures, to represent the number of votes, but is carried out as follows. I gather from your *Times* that nine candidates contested seven seats on the School Board, so that each elector would have seven votes; under this system the voting papers would have been thus:—

ALDERSON, J. A.	1
BATTY, A.	4
BIRD, J. W.	7
BUTTERICK J.	
ELSTOB, J.	2
JOWITT, H.	
LUNN, W.	3
PARK, T.	6
RICHARDSON, B.	5

"I give Alderson my first choice because I think him the best man, to Elstob I give my second choice, because I think he is the next best, and so on." The total number of votes that have been cast, is divided by the number of members required, in this case it would be seven, thus 3,220 votes divided by 7 gives 460 as a quota, *i.e.* if Mr. Alderson or any others got 660 votes, he would have 200 more than he required, but these would not be wasted, they would be transferred to the one that was marked 2 on the voting paper; should the person receiving the second choice not require it, or is so low in the votes as to have no possible show of being elected, it is passed on to the third choice, and so on. Miss Spence has addressed many societies on this subject, and at each of them had mock elections, one under the old style of making crosses, and one by making figures or choices. Under the first method over 40 per cent were wasted votes, while under the latter, only 2 per cent were, not wasted, but exhausted; that is, all the members they had voted for were elected without their votes, and thus did not need them, or they were given to those who had no possible chance and could not be used. Under the Hare-Spence method minorities would have a much better chance of being represented, than under the present system. I am sending you a pamphlet by Miss Spence entitled:—"Effective Voting, Australia's Opportunity," which I trust you will be able to use in advocating this reform. Mr. David Williams, ex-president of the Single Tax League of South Australia, has just returned from a visit to England, or rather Wales, where he spent most of his holiday. Mr. Berens, of Ilkley, gave him an invitation to visit him and speak at one their meetings, but Mr. Williams could not accept; we gave him a right royal welcome back, and had a very interesting and instructive meeting.

Yours truly,

14th. December, 1898. J. W. INGHAM.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

The above society held their weekly meeting in the school, on Monday last. Mrs Dickenson should have given a Limelight Lecture on "Poor Law Administration," but was away on that business. Mr. Clark occupied the evening in rather a novel way giving a paper on some subjects for debating societies. The novelty was that the different subjects were read out and pieces of paper given to the members; each member wrote the name of the subject he wished to hear spoken about. All papers being collected, were put into a hat, and all the names of the members present were put into another hat. The secretary took one out of each hat, and the member whose name was on the paper had to speak on the subject drawn. Two were allowed to speak on one paper, nearly every member spoke on one subject or another, which brought both good speeches and plenty of fun. The meeting closed about ten o'clock, many expressing a desire that a similar evening should be spent before the close of the session. The subjects taken were "Friends," "Money," "Time," "Character," "Courage," "Manners," "Temper," "Recreation," "Health," "Books," "War with Czar's Rescript," "Thrift, and old age Pensions," "Education, its methods and limits," "Gambling," "Drink, with special reference to Act for Habitual Inebriates," "Early marriages," "Vaccination," "House-building," "Should Museums &c. be opened on Sundays?" "Is honest trade impracticable?" "Is over-work becoming an evil?" "Is England progressing or not?" "May I do what I like with my own?" "Has our Mutual Improvement Society too many, or too few, Socials?" "Who was the greatest, Handel, Shakespeare, or Watt?"

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady who has been cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by means of Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent 1,000 to his Institute, in order that those deaf people who have not the means to procure the Ear Drums may have them free of charge. Apply by letter to Branch A. K. U. of the Nicholson Aural Institute, Ealing Dean London, W.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Jan. 14th., 1899, is £318; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £280, thus showing increase of £38. For the 2 weeks ending Jan. 14th., the return is £624, against £548 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of **£76.**

FOR BOYS AND MEN.—A very able booklet of inestimable value to those who would be Manly Boys and Noble Men, should be in the hands of all Men and Boys. 3d. post free, from F. C. Richardson, 9, Gt. Russell St., London W.C.

THE PEACE CRUSADE.

MR. CECIL RHODES'S OPINION.

BY W. T. STEAD.

There are two good tests of success in a public movement—"cash and cranks." If subscriptions are given it is certain that hearts are touched. If a movement is widespread some of the foolish ones of the earth will certainly have their say. Tried by these two tests the Peace Crusade, up to the time of writing, is certainly a success. There has been a steady stream of anonymous letters into headquarters at Talbot House during the past week. One of the broadsheets was returned with this written on the top: "To give you my opinion of you, I consider, if you claim to be a Briton, you are a disgrace to your country and deserve to be lynched."

Happily the subscriptions have come, and with larger flow. The "volunteer" idea has caught on, and half-crowns, mainly in postal orders, as subscriptions to the Crusade and to the paper and as enlistment for three months, have arrived by every post. These volunteers, once enlisted, have set to work to secure others. One warm-hearted friend enlisted on the Tuesday writes on Wednesday: "I fired two effective shots to-day," and the two effective shots meant the enrolment of two other volunteers. Another volunteer writes: "Looking back to my childhood, I can only recollect one British war in which I could have engaged with enthusiasm or with a full sense of its rightness and necessity, and that one did not come off! It would have been England against Turkey, two years ago."

Of the meetings the report is most encouraging. London is now fairly roused, and more than a dozen meetings are in course of arrangement in the districts which, cities in themselves, are overshadowed by the greatness of the Imperial city of which they form part. Hackney or St. Pancras, Islington, Camberwell, or Paddington, by themselves would each form first-class provincial cities. There can be no question what their response will be at their coming town's meetings. In Paddington, Sir George Fardell, M.P., and Mr. Aird, M.P., the two Conservative members for the district, are keenly interested in the whole matter, and are organising the meeting over which Sir George Fardell is to preside; and this is only typical of other places. The Battersea meeting, held after a gale which drenched the streets all day, was not so successful in numbers as had been hoped for, the Town Hall, which holds 3,000, being a little more than half full; but the meeting was representative of all shades of opinion, as the proceedings shewed, and the feeling throughout was cordial and enthusiastic.

When the Pilgrimage of Peace was proposed it was suggested that among the English delegates no better man could be found than Cecil Rhodes. The idea was ridiculed by those who did not know that Mr. Rhodes has always been the opponent of war. With the exception of the blunder of the Raid, he has always preferred to negotiate rather than to fight. Hence, it is not surprising that, on the very day of his arrival, Mr. Rhodes expressed his hearty sympathy with the objects of the Crusade, in which his most intimate friends, Lord Grey and Mr. Hawksley, are actively engaged.

The practical point that struck the practical mind of Mr. Rhodes was the immense good that could be done with the money that will be saved if the Czar's proposal is accepted. The immediate result would be the saving by England of £14,000,000, which will otherwise be spent in building ships to match the new Russian ironclads, which, if the Peace Conference succeeds, the Emperor will not build. With £14,000,000 what might not be done? "One thing," says Mr. Rhodes, "you could certainly do with less than that sum. With £10,000,000 you could complete the railway from the Cape to Cairo, and still have £4,000,000 to spare."

When Mark Twain was in Africa he wrote somewhat cruelly about Mr. Rhodes that he hoped, if ever the great African were hanged, he might be there to hold the rope. But Mark Twain is now side by side with Mr. Rhodes in supporting the Czar's proposal. In an amusing autograph, published this week in the new number of *War Against War*, he contributes his shaft to the armoury of the Crusade. He says:

IN EQUIVALENTS FOR WATERLOO MEN.

BY MARK TWAIN.

VIENNA, January 9th.

Dear Mr. Stead,—Peace by compulsion. That seems a better idea than the other. Peace by persuasion has a pleasant sound, but I think we should not be able to work it. We should have to tame the human race first, and history seems to shew that that cannot be done. Can't we reduce the armaments little by little—on a *pro rata* basis—by concert of the Powers? Can't we get four Great Powers to agree to reduce their strength ten per cent. a year, and thrash the others into doing likewise? For, of course, we cannot expect all of the Powers to be in their right minds at one time. It has been tried. We are not going to try to get all of them to go into the scheme peaceably, are we? In that case I must withdraw my influence. Because, for business reasons, I must preserve the outward signs of sanity. Four is enough, if they can be securely harnessed together. They can compel peace, and peace without compulsion would be against nature and not operative. A sliding scale of reduction, of ten per cent. a year, has a sort of plausible look, and I am willing to try that if three other Powers will join. I feel sure that the armaments are now many times greater than necessary for the requirements of either peace or war. Take war-time, for instance. Suppose circumstances made it necessary for us to fight another Waterloo, and that it would do what it did before—settle a large question and bring peace. I will guess that 400,000 men were on hand at Waterloo—I have forgotten the figures. In five hours they disabled 50,000 men. It took them that tedious long time because the firearms delivered only two or three shots a minute. But we would do the work now as it was done at Omdurman, with shower-guns raining six hundred balls a minute. Four men to a gun—is that the number? A hundred and fifty shots a minute per man. Thus a modern soldier is one hundred and forty-nine Waterloo soldiers in one. Thus, also, we can now retain one man out of each one hundred and fifty in service, disband the others, and fight our Waterloos just as effectively as we did eighty-five years ago. We should do the same beneficent job with 2,800 men now that we did with 400,000 then. The allies could take 1,400 of the men, and give Napoleon 1,400, and then whip him.

But, instead, what do we see? In war-time, in Germany, Russia, and France, taken together, we find about 3,000,000 men equipped for the field. Each man represents 149 Waterloo men in usefulness and killing capacity. Altogether they constitute about 350,000,000 Waterloo men—and there are not quite that many grown males of the human race now on this planet. Thus we have this insane fact: that whereas those three countries could arm 18,000 men with modern weapons and make them the equals of 3,000,000 men of Napoleon's day, and accomplish with them all necessary war-work, they waste their money and the prosperity-creating forces of their populations in piling together 349,982,000 extra Waterloo equivalents, which they would have no sort of use for if they would only stop drinking, and sit down and cipher a little.

Perpetual peace we cannot have, on any terms, I suppose, but I hope we can gradually reduce the war strength of Europe till we get it down to what it ought to be—20,000 men, properly armed. Then we can have all the peace that is worth while, and when we want a war anybody can afford it.

MARK TWAIN.

Among the others who have placed their pens and pencils at the disposal of the Crusade are Mr. Björnson, the famous Norwegian novelist, Père Hyacinthe, the illustrious French preacher, Mrs. L. T. Meade, Mr. Grant Allen, Sarah Grand, Mr. Felix Moscheles, Mr. Silas K. Hocking, Mr. F. Carruthers Gould, Sir Lewis Morris, Max Nordau, and many other eminent men of letters.

"Ouida," the novelist, has written declaring that the moment is most inopportune for a Peace Crusade, because "England is given over to a roaring, ramping war lust." To whom Madame Novikoff wittily replies that it is the first time she ever heard that when the conflagration breaks out it is inopportune to call out the fire brigade.

THE COLONEL'S MISTAKE.

A ROYAL ROMANCE.

CHAPTER I.

She was fair—at least, her hair was—but she wasn't fat; neither was she forty. Her age (she told the Colonel) was five-and-twenty; and the Colonel, who is nothing if not gallant, declared that she didn't look it. Her figure was indescribable by any firm commonly used in connection with the female form divine. Perhaps some idea of her proportions may be conveyed by pirating the joke of a music-hall comedian, who described his affinity's figure as "like the figure 1 the same size all the way down."

But what mattered that? Did not local rumour—Quipsborough rumour—ascribe to Miss Pringle a fortune that could only be reckoned in tens of thousands sterling? And what figure, the Colonel would ask his cronies at the Quipsborough Club, could equal a figure like that?

Colonel Barrington, portly, pompous, and half-pain, declared himself enchanted with Miss Pringle, and that fair damsel was more than suspected of a partiality for the Colonel. Quipsborough had all along evinced a languid interest in these two, for some said that the portly son of Mars had a serious rival in his nephew, young Lieutenant Loveday, who was also a constant visitor at the Pringle residence.

A conversation that passed between the Colonel and Loveday at the Quipsborough Club would have given the local gossips many useful points. The Colonel has passed his third glass, and was in a confidential mood.

"Harold," said the man of war—Harold was the Lieutenant's front name—"I've some news for you, my boy—good news, too. I'm going to marry that wealthy Miss Pringle! What d'ye think of that eh?"

"Nonsense, uncle! at your time of life, too!"

"And what of my time of life, young jackanapes?" Obviously the Colonel was ruffled. "My time of life, indeed! Why, boy, it's never too late to marry £40,000!"

"Perhaps so; but you won't do it, uncle. You're not serious, are you?"

"Not serious? Bless the boy the thing's as good as settled. I shall fix it up to-morrow,"

"Not you, uncle!" And Lieutenant Loveday with astounding audacity, leaned back in his chair and softly whistled the opening bars of 'A Frog He Would a-Wooing Go.' Luckily for the peace of Quipsborough the Colonel did not recognise the air. But the laugh with which the Lieutenant concluded the whistle was bad enough.

"Confound you, you young rascal," and the Colonel's face turned a lovely magenta: "I tell you it's practically a settled thing."

"Well, I'll bet against your settled thing."

"What'll you bet?" The Colonel was fond of his "flutter."

"Anything you like."

"Anything I like! Well you're a nice young reprobate, aren't you? Anything I like, indeed! Well, say we say an even five thousand—how would that suit you, Master Crœsus?" The Colonel's sarcasm meant to wither, but it didn't.

"As you please, uncle," replied the Lieutenant, not a whit perturbed; "but, excuse me, don't you think we had better make it something a little more—ahem—within your means? Say, for instance, a hundred pounds, eh, uncle?"

"All right," uncle growled. That reference to his means was a home thrust. With Colonel Barrington impecuniosity was chronic.

"The strange bet was booked. "I—bet—uncle," said Loveday aloud, as he pencilled the words in his notebook; "I—bet—Uncle Barrington—he won't marry—wealthy Pringle." And the look on the young soldier's face as he closed the book with a click was one of lively satisfaction.

"You young dog," said the Colonel, as he buttoned up his greatcoat an hour later—"you young dog! I believe you are after that forty thousand yourself."

CHAPTER II.

At Azalea Villa, Miss Pringle's home, a merry party of four sat round the Pringle mahogany, intent on tea and watercress. Miss Pringle, staid and statuesque, manipulated the teapot. On her right sat the Colonel; and on her left the Lieutenant (pun really unavoidable); and facing her, her niece, Rose Pringle—a pretty girl with an ugly name. She looked radiant this summer afternoon, did pretty Rose, so did the Lieutenant. And so also, in a more dignified way, did the Colonel.

Miss Pringle, touched by the delicate attentions of the latter, beamed benignly upon all. Tea over, Rose and the Lieutenant contrived to find their way out into the garden, and the Colonel was left alone with the elder Miss Pringle. This was the warrior's opportunity. He opened the engagement forthwith.

"Miss Pringle," he commenced, "dear Miss Pringle—er—you must have noticed—er—in the course of my visits to—er—this charming abode—that I—er—"

"It has not escaped my observation, Colonel," said Miss Pringle, almost sweetly.

"Quite so; I was sure of it, my dear Miss Pringle—may I not say my dear Julia?" Whereat dear Julia simpered a little, and did not say, no. "Thank you so much! Now, dear Julia, I'm a plain man"—Miss Pringle raised her eyes deprecatingly—"yes, Julia, I'm a plain man; and to come to the simple facts, it would be the greatest happiness of my life to call you Mrs. Barrington." Here there was a total eclipse of Pringle; the mistress of the house, with an impressive rustle of her black silk, had retired behind her fan. "Speak, my dear Julia," said the attacking party; "I am all impatience to hear my fate. Pray do not keep me in suspense!"

And she didn't. In some manner quite as indescribable as her own personal charms the Pringle edifice melted—the gloomy fortress capitulated to the valorous Barrington.

"You have made me very happy, Julia," said he. "I am an old man now"—here came another gesture of dissent from his inamorata—"but it shall be my constant aim to make you happy. As to money matters, the present, I think, is no time for such sordid considerations."

"Oh, what delicity of feeling!" whispered Julia. "Dear Jonathan, how happy we shall be!"

And what puzzled dear Jonathan as he ambled home that night was how on earth she came to know his Christian name.

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Three months later Colonel and Mrs. Barrington—two days wedded—were honeymooning at Hastings. On the third morning of their stay, the Miss Pringle that used to be sat at the breakfast table impatiently awaiting her lord's descent from the upper regions of the Breakwater Boarding House.

And well she might await him. A thunderbolt had fallen at the feet of that doughty man. Just as he emerged from his dressing-room this letter was placed in the colonel's hand:—

My Dear Nunkey,—Enclosed is a cheque for £100. You did not marry the *wealthy* Miss Pringle, but I will adhere to the spirit of our wager. Rose was the heiress, not Julia; and as poor little Rose seemed lonely without her aunt, I have married her myself.

Affectionately,

Harold Loveday.

"Confound it!" said the Colonel. It was all he could say for some minutes. While he still stood in an almost dazed condition on the landing, the words "Jonathan, dear," pitched in the high tones of Mrs. Barrington, came floating up the staircase from below. "Bother your 'Jonathan dear!'" Said the irate Colonel—mentally of course. "And confound that young jackanapes!" he added as he walked slowly downstairs. "Still"—this as he fondled the young jackanape's remittance—"this cheque will be uncommonly useful!"

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN HOME MISSIONS.

Mr. G. Maddison, a student in Headingley College, preached two good sermons on Sunday in the Wesleyan Church, Rothwell, and collections were made on behalf of the Home Mission Fund.

Last evening the public meeting was held in the same place, attended by a fair congregation. After devotional exercises, led by the Rev. J. B. Maltby, the chair was taken by Mr. J. R. Seanor, J.P., who warmly supported the object for which they were met and urged more actual mission work in our own town.

From the report read by Mr. Maltby, it appears that last year's income was over £28,000, which sum has been reached by steady increases year by year for some time; towards this Rothwell circuit has contributed £20 8s 9d. It was pointed out that this circuit has been and is still receiving about £40 a year from this fund.

The gentlemen sent to represent the Central Society were the Rev. Joseph Rhodes, of Wakefield, (who was well known in Rothwell over 31 years ago), and Moses Atkinson, Esq., of Leeds, a gentleman whose time, talents, and wealth are entirely occupied in furthering good objects.

Mr. Atkinson, after recounting some of the purposes assisted by this fund, in the villages, in city slums, amongst the soldiers and sailors, and in many other ways, referred to the past history of Methodism, and argued that greater and grander results were still in store. He rejoiced in what had been accomplished in the last 150 years, but this was nothing compared to what might be done, and what they were expecting to do, in the future. He ridiculed the notion that Methodism had had its day, and pointed with enthusiasm to the splendid response the country was making to the appeals of the Twentieth Century Fund. He trusted all the officers and members of the Rothwell Church would put forth every effort to make their work successful, and exhibit such enthusiasm as would cause others to be attracted to the same blessed faith and service.

The Rev. Joseph Rhodes soon caught the sympathy and interest of his hearers, and made a touching reference to early associations with Rothwell, and of his sainted mother's life and character, mentioning especially her joy and pride in seeing her first and seventh sons occupying the pulpits in which the greatest Methodist ministers had preached. Mr. Rhodes is remembered as possessing a lovely tenor voice which he sometimes used in his services, and many years ago in Rothwell; for some years he has been the highly esteemed precentor for the Wesleyan Conference. Turning to the object of the meeting, Mr. Rhodes has had considerable experience in many descriptions of Home Mission work, on several of which he spoke most effectively. Referring to the south-western part of England, where one might travel a few years ago for 50 miles, without seeing a Methodist Chapel, there are now numbers of pretty little churches, erected by the efforts of such men as Mr. Pocock and the Rev. Thomas Champness. He told some pathetic stories of his experiences as a soldiers' chaplain, and urged the need of help for over 20,000 soldiers and sailors who have been trained in Methodist Sunday Schools. He also gave amusing incidents in connection with his life in London, amongst the highest and the lowest of its teeming population. Speaking on the need for Methodist Gospel teaching, he remarked that while he rejoiced in the noble stand for Protestantism and religious freedom made by ministers of the Anglican clergy, as evidenced by the memorable petition presented to the Hull conference by Hull clergymen, and would do all he could to help them in maintaining the true faith, he felt that great efforts were necessary in order to release the thousands of villages from the evil tendencies of ritualistic persons, where no evangelical influence was permitted.

Both the speeches were listened to with deep interest, and were frequently applauded, hearty thanks being afterwards conveyed to the deputation and to the chairman for their services. A collection was, of course, taken for Home Mission purposes.

REPORTS OF THE ROTHWELL NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

Her Majesty's Inspector's reports on the above schools are just to hand, and are of a very satisfactory character to all concerned. The reports are as follows:—"Mixed School.—This school is under good discipline. The instruction has been painstaking and the attainments now justify the recommendation of the higher principal grant."

	Grants possible	Grants earned
Principal	12s or 14s	14s
Discipline	1s or 1s 6d	1s 6
Drawing	1s 9d	1s 9 boys
Needlework	1s	1s girls
Singing	6d or 1s	1s
Elementary Science	1s or 2s	2s
Geography	1s or 2s	2s

35 girls have earned the grant of 4s for cookery. The schools are again exempt from examination under Article 84 (C). Percy Myton, 3rd. year, has passed "well," and the candidates have all been successful.

"Infant school.—Good work is being done. Reading and oral answering need special attention."

	Grants possible	Grants earned
Fixed Grant	7s or 9s	9s
Variable Grant	2s., 4s., or 6s	6s.
Needlework & Drawing	1s	1s
Singing	6d or 1s	1s

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL A.B.C.

The meeting of the above, which was well attended, was addressed on Sunday last, by Mr. Paul, of Leeds, who delivered an original address on the singular topic of "Straight strokes and pot-hooks." The vocalist was Miss Fanny Howarth, who did very well in her selections. The proceedings were presided over by Mr. Eli Ward.

TO MOTHERS.—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is pleasant to taste; it produces natural quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." Of all Chemists, 1s. 1½d per bottle.

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. Ed.]

I hear that two of our Rothwell Haigh Councillors are to interview our School Board at its meeting to-night, so that we may expect interesting reading of the report of their proceedings a week hence. Councillors Hargreaves and Abbishaw may be relied upon to press home the interests of the dwellers in their growing district, and will, I think, leave no stone unturned in trying to bring our School Board representatives to a better decision than was come to a month ago.

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People should note what that eminent scientist, Sir William Crookes, has been saying before the London Water Commission. He thinks the supply available for the metropolis from the Thames is highly satisfactory; but he thinks further, and so pronounces it, that all private filters are worse than useless. The dictum will not be relished by the makers and vendors of the various filters, but if what Sir William says is sage, none of us need grieve much concerning their disappointment. He holds that the surest way to render aquatic microbes altogether harmless is to boil the water which may contain them. And this the poorest may do. Will they take the trouble? Surely it is worth while!

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In passing along Leadwell Lane the other day I was pleased to see that our Sanitary authority had covered over the dangerous ditch at the far side of the bridge and up as far as the first row of houses. This accomplishment has no doubt been waiting the main sewer service, and will be greatly appreciated by the inhabitants of the locality, and those who have frequently to pass up and down the lane, for the open sewer has long been a nuisance in summer time, but under old conditions could not very well be obviated.

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Road rollers are awkward pieces of machinery to manipulate when they gravitate into a road side ditch and are not easily brought back on to hard macadam. The successor of Miss Enterprise, I heard, the other day, got into such a difficulty this week and but for the friendly assistance of a like machine that happened to be passing, might have experienced greater difficulty in getting back into the proper course.

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This happened in Carlton Lane, where the Highway Committee are having the road substantially repaired. In this locality some attention might be paid to the causeway at the top side of the Board Schools, which in such weather as we have lately experienced, is wretched. If the Council cannot compel the boundary wall to be repaired, at any rate they might see that the causeway is kept clear of wallstones on dark nights, and that the clay and filth are occasionally removed from the sidewalk.

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France remains in a ferment, over the Dreyfus business, and will do, likely, for some time yet to come. It is a pity some decisive and fairly judicial solution of this puzzle cannot be compassed.

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The continuous storms have wrought very serious havoc off the coast and elsewhere. Most people have by now had enough roaring wind and wet; and what is most wanted is seasonable frost. The deficit of rain-fall on the land is made up quite; and, if we could get a stretch of severe weather the grubs in the ground, which have risen prematurely too near the surface by reason of abnormal warmth, will be destroyed in multitudes. But if the mildness should continue the outlook for farmer and gardener will not be good. Insect life requires the restraining force of genuine winter to keep it in check. And it is a long time now since we had a "killing frost." Seasonable meteorological circumstances and conditions are the best for the body politic, and what we have had in the weather way recently has certainly been more varied than charmful.

FORETERS' CHILDREN'S PARTY.

The Rothwell Central Hall presented a very pretty animated picture on Wednesday evening, when a number of children, mostly members of the Independent Order of Foresters' families, were entertained to an excellent meat tea, followed by dancing, games, and music. Amongst the juveniles who assisted in the entertainment, were Adeline Barker (violin), Donald Batty (song), and others. The affair passed off very successfully and was greatly enjoyed by both children and parents.

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FOOTBALL.

[Will the Secretaries of Football Clubs kindly send a List of Fixtures, and also reports of all matches (second elevens also) as early, in each week, as possible.]

RUGBY.

SECOND COMPETITION—EAST DIVISION.

	Pld	W	L	D	Pts	Points For G	T	P	Against G	T	P
Hull K R	11	10	0	0	22	35	65	260	2	3	13
Outwood C	12	9	2	1	19	9	14	60	5	5	25
Featherstn	12	9	3	0	18	14	36	136	6	8	38
Kinsley ..	13	8	4	1	17	13	17	77	8	13	55
Normanton	15	8	7	0	16	9	28	102	13	16	74
Goole	17	7	10	0	14	16	21	95	20	39	157
York ...	13	6	7	0	12	10	28	104	11	19	79
Rothwell..	13	2	10	1	5	9	10	48	14	28	112
Ripon....	10	2	8	0	4	2	6	22	23	52	202
Pontefract	14	1	12	1	3	7	6	32	19	43	167

E. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

ROTHWELL V. IDLE.

Fine weather favoured the outside pastime on Saturday afternoon last, but on account of the recent heavy rain most of the enclosures were in a heavy condition. The Idle fifteen were expected at Rothwell, and turned up in time for this ordinary fixture. There was only a poor attendance of spectators, the popularity of the team having somewhat waned of late, as a result of the teams indifferent play. The visitors are a big set of players, and on entering the field looked quite capable of holding their own against the smaller-built Rothwell lads. Morgan kicked off down hill, but was soon incapacitated owing to slight injury, and was of very little use throughout the remainder of the game. The home team soon got up a strong attack, a minor resulting. Some nice passing form was witnessed amongst the Rothwell backs, and Taylor securing, made a dash for the line and scored after a long sprint from near the centre. Hemsworth made a splendid attempt from the line side, the ball falling only a few yards short of the bar. Idle next had a turn in the attack, and jeopardised the home citadel, but a free kick from a mark by Blackburn, a Rothwell player, who made up for the visitors, proved futile, although in a somewhat promising position. On a similar penalty being awarded the visitors, Wright put the ball neatly between the posts. With only a point difference in the score, the game became more interesting, and the home players put their full strength into operations. Ward then took the ball down the field at his toes, and after a long run succeeded in scoring a good try, from which Morrell kicked an easy goal. Arthur Ward scored again, but the place failed. Half-time was soon afterwards called, the score being Rothwell 1 goal 3 tries (11 points) to Idle 1 goal (2 points). Playing down hill the visitors showed better combination, which, with the advantage of playing towards the town uprights told against the home defenders. Taylor and Morrell made a good passing pace up the field, and took play on to the visitors' line. The relief was, however, only for a short time, as the Idle forwards by strong play, rushed the ball down to the low corner, where stubborn scrimmages were contested. Rothwell relieved, and Gillings added to their score with another try, from which a nice goal was landed. Idle now had a stiff tussle and tried hard to retrieve their position, an attempt in which they were only partially successful, the second half only producing two tries to their credit. The last ten minutes' play were all in favour of the visitors, but the home team proved victorious, the score on the whistle blowing time reading thus:—Rothwell 2 goals 4 tries (16 points) to Idle 1 goal 2 tries (8 points).

WOODLESFORD V. ALTOFTS.

WEST YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.

This match was played at Woodlesford on Saturday afternoon last, in fine weather and before a moderate attendance of spectators. The home team started towards the brewery goal, and the visitors scored soon after commencement. From the first the visitors showed their superiority, and had the Woodlesford goal practically at their mercy. Their custodian was hardly pressed and had a lively time of it, at half-time the ball having been put through five times, whilst the visitors' citadel remained completely intact. During the second half Haigh made a fine run for Woodlesford, but failed in his shot at goal. An attempt by Altofts hit the crossbar, but succeeding attempts met with better success, and on the call of time the visitors left the field victorious, having a score of 9 goals to the home team *nil*.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

RUGBY.

At Morley—Morley v Rothwell.

ROTHWELL TEAM—Full back, B Cromack; three-quarter backs, J Fieldhouse, O Taylor, B Kelly, J Morrell; half-backs, B Morrell, F Robinson; forwards, W Shaw, H Hemsworth, E Godley, J Ward, G Bulmer, E Ambler, F Fidler, W Speight, A Gillings.

ASSOCIATION.

At Oulton—Normanton Dodsworth Institute v Oulton

OULTON TEAM—Goal, H W Higgins; backs, W Inman, F Bradley; half backs, D Raybould, O Inman F Bell; forwards, A T Murtland, W Hutchinson, J E Taylor, C Weddall (capt), H Mitchell; Reserves, A Higgins, P Higgins, C Hullah.

At Eastmoor—Woodlesford v Eastmoor.

WOODLESFORD TEAM—Goal, C Dinsdale; backs, A Mirfin, D Johnson; half-backs, G Taylor, H McWilliams, I Hobson; forwards, H Bedford, C Taylor, J Snook, P Haigh, F J Ferritt; Reserves, P Lawn, F Johnson.

At Woodlesford—Sheepscar v Woodlesford 'A.'

WOODLESFORD A TEAM—Goal, A Jones; backs, F Johnson, F Walshaw; half backs, J W Wilkinson, H Boyes, J T Pickersgill; forwards, W Haigh, W B Cartwright (capt), P Lawn, B Jones, H Jones Reserves, S Hoyle, H Nicholson.

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ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE BAZAAR WORKERS.

The workers in connection with the successful bazaar held at Christmas, under the auspices of the Rothwell Temperance Society, met together on Saturday last, according to custom, and partook of a substantial tea in the Temperance Hall. There were about thirty or forty present, who in the evening joined in various kinds of indoor games, dancing, &c. and altogether enjoyed a very pleasant reunion.

SERVICE OF SONG AT THE ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE HALL.

On Sunday evening last in the above hall, the Temperance Society's choir rendered the popular service of song, "Rhoda, or the Gipsy Girl's mission of love." There was a crowded audience and the effort of the vocalists was much appreciated. Miss Sidebottom was the reader, Mr. T. Blackburn, conductor, and Mr. Sidney Bedford accompanist. The story was profusely illustrated by limelight views, Mr. Wright Stead having charge of the lantern. Collections were taken on behalf of the Society's funds.

TEMPERANCE LECTURES.

Mr. E. W. Pike, agent of the Yorkshire Band of Hope Union, has this week delivered temperance lectures in the district under the auspices of the Rothwell and District Band of Hope Union. The meetings have been held at Oulton Free church, Carlton Wesleyan School, Rothwell Wesleyan school, and Robin Hood Free Church, the chairman at the respective places being Mr. J. W. Dinsdale, Rev. J. B. Maltby, Mr. J. Shurmer, and Councillor J. Abbishaw. The meetings have been moderately attended and collections have been made in support of the Union's funds.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

On Friday last, a very pleasant evening was spent at the meeting of the above Association, in listening to a selection of "Reading, Grave and Gay," by Mr. Authur Batty. There was considerable variety both in the topics and authors comprising the programme and the manner in which they were given fully sustained the reputation of the entertainer, who is so well-known in these matters. The Rev. J. B. Maltby was in the chair, and cordially supported the vote of thanks accorded to Mr. Batty, on the motion of Mr. Marshall and Mrs. Shurmer.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A.

A good attendance was addressed at the above service on Sunday afternoon last, in the Wesleyan Chapel, by Mr. George Maddison, of Headingley College, who took for his subject, "Too much of a good thing," pointing out that though rich cakes, the power of speech, etc., were good things in moderation, they became nauseous if used or taken too liberally; this, he said, did not apply to the love of Jesus Christ, it was impossible to get too much of that. Mr. Denton presided, and the lesson was read by Mr. Sam Nunns. The soloist, was Miss Mary Blackburn, who is only 9 years of age, her selections being "The Last Milestone," and "The Star of Bethlehem," they were much appreciated. A collection was taken for expenses.

BILLIARDS.

OULTON INSTITUTE v ROTHWELL.

The return match with six-a-side teams was played at the Oulton Institute on Wednesday evening last, before a crowded and appreciative audience. The result was as follows:—

OULTON.	Points	ROTHWELL.	Points
Mr. J. Thompson ..	75	Mr. H. Clark	100
Mr. E. Haslegrave..	70	Mr. Haigh	100
Mr. W. Clegg ..	100	Mr. W. E. Richardson	51
Dr. James (capt) ..	100	Dr. Buck (capt)....	43
Mr. P. Higgins	100	Mr. J. B. Wimbush	82
Mr. A. T. Murtland	100	Mr. H. S. Atkinson	80
Total ...	545	Total....	456

CHESS.

FARSLEY v WOODLESFORD.

Played at Farsley on Saturday. Score:—

FARSLEY.		WOODLESFORD.	
C. H. Slater	0	W. C. Owen	1
J. R. Busfield	1	H. Graves	0
C. Busfield	½	J. W. Hampshire	½
W H. Sharpe	1	J. T. Sockwell	0
D. Grimshaw	1	W. H. Flockton	0
Tom Page	1	W. Lockwood	0
Total	4½	Total	1½

FACTS AND FANCIES.

DIDN'T CARE FOR THEM.

Overheard at a Sunday-school treat.

Teacher (to little boy): "You don't seem to be getting on very well with the pork pies, Johnny."

Johnny (hesitatingly): "No, mum."

Teacher: "Have you had sufficient then, Johnny?"

Johnny: "Well it ain't exactly that mum, but you see I works where they makes 'em."

IT SOUNDS AWFUL.

Landlady (of London lodging-house, bawling from bottom of stairs): "Mary have you finished sweeping Mr. Simpson, yet?"

Mary (over bannisters): "Yes, m'm."

Landlady: "Have you dusted Mr. Briggs and cleaned out Mr. Taylor?"

Mary: "Yes, m'm."

Landlady: "Well, then, blacklead Mr. Jenkins first, and then come down here and give the Frenchman a good scrubbing as soon as the sweeps go."

QUITE ENOUGH.

When the late Rev. Dr. Lawrie, of London was examining a few of his parishioners in a country district, he asked John Anderson, a stolid farmer, to repeat the Tenth Commandment. John stumbled on as far as "thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house," and then stopped.

"Come on," said the doctor; "thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife."

"Na, na," said John, "nane o' that, doctor. I hae eneuch to dae wi' oor Tinnie at hame to want ony man's wife."

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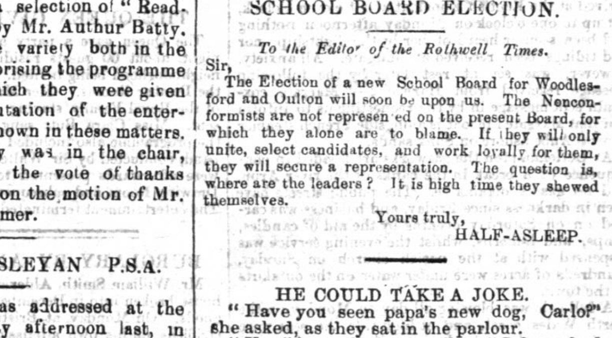

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OULTON AND WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times.

Sir,

The Election of a new School Board for Woodlesford and Oulton will soon be upon us. The Nonconformists are not represented on the present Board, for which they alone are to blame. If they will only unite, select candidates, and work loyally for them, they will secure a representation. The question is, where are the leaders? It is high time they shewed themselves.

Yours truly,

HALF-ASLEEP.

HE COULD TAKE A JOKE.

"Have you seen papa's new dog, Carlo?" she asked, as they sat in the parlour.

"Yes," he replied uneasily; "I have had the pleasure of meeting him."

"Isn't he splendid? He is so affectionate!" she said.

"I noticed he was very demonstrative," returned he, as he moved very uneasily in the chair.

"He is very playful, too, I never saw a more playful animal in my life before."

"I am glad to hear you say that."

"Why?" she questioned

"Because I was rather afraid that when he bit that piece out of my leg the other evening he was in earnest. But if he was only in play, of course its all right. I can take fun as well as anybody."

ALTERING THE PROGRAMME.

A masher walking up and down the platform of a railway station with a companion who had come to see him off, observed two handsome girls enter a first-class carriage.

"Look here," he said to his companion, "I well get into the same compartment, and I'll tell you what I want you to do. When the train is about to start, you come up and touch your hat and say to me; "My Lord, the guns and dogs are in the van.""

His companion smiled assent. The masher took his seat with a lordly air in the same carriage with the young ladies whose interest he wished to excite. The moment arrived, and the train began to move, when his companion came up to the carriage window.

"Hey Jack," he shouted, "tell your master to be sure to send those trousers of mine by Saturday!"

HE TOOK ALL BUT ONE.

The porter of a sleeping-car on the Scotch express aroused half a dozen of the male sleepers to ask if they had anything to cure a case of colic. A commercial for a city hardware house fumbled around in his coat, and finally said:

"Here's a box of soda-mints, which may help him. He can use the whole box, and be hanged to him, for he's no business to have colic!"

Nothing furuher was heard of the case until morning, when a strapping young man, with a Far-West look in his hair, came into the sleepers with the mint-box in his hand, and, inquiring for the commercial said:

"Took 'em all but one, and they smashed my colic right in the eye. How much to pay?"

"Nothing, sir, I'm only too glad to have been of service to you."

When the other had gone he opened the box, and we saw his hair trying to climb up.

"Great Scot! but what do you think?" he gasped.

"What is it?"

"I gave him the wrong box, and he's swallowed eleven bone collar-buttons!"

HE RESPECTED HIS LAST WISHES.

Two cowboys once met on a Texas plain and rode along together. They were strangers to each other, and their notions as to the merits of right and wrong were about as loose as possible. Suddenly one of the "boys" made a suspicious movement towards his hip-pocket. Instantly the other drew his revolver and shot him dead.

The "live" boy then dismounted, gazed steadily at his victim and said to himself:

"Now, I wonder if he was really going to shoot me? The evidence was agin him, but anyway I'll see for myself." Turning the body over, he discovered that the only murderous weapon the dead man bore was a whisky; and then in sorrowful tones he said:

"Such a blessed fool I am! I've killed an innocent man and a perfect gentleman. He wasn't going to shoot me; he merely intended to invite me to have a drink." As he drew his sleeve acrss his mouth he continued: "The last wishes of deceased shall be duly respected."

Then he emptied the flask and went on his way.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

The Annual
'OLD FOLKS' TREAT
Will be held
On WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8th, 1899,
When a number of friends will give a
GRAND CONCERT.
Further particulars later.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.
MR.
DAN BILLINGTON,
The NOTED BASSO, will sing at the
CONCERT
In the MECHANICS' HALL, ROTHWELL,
On FEBRUARY 20th, 1899.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A. SOCIETY.
ONE HOUR ONLY. 3 to 4.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th,
Speaker:—REV. J. T. TYREMAN.
Violincello Solos:—Mr. CHARLES WARD.
Everybody Invited. Prizes given for Attendance
G. HOLT, Hon. Sec

ROTHWELL TENNIS BALL.
The Committee of the above, beg to announce that the
ANNUAL BALL
Will take place at the
ROTHWELL MECHANICS' INSTITUTE,
On FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 1899.

COMING EVENTS REGISTER.

The proprietors of this journal propose opening a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

Feb. 3rd—Rothwell Tennis Ball.
Feb. 9—Mr. B. W. Higgins' Concert in the Harold Hall, Oulton.
Feb. 14—Parish Tea and Dramatic Entertainment.
Feb. 20—Rev. J. Arthur Alderson's Evening Concert in the Mechanics' Institute.
April 29, 1899—Woodlesford Jumble Sale
Apr. 3, 4 & 5—Public Luncheon and Grand National Bazaar in Board Schools for Primitive Methodist Trust Funds.
May 24 & 25, 1899—Woodlesford Board Schools, Bazaar in aid of the Parish Room Fund.

GOOD COUNTRY REGISTRY OFFICE.—Mistresses and Servants quickly suited.—Mrs. Tuley, Swithens Street, Rothwell, Leeds. Terms moderate. Call or write

TENDERS.

LOFTHOUSE-WITH-CARLTON SCHOOL BOARD.

TENDERS are invited for the erection of a New Class Room to Carlton Schools. Plans may be seen and Bills of Quantities obtained at the Offices of the Architect, Mr Walter E. Richardson, 28, Bond Street, Leeds. Sealed and endorsed Tenders to be delivered to me not later than Saturday, the 4th February, 1899.
The Board do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.
JOHN H. LEE,
18, St John's Square, Wakefield. Clerk to the Board.

DEATHS.

BROADHEAD—Jan. 21st, aged 22 months, Florence, daughter of William Broadhead, Middleton.
CRIPPS—Jan. 24th, aged 22 months, Charles William son of Thomas George Cripps Rothwell.
FIRTH—Jan. 25th, aged 7 months, George Andrew, son of Jarves Firth, John O'Gaunts, Rothwell.
WESTERMAN—Jan. 20th, aged 79 years, Henry Westerman, Stourton.

IN MEMORIAM

DREW—In loving memory of my dear husband, Matthew Henry Drew, who died at King's Lynn, January 29th, 1896.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley

Friday, January 27, 1899.

ROTHWELL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

THE PROPOSED SCHOOL EXTENSION.

A DEPUTATION FROM WOOD LANE.

WILL THE BALANCING POWER BE BENEFICIALLY INFLUENCED THEREBY?

SIGNIFICANT REMARKS.

The monthly meeting of the above Board was held on Friday night, in the Board room, Carlton Lane, Mr. A. Batty (chairman) presiding. There were also in attendance Messrs. T. Park, J. Elstob, J. Butterick, W. Lunn, B. Richardson, and the Rev. J. A. Alderson, with the clerk (Mr. Marshall), attendance officer (Mr. Denton), and a few ratepayers.

THE NEW INFANTS' SCHOOL MISTRESS.

At a special meeting of the Board held at Stourton, seven applications for the position of infant mistressship at Rothwell, were considered. On the motion of Mr. Alderson, Miss Clara Pound was appointed at a salary of £75 per annum

THE TEMPORARY SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION.

In connection with the proposed removal of the whole of the infants to the temporary premises at the Wesleyan School, it was recommended to ask for the use of two class-rooms.

This was agreed to; Mr. Butterick also intimated that temporary permission had been given for the use of another of the Wesleyan class-rooms as a cloak-room.

THE PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL.

In answer to advertisements for a suitable plot of land on which to erect an infants' school, at the low side of the East and West Railway, in Wood Lane district, only one offer had been made. It was arranged that a meeting of the whole Board take place to inspect the land and other suitable plots. This meeting took place on Friday, the 13th inst., when it was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr. Farrer asking area and price of land at the top and bottom end of Holt's field in Wood Lane, and also of the land in Carlton Lane adjoining the Board Schools, and Mr. Newsome, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Farrer, for prices of sites in Churchfield.

Mr. Farrer had written stating that he could not give the information until after Monday.

Bearing on this subject, a deputation consisting of Councillors J. Hargreaves, J. Abbishaw, and W. W Harrison, with Mr. G. Bramley and Mr. Harriman, interviewed the Board and presented a memorial.

The Chairman, on the deputation coming into the room, said they had already received intimation through the public press, of the intention of some of these gentlemen coming before the Board, and they would now be glad to hear what they had to say.

Mr. Hargreaves said they were present to represent a large and influential body of ratepayers, who needed some consideration at the Board's hands. He then proceeded to read a petition from the inhabitants of the Haigh, signed by about 144 householders, and representing about 186 houses, besides the Children's Homes. The petition reads:—"Gentlemen.—We, the undersigned, being the ratepayers of the Rothwell Haigh district, beg to petition you in favour of an Infants' School in our neighbourhood. We consider that the time has now arrived when the children of a large body of ratepayers in this locality should have some consideration. There are no less than about 291 children residing here, and this number is rapidly increasing every year. Many parents keep their very young children at home simply on account of the great distance they have to travel, and even the older children are not permitted to venture in very rough weather. If an Infants' School were erected here, it would be in the interest of the Board, as a better average attendance would be maintained. We therefore humbly beg that the Board will look at this request from an unbiassed standpoint, and take the necessary steps to carry out a long-felt necessity by erecting an Infant School in this locality." Mr. Hargreaves said they did not come before the Board to represent any particular sect or party, religious, political, or otherwise, but only in the interests of a number of children who could not help themselves. They felt that the time had come when the children of Rothwell Haigh should not be compelled to walk twice to school, either to Carlton Lane or into Commercial Street. It was now some ten years since they first came before the Board with the same request, and it was a matter about which the ratepayers of the Haigh felt very strongly. He referred the Board to Mr. Butterick, who knew well that it was the wish of the Hunslet Board of Guardians that provision should be made for their children at a nearer point than it was at present. Besides the children at the Homes, there would be the Workhouse on the Haigh before very long, and an additional number of children which were brought into the Workhouse, and came under the Guardians' care, would have to have school accommodation provided for them. To have to go to school in Carlton Lane or Commercial Street from the far side of Shop Lane, he did not think, was a reasonable thing, especially when the children would have to go to their dinner at noon, and return by half-past one. Rothwell Haigh was not now a small locality of twenty houses or so; it was a rapidly growing district, as the fact that at the present time plans were being prepared for filling up a field not far from Spibey Lane, with 20 houses, went to prove. He asked any sensible person to look at the question in the interests of the children, and he would be bound to admit that something should be done. The winter had been an exceptional one for wet, wind, and rain, and all would know what diseases exposure to the same was apt to bring on. They would admit, he thought, that if any money was to be spent on new schools, it should not be spent on the south side of the railway, but rather on the north side. Before rushing to spend money on the south side, as had been proposed, he asked them to seriously consider the matter, and to spend the ratepayers' money for the benefit of those who had to pay. The petition had been somewhat hurriedly got up, and some of the out-lying houses had not been visited, but of those people visited, only three had refused to sign.

Councillors Abbishaw and Harrison, Mr. Harriman and Mr. G. Bramley, also spoke in support of the petition.

Mr. Lunn: Do I understand that 30 or 40 more children, besides those from the Homes, will be to educate when the new Workhouse is built?

Mr. Hargreaves: Yes, always that number.

Mr. Butterick: It is not for us to assist the petitioners, but as one of the Guardians, I think I may be considered as one of them. One of the Homes at Rothwell Haigh is now standing empty, but will very shortly be full of children, all eligible to attend school, and that, I think, is a strong point lost sight of by Mr Hargreaves.

Mr. Hargreaves: That is so.

The Chairman: It is only fair that we should hear all your views; perhaps if there were more of these deputations better results might be achieved. I am sorry the deputation has not attended earlier, as if they had, perhaps some of the malcontents might have been led—with the influential letters that have appeared in the public press—to act differently. We cannot go any further in the matter to-night, as three Board meetings must intervene before it can be brought up again. Those who were in favour of the motion will bring it forward again, no doubt, at the earliest possible moment.

After the deputation had withdrawn, it was discussed as to whether the business could not be voted as one of emergency, but as such a resolution must be carried unanimously, it was decided to let the matter rest until it can be brought forward again, after the specified lapse of time.

It was proposed by Mr. Butterick that the Rothwell schools being already overcrowded, and having heard that a number of children come from the Lofthouse with Carlton district, a letter be written to the School Board for that district, asking their observations on the subject, and also drawing attention to several bad attenders; seconded by Mr. Elstob, and carried.

THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

The reports of Her Majesty's Inspectors on the two Schools had been received, and were very satisfactory. The following are the particulars of the grants earned by the Rothwell Schools:—

MIXED SCHOOL.

	s.	d.
Principal Grant, 12s 6d or 14s ..	14	0
Discipline & Organization, 1s or 1s 6d	1	6
Singing by Note, 1s ..	1	0
Class Subjects, 1s or 2s, (Elementary Science and English)	2	0
„ „ (Geography)	2	0
Grant on Total Average Attendance	20	6

INFANTS.

	s.	d.
Fixed Grant, 7s or 9s ..	9	0
Variable Grant, 2s, 4s, or 6s	6	0
Needlework and Drawing, 1s	1	0
Singing by Note, 1s ..	1	0
Grant on Total Average Attendance	17	0

SUMMARY.

	£	s.	d.
Mixed—300 at 20s 6d	307	10	0
129 at 1s 9d (Drawing)	11	5	9
170 at 1s (Needlework)	8	10	0
P.T.'s grants	6	0	0
„ „ (Drawing)	1	0	0
53 at 4s (Cookery)	10	12	0
Infants—180 at 17s	110	10	0
P.T. Grant	3	0	0
„ „ (Drawing)	0	10	0
Total Grant	458	17	9
Balance of Fee Grant	65	5	0
	£524	2	9

MIXED SCHOOL.—"The provision of further suitable accommodation has become urgent. The school has improved in attainments sufficiently to allow of the recommendation of the higher principal grant. Fluency in reading, and position drill in writing need particular attention."

INFANT SCHOOL.—"The school is efficiently conducted, and the instruction is sufficiently good to justify the recommendation of the highest grant. Fluency in reading, and position drill in writing should have special attention"

Of the pupil-teachers, Miss W. M. Marshall has passed first class in the infants' school; Miss Ada Denton gains a first in the mixed department, Mr. W. Denton, second class, and Miss Hobson, second class. Miss Stead has also earned a second class Queen's Scholarship.

The Clerk further reported having received certificates for Drawing as follows, the first and second prizes being accompanied by a money grant of 10s and 5s respectively, payable to the head teacher: W Denton first for freehand and second for model; L. Hobson one second, W. M. Marshall two seconds.

The particulars of the Rothwell Haigh Schools report are as follows:—

MIXED SCHOOL.

	s.	d.
Principal Grant, 12s 6d or 14s ..	12	6
Discipline & Organization, 1s or 1s 6d	1	6
Drawing, 1s 9d ..	1	9
Singing by note, 1s ..	1	0
Class Subjects, 1s or 2s, (Elementary Science and History)	2	0
„ „ (Geography)	2	0
Grant on Total Average Attendance	20	9

INFANTS.

	s.	d.
Fixed Grant, 7s or 9s ..	9	0
Variable Grant, 2s, 4s, or 6s,	6	0
Needlework and Drawing, 1s	1	0
Singing by Note, 1s ..	1	0
Grant on Total Average Attendance	17	0

SUMMARY.

	£	s.	d.
Mixed—289 at 20s 9d	299	16	9
141 at 1s ..	7	1	0
37 at 4s ..	7	8	0
Infants—141 at 17s	119	17	0
P.T. Grant	1	0	0
Total Grant	435	2	9
Balance of Fee Grant	66	2	6
	£501	5	3

MIXED SCHOOL.—"The premises are now in a very satisfactory condition, except that the ventilation in some of the class-rooms is defective. Reading should improve and also the style of writing, but the attainments generally continue to show progress especially in the first class."

INFANTS SCHOOL.—"The school continues to be well managed, and the attention and activity of the children are fully enlisted by the intelligent and attractive teaching. One of the classrooms is badly ventilated, and the lobby should no longer be used as a class-room."

In the Infants' school, Miss E. Ward has got a second class grant, and Miss Etty Bulmer has qualified for indenture.

The Board naturally felt great satisfaction with the results of the year's work, congratulating all the teachers on the large grants and commendatory reports. Considerable surprise and regret was expressed with part of the Rothwell Haigh document, and the matter will be further gone into by the Committee.

LETTINGS.

The revised scale of lettings having been submitted to each member, it was proposed by Mr. Lunn that the revised scale of lettings be approved, with the exception of socials (17s 6d). Seconded by Mr. Butterick and carried, Mr. Elstob being against the new scale.

Mr. Lunn then moved as a separate resolution that a ball or social for 5 hours be charged 17s 6d, (instead of 20s), seconded by Mr. Butterick. This was lost, Mr. Alderson voting in favour, the other members against

Applications were read from the following societies, for the use of the room, leave being granted:—The "Higher Grade," January 25th.; the teachers, February 10th.; Reliance Lodge, March 11th.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Stourton Mutual Improvement Society, complaining of the conduct of the caretaker. Mr. Park stated that the matter had now been satisfactorily explained.

PRIZE-GIVING AND CONCERTS.

The Rev. J. A. Alderson having kindly offered assistance in getting prize-books at an exceptionally low rate, it was agreed to accept the same, and the Clerk was instructed to order a quantity of books, such as may be selected from the catalogue supplied.

It was unanimously resolved that the system of presenting a shilling to scholars making full attendances, which has been so generously done by the ladies and gentlemen presenting the prize books, be now discontinued; and that certificates of merit be given by the Board, along with the book-prizes for attendance and good conduct.

On the motion of Mr. Park, it was agreed that the concert and prize-giving at Stourton be on Monday, February 6th., and that the second class prize be given for 375 attendances, the school having only been open 406 times this year; seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried.

It was proposed by Mr. Butterick, that Mr. Park be asked to preside at Rothwell Haigh School Concert, and a lady is being asked to present the prizes, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried.

It was proposed by Mr. Richardson, that Mr. Batty preside at the Rothwell concert; seconded by Mr. Butterick and carried

It was proposed by Mr. Butterick, that Mrs. Alderson be respectfully invited to present the prizes at Rothwell, on a date to be afterwards fixed by the Committee, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried.

FINANCIAL.

It was proposed by Mr. Alderson, that the following cheques be signed for accounts, etc., passed by the Finance Committee:—

	£	s.	d.
Rothwell Haigh salaries ..	72	14	0
„ „	74	14	11
J. and J. Charlesworth	4	19	0
Bean & Son	13	13	2
S. Grant	17	11	4
S. Batty	1	6	9
Marshall & Co.	4	14	4
Joseph Stead	2	10	2
R. H. Bruce & Co.	4	1	3
O. Parker	1	16	9
J. Heaton	1	3	6
Rothwell District Council	3	12	6
Rothwell Overseers	3	12	7
Baines & Sons..	0	12	0
Schoolmaster ..	0	10	0
Royal Insurance Company	3	0	0
H. J. Martin,	12	0	0
Mrs. Martin ..	8	10	0
Miss Macintosh	6	0	0
Leeds Corporation, gas	5	14	7
Petty Cash	8	0	0
National Union of Teachers	2	2	0

MISCELLANEOUS.

It was agreed that the Pupil Teachers' examinations be continued as before.

The Clerk reported that the results of the examination in connection with the Ambulance Class had come to hand; 23 students had been present, and 22 had obtained certificates and one a medallion.

It was decided to support a memorial in favour of better Government grants being allowed for blind, deaf, and other children, whose education is considerably more costly to the Boards, than the average allowed.

The Clerk was instructed to have more suitable chairs provided for the Board room. Mr. Lunn against.

A short list of wants was ordered to be supplied.

It was proposed by the Chairman that Mrs Martin's salary be paid up to the end of February, when her three months' notice will expire, seconded by Mr. Elstob and carried.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL A.B.C.

Mr. E. Black, of Leeds, who was preaching all day at the Rothwell Primitive chapel on Sunday last addressed the A.B.C gathering in the afternoon. There was a good attendance; the vocalist was Miss Emily Gibson, of Rothwell, whose solos were much enjoyed.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected COCOA, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—Civil Service Gazette.—Made simply with boiling water or milk—Sold only in packets and pound tins, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & Co., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London."

OULTON & WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD.

A meeting of the above Board was held on Monday night last, the Rev. A. J. Irvin presiding, Mr. Batt, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Trinder, and the clerk (Mr. R. J. Smith) were also present.

FINANCES.

The Clerk submitted the monthly financial statement, which shews a balance brought forward of £104 14s 0d. The Overseers had paid £150 on account of precept, and the following other items had been banked—school and fee grants, £398 1s 0d; loan of rooms, £1 9s 0d; West Riding Magistrates fines, 10s; and interest, £2 12s 8d. This brought up the balance in hand to £657 6s 8d, which was, the Clerk said, the largest balance the Board had had since its existence. The payments allowed were:—

	£	s.	d.
School cleaner ..	3	0	0
Extra cleaning ..		8	0
School Board Gazette ..		6	0
Midland Railway Co ..		14	0
G. Torey, painting ..		4	0
Ramsden, piano tuning ..		10	0
Stamps ..		8	4
E. Brown, coal ..	1	11	0
'Yorkshire Post,' advertising..	1	4	0
S. Grant, stationery ..	2	7	9
Bean & Sons, books, &c ..	23	10	9
Rural District Council, water..	1	4	6
G. Wilson, plumbing ..		9	9
E. J. Arnold & Son, stationery	12	19	2
Rothwell Gas Light Co ..	1	15	11
Asphalting Company ..	50	0	0
Teachers' salaries.. ..	58	19	2
Pupil Teachers' grants ..	8	0	0

The Clerk said the grants received were the highest possible in each case.

The Chairman: It is a great credit to the teaching staff.

Mr. Trinder: And also to the Board for giving increases of salary, when wanted.

THE REPORT.

Her Majesty's Inspectors' report on the schools was submitted, and shows excellent results. The following is a summary:—

BOYS

	s.	d.
Principal grant, 12s 6d or 14s	14	0
Discipline & Organisation, 1s or 1/6	1	6
Drawing, 1s 9d ..	1	9
Singing by Note, 1s ..	1	0
Two Class Subjects, 1s or 2s each..	4	0
	22	3

GIRLS

	s.	d.
Principal grant, 12s 6d or 14s	14	0
Discipline & Organisation, 1s or 1/6	1	6
Drawing, 1s 9d ..	1	9
Needlework, 1s ..	1	0
Singing by Note, 1s ..	1	0
Two Class Subjects, 1s or 2s each..	4	0
	23	3

INFANTS

	s.	d.
Fixed Grant, 7s or 9s ..	9	0
Variable Grant, 2s, 4s or 6s	6	0
Needlework and Drawing, 1s	1	0
Singing by Note, 1s ..	1	0
	17	0

SUMMARY

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
95 Boys at 22s 3d	105	13	9			
P. T. (4th year)..	4	0	0			
				109	13	9
109 Girls at 23s 3d	126	14	3			
39 Cookery at 4s	7	16	0			
				134	10	3
121 Infants at 17s	102	17	0			
P. T. (4th year)..	4	0	0			
				106	17	0
				351	1	0
Balance of Fee Grant				47	0	0
				£398	1	0

BOYS' SCHOOL—"Good work continues to be done in this school."

GIRLS' SCHOOL—"This school is in good order and well taught."

INFANTS' SCHOOL—"The teachers work with energy, and the attainments continue to improve. The closets have been attended to. W. Wheelhouse and G. Middleton have each obtained a second-class in the Queen's Scholarship Examination."

The Clerk said he thought the Board could make a claim under the Act of 1897, for an allowance as a necessitous school.

On the motion of Messrs. Trinder and Batt, it was agreed the Clerk send in a claim for £7 11s 6d, the amount which the Clerk had calculated was due to the Board under the provisions of the Act.

Mr. Batt: I think we can hardly call ourselves a necessitous Board with £600 balance at the bank.

Mr. Trinder: That is all froth.

The Clerk: Yes, it is an accident of time.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It was decided to support the memorial in favour of additional grants being allowed for the education of blind and other children.

The Clerk submitted copy he had prepared for the Board's triennial report, which was approved, and ordered to be printed, Messrs. Marshall & Co's tender to print 200 copies being accepted.

The next meeting was fixed for the Monday prior to the Election.

ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE HALL.

On Sunday, the Society's choir rendered the services of song "A peep behind the Scenes," which was illustrated by powerful lime-light views. Miss Sidebottom read the connective paragraphs. Mr. T Blackburn conducted, and Mr. S. Bedford accompanied. A collection was taken on behalf of the Society's funds.

ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE BAND.

In the Central Hall on Saturday last, a social was held by the Band Committee, in support of funds for the bandsmen's new cross-belts and pouches. There was a good attendance, Mr. W. Heap, the band's professional conductor was present, and played some excellent cornet solos, and Mr. Wm. Blackburn also contributed sentimental songs. A programme of dances was gone through, Mr. G. H. Clarkson presiding at the piano, whilst Mr. G. Hartley, and Mr. W. Elliott carried out the duties of M.C's.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady who has been cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by means of Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent 1,000 to his Institute, in order that those deaf people who have not the means to procure the Ear Drums may have them free of charge. Apply by letter to Branch A. K. U. of the "Nicholson Aural Institute, Ealing Dean London, W.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A fortnightly meeting of this body was held at the offices, Glasshouse Street, on Wednesday afternoon, when there were present:—Mr. Banks (chairman), Dr. Hawkyard (vice-chairman), Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Woodcock, Rev. A J. Irvin, Father Dillon, Messrs Robb, J. Butterick, Jas Hargreaves, Charlesworth, Seddon, Houghton, Fryer, Edwards and Hirst; with the clerk (Mr. Mee).

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

A discussion on the subject of old age pensions took place, arising out of a circular sent out by the Parliamentary Committee, who are dealing with the question, to the various Boards of Guardians in the kingdom, with an invitation to forward any views they may entertain with regard to the proposal. Attention was also called to two bills suggesting schemes for giving effect to the proposal drawn up, and submitted to the Parliamentary Committee by Sir James Rankin and the Hon. Lionel Holland, M.P., respectively.

The Clerk submitted a mass of details affecting the extent and cost of Poor Law relief, from which it appeared that if every person of sixty-five years and upwards received a pension of 5s a week, the nation would have to contribute in round figures, 27 millions towards the relief of the poor, as compared with ten millions at the present time.

Mr. Seddon thought the question too big one for the Board to go into except at a special meeting, but the Chairman reminded him that arrangements had been made for it to be dealt with on this occasion. The Board were asked to say what scheme they recommended.

In answer to Mr. Butterick, Mr Banks added that he himself felt rather inclined towards Sir James Rankin's voluntary scheme.

Mr Butterick agreed with Mr Seddon that time was needed to properly consider the matter.

Mr F. Houghton maintained that they could make nothing of the bills before them. There appeared to be too many "ifs" about the case. He moved that the communication lie on the table. This proposition was seconded by Mr Seddon, and agreed to.

LOCK AND KEY FOR THE LADIES' BOOK.

The minutes of the Workhouse Visiting Committee shewed that Mr Dillon had called attention to the desirability of a better system of visiting the Workhouse. It was unanimously resolved that two sub-committees, one consisting of Mrs Dickenson and Mrs Woodcock, and the other of Messrs Robb and Dillon, be appointed to visit the Workhouse each alternate fortnight when thought desirable. There was again no report from the Ladies' Committee. It was proposed by Dr Hawkyard that the visitors' books be provided with a lock and two keys, one to be in the possession of the president of the Ladies' Committee, and the other of the clerk, that the report be written in the committee room, and not in the presence of any officer, and that the matron be instructed that, according to the regulations, she is not to accompany the members of the Ladies' Committee in going round, unless requested by them to do so. This was seconded by Mr Dillon, and carried *nem. con.*

A lengthy conversation ensued with regard to the proposal to provide a lock and keys for the visitors' book. As an amendment to the adoption of the minutes, Mr Seddon proposed that this recommendation be referred back. Mrs Dickenson seconded, and remarked that the Ladies' Committee ought to have the courage of their convictions.

Dr Hawkyard said personally he thought the Ladies' Committee was not of much use, and that if it were abolished it would be a wise thing (laughter). They put down reports in the book which were of no more use than the Old Age Pension Bill he had before him (loud laughter). At the same time their report was for the use of the Board, and it should not be accessible to the Master and Matron. At present they had not the courage, when they went round the Workhouse, to put down what they thought, because of being overlooked by the Matron

Father Dillon, Mr Butterick, and Mr Hargreaves thought the report should be kept private from the officials of the House, and the Chairman agreed to this view, but suggested that the reports be written on sheets of paper and handed to the Clerk.

Eventually, however, the minutes were adopted in their entirety, only Mr Seddon and Mrs Dickenson and Mrs Woodcock voting for the amendment.

DEPUTATION TO THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE

On the motion of Mr Hirst, the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Clerk were deputed to attend the forthcoming Annual Central Poor Law Conference.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The seal of the Board was ordered to be fixed to a petition to Parliament against the disfranchisement of members of friendly societies who seek parish relief.

The Local Government Board wrote authorising certain alterations and additions, to the Board-room and offices of the Union at a cost of £2,000, to be borrowed and paid in 20 years.

The Local Government Board wrote stating, that they regarded the proposed payments to Dr. James as public vaccinator for Oulton-with-Woodlesford, as too little, and asking the Guardians to reconsider the proposal. The communication was referred to committee.

A communication had been received from the Local Government Board stating that having expressed the opinion that it was desirable to treat cases of infectious diseases in the Children's Homes at Rothwell Haigh, they must now leave the Guardians the full responsibility of adopting such a course.

Mr. Butterick: So it is left with us.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

Impromptu speeches were the order at the meeting of the above on Friday evening last. Some excellent little addresses were given, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The Rev. J. B. Maltby presided and there was a good attendance.

STUDENTS' CONCERT AT LEEDS.

On Tuesday evening a miscellaneous concert of great merit was given in the Town Hall, Leeds, before an over-crowded audience, most of whom were personally interested in one or more of the performers. This was specially so, in regard to the readers of this journal, inasmuch as two of the vocalists have come from the Rothwell Wesleyan Choir, and have often afforded pleasure to our home assemblies and congregations; we refer, of course, to Miss Jessie M. Seanor (whose success at the concert was simply overwhelming, being four times recalled), and Mr. Thos. Kale, who has only recently joined the college. The programme was entirely sustained by students in the Leeds College of Music, and is an annual exhibition of the ability of the teachers engaged by Messrs. G. Haddock & Sons, the directors The admission was by invitation free tickets, mostly obtained through the students, but there was also a large portion of the magnificent hall reserved on payment. Not only was the room packed on the floor, but the gallery and the orchestra were filled to overflowing, and keen appreciation was shown whenever a good point was made.

It would have been a pleasant duty to have taken each item and each artiste separately, and would, no doubt, have been interesting reading to the students and their friends, but this would occupy more space than we can afford, and we must be allowed to select a few for comment. There were 25 items, and a prompt commencement was made at seven o'clock by Master Hamer (piano). Miss Ella Crisp (contralto), and a delicately played violin solo by little Miss Crow, who secured the first recall, to which she simply responded, it being evidently the intention that no encore items should be given. Mr. Herbert Brown, a young fellow with a fine sonorous organ, was the only sample of the bassos. Little Miss Heaps was the first soprano to draw an encore, being followed by Miss E. M. Wood (piano). In Mrs. Jo. Marriott we had a fine sample of a fully-developed soprano, rich and strong (recalled), followed by Mr. Horton, one of the tenors. Again, a young lady violinist raised the enthusiasm, Miss Lily Simms, whose dreamy "Andante" was much appreciated. Quite a contrast was afforded by Miss Hornby's unusually deep contralto tones, succeeded by Master Kitson's clever violin solo, a lovely vocal trio by Mrs. Jo. Marriott, Mr. Horton, and Mr. Brown following on.

Three gold medallists came next, Miss M. G. Webster as a pianoforte player, Miss L. E. Brooke as a contralto vocalist, and Master Willie Williamson, as a violincellist; this youth is really a remarkable player, is quite well-known, and was deservedly recalled. The greatest enthusiasm was reached after the marvellous descriptive recital, "Lasca," Miss Mabelle Taylor; she cannot be beyond the middle of her 'teens,' but her performance was worthy of any professional elocutionist, her clear articulation, her strong sweet voice, her suggestive action, her dramatic energy, her pathos, every point artistically touched, no wonder the applause was thundering and although she returned four times, the impatient assembly would not be satisfied without another recitation, this time "A Bachelors' Sale," the story convulsing the audience with laughter, and again was she recalled. Mr. Fred Ellis (gold medallist) was recalled for his brilliant pianoforte playing, and then Miss Jessie M. Seanor received a warm welcome. Miss Seanor's triumph as a vocalist was as great as that of the elocutionist, her high register and bird-like trills astonishing those who heard, and the house came down again and again and again, until at the fourth recall the talented daughter of our good old town, sang an equally enjoyable song on "Spring." Mr. A. W. Kaye's performance on the violin was a remarkable success and was encored. Our local tenor, Mr. T. Kale, came next on to the platform, and though that vast sea of faces seen for the first time, must have shaken his nerves, his voice rang out clearly through the vast hall, and his "Only once more" was loudly applauded by that critical audience. Three young ladies, all sopranos, followed, sweetness being the main characteristic of Miss Wright, brightness and strength Miss Pickles, and light and ease Mrs. Dewhurst To our fancy Miss Buckley was the most agreeable contralto, the concert closing with a charming trio by Messrs. Fred Ellis (piano), C. Mann (violin), and W Mallinson ('cello), the whole affair proving a thorough and satisfactory success to all concerned.

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ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A.

There was a large attendance on Sunday afternoon, when Mr J. Shurmer presided. The speaker was Mr. T. Siddle, who gave a fluent and practical address on "Something that everybody knew." Miss Clewes, of Hunslet, sang very tastefully "The Gates of the West" and "Light after Darkness" Miss Clewes kindly sang a solo also at the evening service.

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WEST YORKSHIRE ENGINEMEN'S MUTUAL PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

The Rothwell branch of the above Association, held their third annual tea and social in the Rothwell Old Band-room on Saturday last, when about ninety members and friends sat down to tea, presided over by Mrs. Alb. Peace, Mrs. Idle, Mrs. T. Fowler, Mrs. Hainsworth, Mrs. Asquith and Mrs. Heaton. Tea being over, a lengthy programme was gone through, Mr. Benjamin Oldroyd, Mr. Albert Peace, Mr. William Smith, and Miss Oldroyd and Miss Hopkinson, giving some very excellent songs, which were greatly enjoyed by all. Afterwards dancing was instituted and kept up until about half-past eleven, Mr. Wm. Ellis and Mr. F. Hainsworth acted as M.C's.

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ROTHWELL WESLEYAN CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY.

The congregations attending the Rothwell Wesleyan Church on Sunday, had a great treat in sitting under the ministrations of so eminent a preacher as the Rev. John Bond, of London, who has done a large amount of special work in connection with Metropolitan Methodism, and is very highly esteemed in the Conference. The sermon in the morning was based on Isaiah's prophecy, "His name shall be called Wonderful," the glory and divine power and wisdom seen in Christ's life and character being eloquently set forth.

In the evening, Mr. Bond had a large and intelligent audience, his discourse being founded on St. Paul's definite declaration "I am not ashamed of the Gospel, etc." The sermon was full of power and thought, delivered with much elocutionary effect, and sparkling with apposite illustrations and convincing argument.

The anniversary celebration was continued on Wednesday afternoon, when a large number of friends sat down to an excellent tea, the provisions for which were quadruply covered by the generous gifts of many friends, who had been waited upon by Mrs. A. Ward and Mrs. A. W. Seanor, the subscribers being as follows:—J. R. Seanor, Esq., J.P, £1; Mrs James Hargreaves, 7s 6d; Mrs Maltby, Mrs G Armitage, Mrs Marshall, Mrs A W Seanor, Mrs Arthur Ward, Mrs S Morton, Mr J Morton, Mrs J Abbishaw, Mrs Baxter, Mrs Lambert, Mrs T Lambert, Mrs C Ward, Mrs W Stephenson, Mr Joe Varley, sen, Mrs J S Copley, Mrs Butterick, Mrs Denton, Mrs T Young, Mrs B Clarke, Mrs Walter Hargreaves, Mrs Stead, Messrs R & J Batty in memory of Mrs Batty, Mrs Samuel Clarkson, 5s each; Mrs Edwards, Messrs Holt & Denton, Mrs Smithson Armitage, Mr A Varley, Mr Cawdell, Miss M L Hargreaves, Mrs Shurmer, Mrs J Idle, Mrs H Armitage, Mrs G W Batty, Mr D Tilley, Mrs J W Gibson, Mrs John Sheldon, Mrs Willie Foster, Mrs A Barraclough, Mrs C P Ward, Mrs T Wright, Mrs Kale, Mrs Joseph Gibson, Mrs Keitel, Mr Albert Bedford, Mr Edward Rowley, Mr T Wilkinson, Mr H P Newsome, A Friend, Mr J Wade, Mr James Dobson, Miss Stephenson, Mrs Baines, Mrs Sam Abbishaw, 2s 6d each; Mrs James Ellis, Mr William Varley, Mr Fretwell, Mrs Flowers, 2s each: Mrs Edward White, Mrs Richard Naylor, Mrs F Hargreaves, Mr. George Priestley, Mr John Blackburn, Mr J Hopton, 1s 6d; Mrs Brown, Mrs Scholey, Mr Beckwith, Mr Matthew Smith, Mr Joshua Lunn, Miss Townsley, Mrs Cripps, Mrs Armitage, sen., Mr John Turner, Mr S Sidebottom, Mr John Wright, Mrs E Curtis, Mr Joe Gibson, Mrs Charles Turner, Mrs Goldthorpe, Mrs Sam Smith, Mr W Lee, Mrs B Batty, Mrs Levi Rowley, Mrs G W Hainsworth, Mrs Hartmann, Mrs Alfred Gibson, Mrs Isaac Gibson, Mr J Varley, jun, Mrs J Lunn, Mrs Willie Dobson, Mr. J. Goodall, 1s; Mrs Charlesworth, Mr W Ward, Mrs Frost, Mrs Moxon, 6d each.

At seven o'clock, the Rev. J. B. Maltby opened the public meeting, and having introduced Mr. Ward as chairman, that gentleman expressed his pleasure in a few appropriate sentences, and then asked Mr. Butterick to make the financial statement as to the trust funds. It appears from this document that the ordinary income has about balanced the expenditure, but there has been a serious outlay necessitated in purchasing and putting down a new boiler for heating the premises, shewing a nett deficit of £33 10s 7d. Towards this the tea, subscriptions, and collections will be a great help, and he felt deeply obliged to the two ladies who had so willingly collected the subscriptions and also to those who had so generously given. He had received a kind letter from Mr. McAdoo enclosing a guinea, and also a sovereign from Dr. Stevenson, towards the same object.

The chairman then called on the Rev. John Bond, of London, to deliver his lecture on the "Despotism of Sacerdotalism." The rev. gentleman gave an interesting and well-considered history of the days when Hildebrand was raised to the Papal throne by the title of Gregory the 7th, eight hundred years ago, and set about the abolition of marriage amongst the clergy, and of simony, or the sale of livings. After some remarks on the advantage of having ministers who are married over those who are single, Mr. Bond referred to the everyday fact that livings are boldly advertised and sold by auction to the highest bidder, not only in the Roman Catholic Church, but in the Protestant Church, giving extracts from the daily papers. And yet, said he, in the 40th. canon of the Church of England, which has to be signed by every clergyman holding a living, he declares he has not and will not have any thing to do with the buying or selling of these livings. Coming down to the days of Cromwell and the Stuarts he touched on the sufferings of the Puritans of those days, and the cruelty and tortures inflicted by the Jesuits. While ridiculing the anathemas of the Papists, yet the lecturer depicted in vivid colours the fearful pains and penalties which excommunication meant even to kings and high nobles in those days. Turning to the present, he asked whether the same tyranny was practised now? While acknowledging the blameless lives and useful influence of many Roman Catholics, the lecturer declared that these men were better than their creed, and that if their leaders had the power, the same horrors would be repeated. On July 18th., 1870, the Pope declared his claim to be the supreme director and infallible judge of all men and all things, material or spiritual, and this has been reiterated frequently, even so late as in last week's official Papal newspaper. Referring to the present crisis in the Anglican Church, Mr. Bond maintained that ritualism was of the same germ and intent. The High Churchman declares that salvation can only be had through the sacraments, that none but the priests can administer those sacraments, and so the keys of heaven are in the hands of these men. If they don't use the power of opening and shutting heaven, it is only because they have not got it. Some people might think there is nothing much in a little incense, the burning of a candle, or the waving of a flag, etc., but these things are symbols of serious dogmas, and are intended to lead to the capture by these High Anglicans of the old lion of England. But this shall not be. Shall we repeat the sad history of those Romanist countries of 300 years ago, Spain, France, Austria; what are they now? No, rather let us join with Germany, the land of our fathers, and United States, the land of our children, and boldly claim the Christian privilege of one sufficient sacrifice, one eternal Priest, and like Luther sing "God is our refuge and strength, etc."

The lecture was closely followed and greatly enjoyed, and hearty thanks were accorded to the Rev. John Bond for his splendid lecture and eloquent sermons, and also to Mr. Ward, and all who had assisted in making the anniversary so great a success, Mr. Denton speaking to the resolution. The nett results of the anniversary amounted to £24.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

On Monday last, a large number of members assembled to hear a paper given by Mr. John Bulmer, of Rothwell, on "Are men better financially now, than 400 years ago." Mr. A. L. Parker presided. Mr. Bulmer said in his paper that men in the 15th century had the lowest of wages, but they had a great many privileges other ways; they had so much land allowed for their own cultivation, whereby they fed their own cattle and pigs and grew their own vegetables. In this way, many other necessaries of life, such as butter, eggs, meat, fruit, cheese, &c., were obtained. Cheese at that time was only a half-penny per pound. At that time too, there was less employers, so that there were less devilish competition in the trades. Agricultural workers had a good wage in sixpence a day, which, he said, was better pay than the four shillings of to-day. He also said there was less difference in dress at that time among the upper and poorer classes. In those days there were no millionaires, but to-day, the rich had grown more in wealth, and the worker grown more in poverty, as to-day out of every shilling earned, the masters claimed tenpence, and the toilers twopence. Mr Clark and Mr. A. Duffill also spoke on the paper, and on the motion of Mr. Chadwick and Mr. Mitchell, a vote of thanks to Mr. Bulmer was carried, to which the essayist suitably responded.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

We would particularly urge our friends to send in their letters and news, as early as possible, as we cannot accept contributions later than Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, except in the case of matters occurring on Wednesday or Thursday, which should be forwarded within a short period after. Advertisements may be sent as late as Friday morning.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.

IMPERIAL POLITICS—AND THINGS.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times.

Sir,

There does not seem to be any interest whatever in Imperial questions amongst Rothwell people. We have partly passed through the winter, and not a single lecture or public discussion has taken place on them in the village, although the Government have been very zealous in Foreign matters almost the whole of the time, since they took the reins of office in 1895. Recently we have had the Fashoda incident, and the Battle of Omdurman, with the slaughter of many thousands of human beings by British soldiery, and for a lengthy period there has been a great unrest in the whole of the Valley of the Nile. This Foreign Policy is being pushed forward with all the vigour possible by the Government, and the party press, and social questions for some time past, and for the present, seem to have no place in party politics. The Tory party seems, as it were all powerful, and what we should expect as an earnest and powerful opposition, is nothing but a party of fragments differing as to who should collect and lead them. Where is the Newcastle programme now? During the closing weeks of 1898, I endeavoured on behalf of the Rothwell I.L.P. to arrange a mock Parliamentary Election, and wrote to who I was informed were the most prominent Liberals and Conservatives, putting myself at some inconvenience to draft a number of rules for carrying out the same, but I find they are not interested in National questions, nor do they inform me as to whether there are any Liberals or Tories in the locality who are. I wish this idea could be carried out, as it provides a pleasant evening, and being in the sense a debate, is educational. I understand there is a new society formed in Rothwell, who have a very singular name, *Higher Grade?* Well, I suppose, this society is composed of persons who have had a higher or superior education, for which they ought to be proud; who have a brighter and clearer intellect than the ordinary individual, and of whom Rothwell should expect much, seeing that they have these exceptional qualities. Their objects I know not, except that competition seems to be a *sine qua non* to them, *vide* reports. I should very much like to attend a public meeting where the heads of this society were to speak on this subject, or would not mind meeting in public debate anyone of its members on the question of Co-operation *v.* Competition. They might consider the former part of my letter, and would rather take part in a mock Parliamentary Election, or perhaps someone in the village is burning with a desire to defend the present crumbling system of "Each for himself, &c," and to attack what appears even to day to some people as only a mole hill, Socialism. I should be pleased to make arrangements with any sincere person for such debate at any time, and am of the opinion that with a competent and impartial chairman, a very enjoyable and perhaps instructive evening might be spent. Thanking you in anticipation.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
WM. LUNN, Junr.
26—1—99.
Rothwell, Leeds.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

DIDN'T CARE FOR THEM.

Overheard at a Sunday-school treat.

Teacher (to little boy): "You don't seem to be getting on very well with the pork pies, Johnny."

Johnny (hesitatingly): "No, mum."

Teacher: "Have you had sufficient then, Johnny?"

Johnny: "Well it ain't exactly that mum, but you see I works where they makes 'em."

IT SOUNDS AWFUL.

Landlady (of London lodging-house, bawling from bottom of stairs): "Mary have you finished sweeping Mr. Simpson, yet?"

Mary (over bannisters): "Yes, m'm."

Landlady: "Have you dusted Mr. Briggs and cleaned out Mr. Taylor?"

Mary: "Yes, m'm."

Landlady: "Well, then, blacklead Mr. Jenkins first, and then come down here and give the Frenchman a good scrubbing as soon as the sweeps go."

QUITE ENOUGH.

When the late Rev. Dr. Lawrie, of London was examining a few of his parishioners in a country district, he asked John Anderson, a stolid farmer, to repeat the Tenth Commandment. John stumbled on as far as "thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house," and then stopped.

"Come on," said the doctor; "thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife."

"Na, na," said John, "nane o' that, doctor. I hae eneuch to dae wi' oor Tinnie at hame to want ony man's wife."

THE PEACE CRUSADE.

LETTER FROM THE POPE

By W. T. STEAD.

The Crusade, which started with the benediction of Lord Wolseley, Commander-in-Chief, has now received a very friendly communication from our other General, Lord Roberts. "Fighting Bob" does not quite understand the drift of the Crusade, for he imagines that it is a movement in favour of general disarmament, which it is not; but the Crusaders are glad to have received from him an emphatic declaration that there is nothing in the programme of the movement or its organ which in any way jars upon the susceptibilities of a soldier. His letter appears in this week's number of *War Against War.*

Never was there a peace meeting that was so much in sympathy with all that is best in the defensive forces of the country. At Leamington, for instance, last week, the chair was taken by the chief local representative of the Navy League, and at Ripon the resolution was seconded by Mr. Carpenter, the son of a Bishop, who is the organising secretary of the Navy League in Yorkshire. Not only so, but at Lambeth, on Sunday, Mr. Stead, in appealing for volunteers for service in the Crusade, declared that he was going to preach Tommy Atkins, and that he wished for nothing better than that the Crusaders should fight for peace with only one-tenth of the same devotion and discipline which characterised the British soldier when on a regular campaign. So far as the navy is concerned, it is more and more clear to the people at the head of affairs that the Russian Emperor's proposal is the very best that England has ever received from friend or foe.

A good many people have tried to make game of the Emperor's suggestion that everything should be done to make war as humane as possible. But, as a matter of fact, these humane suggestions are more warmly supported by the Governments of Germany and Austria than any other items in the programme. So far as England is concerned, they are all to her advantage, for if the Czar succeeded in forbidding the use of submarine boats one of the greatest dangers to the British Navy would disappear.

The great event of the week in connection with the International Crusade has been the publication of the Pope's solemn approval of the movement. Many good Protestants dislike the Pope; but the stoutest of all Protestants is glad to have his help in a cause such as this. Without the Pope it was impossible to secure the hearty support of the Catholic populations in Belgium, France, Germany, Austria, and Italy. Now that the Pope has spoken through his Secretary of State, Cardinal Rampolla, it will be the duty of all good Catholics to give the Crusade their hearty support, for the Pope has now publicly recognised, by the autograph letter of his Secretary of State, that the Crusaders are effectively co-operating with the Holy See in the interests of peace.

A member of the General Committee, who has just returned from Berlin, reports that at the German Foreign Office they are much more interested and earnest about making the Peace Conference a success than they are in this country. The German Emperor is said to have only one regret, and that is that he did not issue the Rescript himself; but as the Czar got in ahead of him he intends to go one better than the Czar, if possible, at the Conference. This is good news for everyone, and nothing will tend to confirm the Emperor in his good resolutions so much as the popular demonstrations which are taking place throughout this country.

It is not generally known that Mr. Herbert Gladstone is interested in a business way, with Sir James Kitson and others, in a great petroleum industry in the south of Russia, and he has written a very interesting letter to the secretary of the Crusade, in which he says that he is quite sure the Russian Government is most favourably disposed to the extension of British industrial enterprise in the Russian Empire, and that his own experience enables him to speak as to the courteous and friendly consideration with which the British investor meets. Wonderful stories are told as to the dividends paid by some of the English, Belgian, and French companies in Southern Russia. At a time when people find it difficult to get a safe 4 per cent. it makes the mouth water to hear of companies which are paying 35 per cent. and 40 per cent.

I am more and more convinced that the real, permanent and abiding influence of the peace movement will lie in the recruiting of volunteers, who will undertake to pay 1d. a week for twelve weeks, and obtain two volunteers and collect signatures to the memorial. This can be done by anyone in country districts where the population is too scattered to hold a public meeting. Any reader who wants to help cannot do better than send up his shilling in stamps to the Crusade Headquarters, 9, Arundel-street, Strand, and get his badge, forms of petition, and enrol him or herself as a member. But time is passing, and the sooner it is done the better.

Mr. W. S. Caine, who has just been speaking up and down the West of Scotland, reports that everywhere the feeling of the people is right. He says: "Your Crusade has already begun to walk. It will soon run and gallop." The list of meetings already arranged for—town's meetings almost all—is reaching portentous length.

London is generally the despair of all organisers of great movements. To stir this leviathan city from its lethargy, to rouse it in behalf of some great cause, is an undertaking which too often proves incapable of achievement. The public opinion of the capital makes itself apparent reluctantly. More often than not it is hidden by that frothy sentiment which takes its colour from the music-halls—but it exists. This Crusade of Peace is giving a new demonstration of the fact. Battersea has been followed by Paddington and Bermondsey, and by Lambeth. At each place the utmost zeal and enthusiasm has been displayed. There has been no finer gathering than that at Paddington. Sir George Fardell, the local Conservative member, speaking from the chair, declared with conviction that he could recollect no movement which has received such general support from the public at large. Had the weather been favourable the meeting would probably have been the most striking demonstration of public opinion that has been seen in Paddington for years. Under adverse circumstances it was notable alike in its size and in its enthusiasm.

No town is more closely in accord with the sentiment of London on most public questions than Brighton. That watering-place responds, as it were, instinctively, to the lead of the West End of London. If possible, that circumstance gives an added significance to the magnificent demonstration in the Dome. Fifteen hundred persons were present. Sir J. Blake occupied the chair, while the principal resolution was moved by Sir Joseph Ewart. These two gentlemen are strong political opponents, and lead the public opinion in Brighton from opposite camps. On the subject of the Czar's Rescript they are, however, in accord, and the arrest of armaments movement has found no more zealous supporters in Brighton. The meeting of Conservative and Radical on the platform at Brighton is but typical of what is happening in every part of the country. Men who have no other interest in common, who on many of the public questions of the day are diametrically opposed, are working harmoniously together for the furtherance of the great cause of international peace, and meet in the sympathy of a common purpose.

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RUGBY.

SECOND COMPETITION.—EAST DIVISION.

	Pld	W	L	D	Pts	Points For. G	T	P	Against G	T	P
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Outwood C	13	9	2	9	20	9	14	60	5	5	25
Feathersn	12	9	3	0	18	14	36	136	6	8	38
Kinsley ..	14	8	4	2	18	13	17	77	8	13	55
Normanton	15	8	7	0	16	9	28	102	13	16	74
Goole	17	7	10	0	14	16	21	95	20	39	157
York ...	13	6	7	0	12	10	28	104	11	19	79
Rothwell..	13	2	10	1	5	9	10	48	14	28	112
Ripon....	10	2	8	0	4	2	6	22	23	52	202
Pontefract	15	1	13	1	3	7	6	32	19	43	197

E. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

ASSOCIATION.

ROTHWELL WHITE ROSE v LEEDS ROSEVILLE.

The stormy weather of last Saturday afternoon, made good football in the above match almost out of the question. The field was in a rain-sodden condition, and a heavy downpour coming on just before half-time, led the referee to prematurely terminate the exhibition. In the play that took place, Rothwell played towards the park goal, and certainly had the best of matters. Wright and Illingworth played a sharp game and but for the clever goal-keeping form of the visitors' team, Rothwell would have had a good score, but Emmerson successfully dealt with some fine shots, and kept his line clear until shortly before the game was brought to a close, when Illingworth succeeded in beating him with a short sharp shoot. On play being abandoned, the record stood—Rothwell 1 goal, Leeds Roseville *nil.*

OULTON v DODSWORTH INSTITUTE.

These two teams met in showery weather at Oulton Green last Saturday, and before a poor attendance of spectators, in the first round of the West Yorkshire cup. Oulton won the toss and played against the wind and slope. Dodsworth scored in the first minute; Hullah equalising a few minutes before half-time, at which the score was one goal each. Oulton had the advantage for the five minutes played in the second portion of the game, the Referee then stopping the game owing to rain. Taylor, Hullah and Raybould played splendidly for Oulton. The match has to be replayed to-morrow at Oulton.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

RUGBY.

At Eastmoor—Eastmoor v Rothwell.

ROTHWELL TEAM—Full back, B Cromack; three-quarter backs, J Fieldhouse, O Taylor, B Kelly, J Morrell; half-backs, B Morrell, F Robinson; forwards, W Shaw, H Hemsworth, E Godley, J Ward, G Bulmer, E Ambler, F Fidler, W Speight, A Gillings.

ASSOCIATION.

At Rothwell—Altofts Church Mission v Rothwell W R

WHITE ROSE TEAM—Goal, A Cripps; backs, J Beckwith, S Baber; half-backs, J Smith, T Bridges, J Berry; forwards, R Whitehead, T Page, H Dacre, H Illingworth, A E Wright; Reserves, W Bedford, B Dobson.

At Oulton—Normanton Dodsworth Institute v Oulton.

OULTON TEAM—Goal, H W Higgins; backs, W Inman, F Bradley; half-backs, D Raybould, O Inman P Higgins; forwards, C Hullah, W Hutchinson, A T Murtland, C Weddall (capt), J E Taylor.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Jan. 21st., 1899, is £337; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £223, thus showing increase of £114. For the 3 weeks ending Jan. 21st., the return is £961, against £771 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £190.

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COMING EVENTS REGISTER.

The proprietors of this journal propose opening a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

Feb. 3rd—Rothwell Tennis Ball.
Feb. 9—Mr. B. W. Higgins' Concert in the Harold Hall, Oulton.
Feb. 14—Parish Tea and Dramatic Entertainment.
Feb. 20—Rev. J. Arthur Alderson's Evening Concert in the Mechanics' Institute.
April 29, 1899—Woodlesford Jumble Sale
Apr. 3, 4 & 5—Public Luncheon and Grand National Bazaar in Board Schools for Primitive Methodist Trust Funds.
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BIRTH.

ARMITAGE—Feb. 3rd, at 5, Springfield Terrace, the wife of Smithson Armitage, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

HARGREAVES—January 30th, at St. John's, Wakefield, after a long illness, Samuel Hargreaves, for 30 years agent for Messrs. J. & J. Charlesworth, and clerk for the late Rothwell Local Board for 20 years.

Rothwell Times,
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Friday, February 3, 1899.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A monthly meeting of the above Council was held on Wednesday night, in the Council Chamber, Councillor T. Oliver (chairman), presiding. There were also present Councillors J. Abbishaw (vice-chairman), G. Armitage, J. Oliver, J Armitage, C. Sykes, J. W. Bulmer, W. W. Harrison, P. G. Milner, J. Smith, J. Stead, with the clerk (Mr. Wimbush), medical officer (Dr. Stevenson), surveyor (Mr. J. T. Pears), the nuisance inspector (Mr. Jones), and about a dozen ratepayers.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

The Chairman, before the Council business was commenced, said all would no doubt know that their late clerk, Mr. S. Hargreaves, had died during the week, and it would be as little as they could do, he thought, to pass a resolution of sympathy with his wife and family in their bereavement. He could not speak of Mr. Hargreaves' services as clerk from long experience, as Mr. Hargreaves was not long with them after he (the Chairman) became a member, but there were members of the old Local Board who could. He had always heard, however, that during the time of the late clerk's 20 years' service, he had done his work in an able and conscientious manner, and he thought it was fitting that they should pass a resolution of condolence with the members of the family.

Mr. J. Oliver said in seconding the resolution, that along with Mr. James Hargreaves, he had sat for a long time as a member of the old Local Board, during which time he had had opportunities of judging of the clerk's capabilities. He had proved himself during his long term of service, a civil, intelligent, industrious and capable clerk, and he very much regretted the long suffering he had endured.

Mr. G. Armitage supported the motion, and said the late Mr. Hargreaves had laboured assiduously and continuously for the interest of the district he served so long. Personally he very much regretted his severance from the Board, caused by his change of residence.

The motion was then carried unanimously, all the members standing.

The Clerk said he had received a letter from Mr. James Hargreaves, who could not be present on account of the death of his brother, asking him to invite the whole of the members and officers to attend the funeral, which took place yesterday.

The Clerk, as successor in office to Mr. Hargreaves, expressed his admiration fo the way the late clerk had borne his long suffering, and expressed regret that he would not be able to attend the funeral, as he had an engagement in Lancashire on that date.

HIGHWAY ITEMS.

A meeting of the Highway Committee was held on the 20th January, at which it was ordered that a letter be written to Mr. Trevor Edwards, in regard to the proposed level crossing on the Wakefield and Aberford road, the Committee agreeing to the arrangement, provided that amongst other minor matters, the full width of the road be allowed. It was also agreed that 14 days' notice be served upon the Great Northern Railway Company, that unless the road under the bridge on the Wakefield road be properly metalled and rolled, the Council will proceed against them. Several firms were ordered to be written to regarding claims for extraordinary traffic. The East and West Railway Company was to be written to, insisting on the removal of the encroachment of the railway bridge in Green Lane. The attention of the Rothwell Gas Light Company was to be called to the habit of their workmen breaking up the roads without acquainting the Council's Surveyor, and to the unsatisfactory state in which the roads are left. The Committee had under consideration the probable cost of putting Langley road, Lofthouse, into a proper state of repair under the Private Streets Works Act, the cost of which would probably run to about £400. The Committee expressed their willingness to do the work, if the property owners are willing to pay for it. The application of A. Bulmer for an increase of wages was ordered to stand over. At a subsequent meeting, held on the 27th January, it was decided to offer Mr. Wormald, of Carlton, the old sludge cart for 20s. Messrs. Young were to be written to asking them to raise the pavements near the Angel Inn, Rothwell Haigh, after which is done, the Council will raise the paved crossing. Attention of the Midland Railway Company was to be called to the parapet wall on the Leeds and Wakefield road, which is giving way. A paved crossing was to be laid across the road near the Waggon and Horses, at Lofthouse, and attention of the East and West drawn to the inconvenience arising from shunting operations across the footpath at Newmarket. Tenders were to be asked for the paving of the private streets at Rothwell and Stourton, some time ago ordered to be executed. A quantity of dross was ordered for Ingram Parade.

Mr. G. Armitage proposed and the Chairman seconded the confirmation of the minutes.

Mr. Harrison: I am sorry to hear nothing in the minutes as to the footpath in Wood Lane; we have had promise after promise, without anything being done, and now, this week, it has been three or four inches deep in mud and clay. It is the most disreputable place in the district.

The Surveyor: We are waiting for the Railway Company building the wall.

Mr. Milner: Have the property owners at Langley had any intimation as to the Committee's decision respecting the repair of the road?

The Chairman: We have not got so far as that; we will leave it to you; it remains for them now to say whether it shall be done. I have had another application of the same kind to-day; if they are ready to pay for it, we are ready to do it.

Mr. Sykes: Has anything been done to the causeway down Lofthouse Hill to the boundary?

The Surveyor said some ashes had been put on, but as Mr. Sykes said the flags wanted attention, the Surveyor was ordered to pay attention to the matter.

Mr. Stead: Do I understand that twenty tons of dross is going to be put on Ingram Parade?

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Stead: Will you also put a few kerbs on the same side as the waggonettes stand, it is very bad at present?

The Chairman said they had had this matter under consideration, but had decided to do nothing at present until it was seen what was to be the outcome of the waggonette regulations.

The minutes were then confirmed.

SANITARY COMMITTEE DECISIONS.

The Medical Officer's annual report had been presented to the Sanitary Committee and discussed. The Clerk was ordered to proceed against Mr. Mitchell, of Horbury, to compel him to abate a nuisance arising from a defective drain in the house of Dr. Stevenson, on the Marsh. A house in Bell Hill unfit for habitation was ordered to be closed.

Mr. Harrison: What is going to be done with the Aire and Calder Company in regard to the closing of the houses between the canal and river that are unfit for habitation, and have been mentioned four or five times before. They are not fit for a horse or beast to live in, and have neither ashpits nor closets in connection with them.

Mr. J. Armitage: I am not aware of such houses; in fact, it is the first time I have heard them mentioned.

Mr. Harrison: The Inspector is aware of them, they are near Dandy Row.

Mr. J. Armitage: I am sorry Chapman is not here.

Mr. Bulmer: Have you had the house in Church Lane before you.

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Sykes: You might arrange for the ashes cart to go round Lofthouse a little oftener.

Mr. Bulmer: I should like to ask the Committee how often they empty the cesspools; a person told me it was six months since his was emptied.

The Inspector: We have no fixed time for emptying cesspools; they generally let us know when they want attention.

Mr. J. Armitage: It is more than twelve months since ours was emptied, and it does not want emptying yet. If Mr. Bulmer has any complaint he had better come out straight, and let us know where it is.

Mr Bulmer: It is at the back of the Mechanics', in connection with Edwin Chadwick's house.

The Sanitary Inspector said he knew of no cesspool in this locality.

HEALTH REPORT.—GRATIFYING FIGURES.

The Medical Officer reported that during the four weeks there had been 46 births in the Council's district (20 males and 26 females); of these, 32 were in Rothwell (15 males and 17 females), and 14 in Lofthouse and Carlton (5 males and 9 females). During the same period there had been 14 deaths (8 males and 6 females), 10 in Rothwell (6 males and 4 females), and 4 in Lofthouse and Carlton (2 males and 2 females). There was a considerable decrease in notification cases, from the preceding month, there being only 1 case of scarlet fever reported (in Spurr Row, Robin Hood), and 2 cases of typhoid (1 in Commercial Street, Rothwell, and 1 in Wakefield Street, Stourton). The annual report on the health of the district was also a very satisfactory one. In giving extracts from it, the Medical Officer said that during the past year 72 houses had been built, and of these 68 had been occupied. The population had considerably increased. In the year 1893 when Lofthouse and Carlton was joined to Rothwell, the population was births registered this year amounted to 366; 10,800, now it is 12,750. The number of deaths during the past twelve months was 136, there being a gradual decrease in the number since 1893, notwithstanding the increase of population. In 1893, the deaths registered numbered 164; this year there were 30 fewer deaths, with a larger population; and from 1893 to the present time, with the exception of 1894 and 1895, there was a decrease in death-rate. The number of in 1893 with a population of only 10,800 there were 358, almost as many as registered during the present year with a population of 12,850. It was here there had been such a gradual decrease. In 1894, the deaths were 371; 95, 396; 96, 406; 97, 397; and this year, 366. The death rate was exceptionally low—by far the lowest since notification was adopted, being at the rate of 10.6; last year it was 12.8; 1896, 15.6; and 1895, 16.1. The birth rate, too, was remarkably low, being lower than the average for the administrative county, including the five county boroughs as well. The birth rate was 28.7. The best index to the healthiness of a district was the infant death rate, and this showed the number of infants dying under one year of age to every thousand births registered as 103. In 1894, the number was 172; 95, 154; 96, 150; and 97, 146. This was also below the average for the country, and that for England and Wales. The zymotic death rate was 0.78, which was also very satisfactory.

Mr. Bulmer: Can't the Medical Officer give us any reason why there is a decrease in the births.

The Medical Officer said it was a serious decrease, and was mostly in female births; the decrease was not in Rothwell, but entirely in the Lofthouse district.

Mr. Harrison: That is what I expected.

The Medical Officer: The 'why this is so,' is for the members to find out.

BUILDINGS.

The Building Committee approved of plans presented by Mr. Walter Hammill, for warehouse and engine shed at Carlton, and of those by Mr. G. Clarkson, of Carlton, for stable and cart shed. Mr. W. Wright, of Rothwell Haigh, was to be served with notice to remove a wooden building, which he has recently erected, as it is contrary to the bye-laws.

Mr. G. Armitage proposed the confirmation of the minutes and the resolution being seconded, Mr. Harrison asked if the Committee was aware that the wooden building was not a new one, but only an enlargement of one that had been erected a number of years ago, and for which the late Local Board approved plans. He did not wish to go against the byelaws, but would like the Committee to understand the facts of the case.

Mr. G. Armitage said no plans of the extension had been submitted, the building had been extended, and the bye-laws in that manner violated.

The minutes were confirmed, Mr. Bulmer being neutral.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Waterworks Committee had considered the revision of the water charges scale, but as yet had come to no definite decision.

Copy of the correspondence which took place between the late Surveyor and the late Clerk to the Hunslet Guardians, with regard to the supply of water to the Children's Homes was submitted to the Committee. A copy of this was ordered to be sent to the Hunslet Clerk, Mr. Mee, with a request for immediate payment of the outstanding account.

The Lamps and Gas Committee had decided to ask the Leeds Corporation price for supplying an extra foot of gas per hour to the Stourton lamps. Resolutions were passed to borrow £900 from the London, City, and Midland Bank, with which to pay off the loan for the repair of private streets.

The byelaws for the regulation of vehicles plying for hire had been approved, with several minor suggestions, and were adopted and ordered to be put in force by the clerk as early as convenient.

Mr. Stead: We shall want you to build us a little shelter before long.

Mr. Harrison: You must go to the 'Swan,' it is near enough.

Mr. Stead: But who is going to pay expenses.

Mr. Harrison: Pay your own.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

On Sunday afternoon last, a large audiance assembled to hear an address given by Mr. I. P. Todd, of Bower Road, whose subject was "Pins." He said a good pin was straight and bright, a lesson of straight forwardness and of brightness was to be learnt from it. It was also sharp, and denoted quickness of action. The last lesson to be learnt was that the pin has got a head so as to prevent it from going too far; human nature has a tendency of going too far, but with the assistance of God, and a brave 'no,' they may keep themselves in the right path. Miss Cooper, of Beeston Hill, was the soloist, and gave good renderings of "The Gift," and "Abiding Rest."

Sunday last was also Missionary Sunday for the juveniles at the Stourton Chapel, when 17 prizes were presented to the juvenile collectors by Mrs. Fatkin. A large amount had been collected, and reflected very creditably on the perseverance and interest the juveniles take in the work. The following is a list of workers and amounts collected:—William Jackson £2 10s 2½d, Harold Smith £2 9s 0½d, Harry James Nash £2 6s 7½d, Ernest Butterfield £1 10s 11d, Willie Wasley £1 6s 6d, Arthur Sedgewick £1 5s 7d, Willie Bird £1 3s 10½d, Harriet Dyson £1 3s 6d, George Dyson £1 1s, John Price 16s 11d, Florence Lawrence 15s 11d, Harold James Coles 15s 5d, Mr. J. Burnley's box 15s, Leonard Price 13s 10d, Nellie Powell 5s, Lily Fitzjohn 4s 6d, George Ward, 4s 3d; total £17 5s; by adults in boxes £2 17s 8½d; total £20 2s 8½d.

SOCIAL AT LOFTHOUSE.

On Saturday last, a social was held at the Lofthouse National Schools in aid of the Lofthouse Cricket Club. A goodly number turned up, despite the fearful weather that prevailed, and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening's entertainment. Messrs. William Parker, Junr., and Thomas Parkin, acted in the capacity of M.C's. The Committee take this opportunity of thanking the ladies who presided over the refreshments, and all persons who contributed to the night's success.

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BY W. T. STEAD.

We have the literary men with us. An undue suspicion of the interference of bookmen in national questions exists in some quarters, but that objection cannot apply to Dr. Conan Doyle and Mr. Bernard Shaw, who were the principal speakers at the Hindhead meeting. These are men of the world as well as writers of books. Dr. Doyle is a modern apostle of muscularity. He has ventured to glorify the ancient prize ring. Yet he is an enthusiast for international peace. He believes in the lofty and unselfish aims which inspire the Czar, and he has not hesitated to proclaim his opinion.

Sunday's meeting at Leeds was, in many respects, a very remarkable gathering. The Coliseum was crowded to the doors nearly a quarter of an hour before the meeting began. Proceedings were from first to last unanimous and enthusiastic. Sir James Kitson, who was in the chair, made a noteworthy speech. He is one of the few members of Parliament who have recently travelled in Russia. His testimony as to the anxiety not only of the Czar, but of his most powerful Ministers, to divert the expenditure on armaments to the construction of railways was received with intense interest by the crowded audience. Sir James Kitson is immensely impressed with the great field for industrial development which is to be found in the Russian Empire, and being a wise and prudent man, with a good eye to the main chance, he has been one of the first to profit by the opening up of this field for British enterprise.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone, who wrote a letter strongly supporting the Crusade, and declaring that its importance was greater than that of any other movement at present before the country, has also travelled in Russia, as far as the Caspian. He and Sir James Kitson drove with perfect security through mountain passes which, a few years before, had been infested with brigands, but which are now as safe as the road between Leeds and Harrogate. No more gratifying testimonies to the civilising influence of Russia in Asia could have been desired than those which lay before the people of Leeds.

A very mistaken idea appears to prevail in some quarters—that the meetings which are being held all over the country are being got up by the Crusaders in London. As a matter of fact, the movement is breaking out on all sides in a way which renders it impossible for the headquarters to deal with the matter. Take, for instance, the town's meetings at Liverpool and Hull. Both of those were got up entirely by the townspeople. They were summoned by the Chief Magistrate, and addressed by local speakers. No representative was present at either one or the other from outside, but in both of these great sea-ports—one on the east and the other in the west coast of England—proceedings were unanimous, the speeches hearty and the meetings crowded.

There is no doubt an immense advantage in having evidence of the popular feeling, but it is much to be desired that those who are holding public meetings should, in all cases, communicate with headquarters, if only for the purpose of securing the adoption of a uniform resolution in favour of the election of delegates to the National Convention, which will probably be held in March. In places where the resolution in support of the Conference has been passed, without an accompanying resolution appointing delegates in the proportion of one to every 10,000 of the population, it will probably be found better for the speakers and the secretary to be considered as an informal committee of selection, and for them to nominate representatives of their towns to the Convention, but it would be much better if the resolution could be formally put to the meeting nominating a committee of selection.

The enrolment of volunteers has gone on at every meeting which I have addressed. Here, also, the need of local organisation is vital. The procedure is simple. At the close of each meeting those who are willing to volunteer for three months' service for peace are requested to come forward, pay their shillings, receive their badges, and enrol themselves as volunteers. As each volunteer undertakes to obtain two other volunteers, he should receive two forms of enrolment for his recruits, two badges on credit, and three forms of the Memorial—one for himself and one for each of his two recruits. By this means it will be possible, after even a small nucleus of volunteers, to multiply and increase their number so as to work the whole district. At Lambeth, on Sunday last, where the volunteers were first enrolled, 122 were obtained, at St. Austell between 60 and 70, at Plymouth over 100, at Rochdale 70, at Streatham about 30; while at Leeds it is expected they will exceed those at any other place.

The organisation for enrolling volunteers has been usually improvised at an after meeting. At Rochdale, the Mayor, who presided over the town's meeting with his chain of office, accepted the post of Treasurer, and received the shillings on the spot. It is also necessary to have one or more places in the town where the badges can be issued and volunteers enlisted. Tradesmen in leading thoroughfares usually volunteer to allow their shops to be used as recruiting offices.

The reporting of the meetings of the Crusaders varies amusingly. The largest and best reports, by far, have been those which appeared in the Plymouth papers. They devoted from five to seven columns of their space to the report of the town's meeting. The *Manchester Guardian* and the *St. Petersburg Gazette* are the only daily papers which, so far, have told off a special correspondent to follow the Crusaders.

Although one finds little evidence of the fact in the great dailies, London is giving a support to this movement which it extends to few agitations. For every meeting that is held, two are immediately requested. Each post brings requests for help and information, which will be of value in the organisation of gatherings. The agenda which was placed before the General Committee at its meeting on Monday had only been prepared on the Friday. It contained a list of the meetings arranged. Between the time of sending the copy to the printers and its actual discussion no less than five more meetings had been arranged in the capital alone, and half a score others were in active preparation. These are facts that cannot be avoided, and that can only be ignored for a time. Hackney, Streatham, Westminster, and Walworth all speak unmistakably of an aroused public sentiment.

From the first, Earl Grey, who presides at the meeting in the Newcastle Town Hall, has thrown himself into the Peace Crusade with characteristic energy and enthusiasm. He has not only consented to take the chair at a meeting, he is primarily responsible for the holding and the organisation of one of the most notable demonstrations since the commencement of the Crusade. The adherence of no other man could have done so much for the cause of peace in the North of England. Earl Grey is a man about whom all parties rally. Even those who now differ from him politically respect and admire him personally. The way in which he has thrown his influence into the scale for peace has roused the whole North of England. Nor has he contented himself with active work. The largest cheque to the funds of the Crusade, received last week, was one for £50, bearing the signature "Grey."

On the Continent the interest in the pilgrimage of peace grows daily. One of the odd things illustrating this was the imperious demand from Paris that a day should be fixed for the arrival of the delegates, because Madame Sarah Bernhardt and other distinguished theatrical artistes who had promised to assist at a soirée to be given in their honour at the office of the *Fronde* must know a good while ahead, in order to keep the evening clear.

What with soirées with Sarah Bernhardt, and "Te Deums" in the Cathedrals, and receptions by the Burgomasters, the pilgrims of peace are likely to have an interesting and exciting time. It has been decided that each of the smaller States shall send two delegates. If, as is at present talked of, Nansen and Björnsen are chosen as the delegates from Norway, the International Crusaders will not be lacking in elements of universal interest.

FORTY DOLLARS FOR FOUR TEETH.

A REAL INCIDENT.

"Elsie!"

"Yes, papa;" and the child dashed away her tears and sprang to the bed where her father lay bandaged and helpless.

That day an explosion had happened in the mill where he worked, and he was badly hurt.

"Water!" he said feebly.

She gave it to him, and he went on speaking.

"Where's the money, Elsie?"

"Here, papa," putting her hand on the bosom of her dress.

"That's right. Take good care of it. God only knows when we shall have any more. Poor child!" he added fondly.

"Not a bit of it," she answered gaily. "You'll be at home all the time now, and we'll have such a good time together."

Her father gave her a loving smile, and closed his eyes wearily. Elsie began to stroke his hand, and he soon fell into an uneasy slumber.

The two were all in all to each other. They came from England, and had been in America but a few months. Elsie was a plain delicate child of thirteen; but her father called her his dove of comfort, and now she was proving her right to the name. She tended him day and night with a cheery skilful patience that made everybody love her.

But the weeks went by, the money was spent, and still he lay on his bed. The wolf was at the door. How could they keep him out?

Then it was that her father said:

"Elsie, where are the silver spoons?"

"In mamma's little trunk, with the ring and the locket," she answered.

"You must get them out, and carry them to Mr. Black."

"Oh, papa, no! It's all the silver we have, and mamma thought everything of them," she cried impulsively.

The sick man made no answer, but he put his hands over his eyes, and soon Elsie saw the tears steal slowly through his fingers.

"Papa—dear papa! I didn't mean it. How cruel of me!" she exclaimed, throwing her arms about him. "I'll take them this minute, and when you get well and earn money, we'll have them back again."

"When I get well! I wonder when that will be?" he said despairingly.

"Before long—slow and sure, you know," she answered brightly, and in a few minutes she set out on her first visit to the pawnbroker. But it was not her last. Time and again she went, till every possible thing had been carried; and meantime she was learning cheerfully to bear hunger and cold for "papa's sake."

He, too, poor man, must see his darling grow hollow-cheeked and big-eyed, with no power to save her. What could they do but to lie down together and die?

As Elsie went home from her last visit to the pawnbroker, she stopped at the store to buy a little coal, and, while she waited for other customers, she looked listlessly at the morning paper lying on the counter. As she did so, these words caught her eye:

"Wanted—Four perfect front teeth, for which I will give forty dollars—Charles Dow, Dentist, No. 5, K Street."

The poor little face flushed scarlet with a sudden hope.

"Perhaps he would take mine," she thought; "Mother Savage said yesterday she wondered how such a homely child came to have such handsome teeth."

She seemed to herself to be dreaming.

"Forty dollars—forty dollars," kept saying itself over in her brain, and when the shopman turned to wait on her she was gone. A few minutes after, she stood in the dentist's office.

"Please will you see if my teeth are good enough to buy?" she asked timidly.

The doctor was engaged in a delicate operation, but he stopped to give the teeth a hurried examination.

"How beautiful! They are just what I want. Come to-morrow," he said, going back to his work.

The rest of the day Elsie's father thought her wonderfully gay, but he could not think why, for she said nothing of her plan, about which she began to lose courage when the first of the excitement of it subsided. Hard things look easier in the morning than they do at night; and as she sat in the twilight, studying herself in a bit of looking-glass, she thought sorrowfully:

"I shall be homelier than ever when they are gone; but then how silly of me to care about that! Papa will love me all the same. But it will hurt me so to have them out," she went on thinking, and every nerve in her body quivered at the prospect. "If it wasn't for the rent, and medicine for papa, and ever so many other things—I never could beg, *never*. Yes, Elsie Benson, it's got to be done, if it kills you!"

The next morning she entered the dentist's office by the mere force of will. Her courage was all gone. Dr. Dow was alone, and said "Good morning" very kindly; but when he saw how she trembled, he put her on the lounge and made her drink something that quieted her. Then he sat down by her and said:

"Now, tell me what your name is, and why you want to sell your teeth."

He spoke so gently that at first Elsie could only answer him with tears; but at last he contrived to get all her sad story, and his eyes were wet and his voice husky several times while she was telling it.

"You are a dear brave child," he said when she finished. "Now I am going with you to see your father."

"But you'll take the teeth first, won't you?" she asked imploringly. "I shall never have courage to come again."

"Never mind that. We'll see if there isn't some better way out of this trouble," he answered.

So hand-in-hand they went back to the sick man; but I cannot tell you how happy and proud he was when the doctor told him about Elsie, or how gratefully he fell in with the plan of going to a nice hospital, where he soon got well enough to work in the doctor's handsome grounds, whilst Elsie, in her place as nurse to the doctor's baby, rolled it over the gravel walks.

So, though Elsie kept her teeth, they saved both her and her father from poverty and distress.

MORE BOOTS.

A beautiful wife in the country has expended much ingenuity in devising a scheme to keep her husband at home at night, and it proved very effectual. She flatters her liege lord about the exquisite dainty proportions of his feet, and induces him to wear boots two sizes too small for him. He is on his feet all day long in town, and when he gets home at night she has a soft chair and a pair of loose, cool slippers for him; and by the time he, with great drops of agony pearling his brow, has got off his boots, he comes to the conclusion that there is no place like home after all, and has no desire to go to town to the lodge or to sit up with a sick friend.

WHO TOLLED THE BELL?

Foote, the celebrated humourist, whilst graduating at Worcester College, Oxford, found in the head of it, Dr. Gower, a highly suitable subject for one of his droll devices. Observing that the rope of the chapel-bell was allowed to hang near the ground in an open space where cows were sometimes kept for the night, he fastened a wisp of hay to it, and the consequence was that some one of the animals never failed to seize the hay before morning, and so produced a most unseasonable and mysterious ringing of the bell. A solemn consultation took place for the elucidation of the portentous circumstance, and Dr. Gower, having undertaken with the sexton to sit up all night for the purpose of catching the delinquent, disclosed the nature of the jest by pouncing out upon the poor cow, and had the hearty laugh of all Oxford to reward him for his pains.

True politeness is perfect ease and freedom. It simply consists in treating others just as you love to be treated yourself.

We do not choose our own parts in life, and have nothing to do with those parts; our simple duty is confined to playing them well.

You and I are but a pair of infinite isolations with some fellow-islands a little more or less near to us.

Sir John Hawkwood, who so greatly distinguished himself at the Battle of Poictiers, was in early life apprenticed to a London tailor.

"A handful of good life," says George Herbert, "is worth a bushel of learning." Not that learning is to be despised, but it must be allied to good-

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the above Council was held on Wednesday afternoon, present Messrs. J. Farrer (chairman), Rev. A. J. Irvin, G. Fryer, H. Knight, the medical officer (Dr. Buck), and clerk (Mr. W. B. Pindar).

MIDDLETON.

The Clerk said he had received the agreement for the Middleton water, duly executed by the Ardsley District Council. He had also received from Mr. Hopkins, the clerk to the District Council an account for water supplied from March, 1897. They paid the Wakefield Rural District Council, however, an account up to June, 1897. The Clerk also pointed out that the present account was charged at the rate of 1s per thousand whereas the proper figure was 11d; besides which they were put down for the full minimum quantity, although up to 1897, they were not able to obtain it. Mr. Hopkins had replied to his remarks that the matter should be laid before his Waterworks Committee, but in the meantime asked that a payment of £250 on account should be made. This payment was agreed to by the Council, without prejudice, pending the settlement of the above questions.

It was agreed that the Council visit the Sewage Works at Middleton, the following day.

HEALTH REPORT.

Dr. Buck made a special report on an investigation he had made into the causes of the diphtheria cases at Woodlesford, from which it appears that Sanitary Inspector has found a serious accumulation of filth in connection with this house, but the owner has promised to do whatever is considered necessary.

The Medical Officer also presented his Annual Report, which, on the motion of Mr. Fryer and Mr. Irvin was duly approved and 50 copies ordered to be printed.

It was resolved on the motion of the same gentlemen, that the Public Health Amendment Act, 1890, be adopted.

Mr. Knight also gave notice that at next meeting he will move the adoption of the Infectious Diseases Notification Act.

TEMPLE NEWSAM.

Several letters were read from Mr. S. Shaw, the engineer for above drainage extension; the principal matter related to the proposal of the Local Government Board to hold an inquiry into the subject, previous to granting an application for permission to borrow £2000 for above purposes. It was agreed to reply to the Board that the Inquiry will be most conveniently held in the Halton Board School.

The draft of proposed drainage regulations was approved.

The proposals for covering over certain ashes pits in Dial Row, Halton, will be carried out.

BUILDING.

Mr. Whitehead submitted plans for the erection of 13 houses at Halton, and other buildings were considered, but some difficulty had arisen as regards drainage. There is also considerable difficulty as to the drainage of two semi-detached villas in the same township.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST OLD SCHOLARS' ANNUAL EFFORT.

The above took place last Sunday and Monday. Sermons were preached by the Rev. J. A. Alderson, and W. G. Smithson, Esq., and in the afternoon the "Little Violinist" was given by the A.B.C. choir, Mr. Ezra Bramley accompanying the musical selections on the organ, and Mrs. S. Dobson giving the readings. The following acted as collectors and gave half-a-crown each:—morning—Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Milner, Mrs. C. Crowther, and Mrs. J. Ward; afternoon—Messrs. G. Adamson, J. Harrison, W. W. Harrison, G. Lord, Wm. Lunn, sen., C. Lord, and G. W. Blakey; evening—Mrs. Bulmer, sen., Mrs. W. Bulmer, Mrs. H. Taylor, Mrs. E. Lunn, and Miss Bramley.

On the Monday a public meat tea was provided by Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. C. Thurwell, Mrs. H. Taylor, and Mrs. R. Bulmer, at which about 100 sat down. After tea, a pleasing non-political service of song, on the "Life of W. E. Gladstone," was efficiently rendered by the Methley Junction Choir, Mr. George Bramley acting as reader. The chair was occupied by Mr. Richard Batty, who, in a neat speech, gave many reminiscences of his past connection, as a youth, with Primitive Methodism. The total proceeds were £6 16s 0d, which is for the Circuit Fund. A hearty vote of thanks was given to all the old scholars for having taken up the effort so spiritedly, and the doxology brought an interesting gathering to a close.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A.

The Rev. J. T. Tyreman, of Normanton, addressed the members of the above on Sunday last, his subject being a retrospect of Methodism, which was an interesting resume of the wonderfully rapid growth, in numbers and influence, of the Methodist movement during the past century. Mr. J. Butterick presided, and Mr. Charles Ward played a 'cello solo from "Elijah," and also very effectively sang "But Thou didst not leave," from the "Messiah." There was only a moderate attendance.

FOR BOYS AND MEN.—A very able booklet of inestimable value to those who would be Manly Boys and Noble Men, should be in the hands of all Men and Boys. 3d. post free, from F. C. Richardson, 9, Gt. Russell St., London W.C.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Jan. 28th., 1899, is £311; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £253, thus showing increase of £58. For the 4 weeks ending Jan. 28th., the return is £1272, against £1024 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £248

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THE LATE MR. S. HARGREAVES.

More than ordinary interest was manifested in the funeral obsequies yesterday of a former resident in Rothwell,—Mr. Samuel Hargreaves (formerly clerk to the Rothwell Local Board), and there was a considerable assemblage of public men present in token of their respect for the deceased gentleman. Representing the District Council were the chairman (Mr. T. Oliver), and vice-chairman (Mr. J. Abbishaw), Councillors J. Armitage, C. Sykes, J. Oliver, G. Armitage, P. G. Milner, W. W. Harrison, J. Stead, and J. W. Bulmer, and the surveyor (Mr. Pears) and sanitary inspector (Mr. R. R. Jones;) the School Board was represented by Mr. A. Batty (chairman), and Mr. Marshall (clerk), and the Overseers by Mr. H. P. Newsome; besides whom were a long line of tradesmen, farmers, and others connected with the collieries. The funeral cortege arrived from Wakefield just before three, when the above procession joined, and proceeded down Butcher Lane to the Lych-gate, where various members of the family were waiting.

The service was conducted by the vicar (the Rev. W. B. Pierson) and his curate (the Rev. Mr. Witt;) on entering the church the organist (Mr. Sheldon) was playing "O rest in the Lord," and the "Dead March," was rendered at the close. Following the remains were Mr. Hargreaves' widow and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hargreaves, Mr. & Mrs. Thos. Hargreaves, Mr. & Mrs. James Hargreaves, Mr. & Mrs. Jos. Hargreaves (brothers of deceased), and several nephews and nieces. There were also present C. E. Charlesworth, Esq., and Mr. John Charlesworth, (representing the firm of Messrs. J. & J. Charlesworth, Limited, in whose office he has been engaged for thirty years), Mr. Benj. Clarke, of Beeston Hall, and other gentlemen. The coffin, which was of polished oak with heavy brass mountings, was covered with lovely wreaths, as follows:—In loving memory, from his loving wife and family; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hargreaves, with deepest sympathy; with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hargreaves' loving sympathy and regret; Mr. and Mrs. James Hargreaves and family, with loving sympathy; Mr. and Mrs. Charlesworth's deepest sympathies, Glenapp Castle; with deepest sympathy, from the Clerks, Milnes House, Wakefield; a token of respect with deepest sympathy, from Kirk Ings Wharf; with deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Balme, Westgate, Wakefield. The interment took place in the family vault, in which there lay the remains of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hargreaves, the parents of deceased, and over which is raised the handsome granite monument erected by the workpeople over whom Mr. Hargreaves, sen., was for so long the manager. The sides of the vault were lined with evergreens of various descriptions. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Kingswell & Sons, of Wakefield.

Mr. Samuel Hargreaves was the fourth son of Mr Jos Hargreaves, (for many years manager of Messrs Charlesworth's Rothwell Haigh Collieries,) and in his earlier days was intended for the law. Circumstances occurred, however, which led him in another direction, and in 1869 he entered the office of Messrs Charlesworth, then at Lofthouse, and so long as they continued at that place, he used to go there and back to Rothwell, every day, morning and night. In 1873 a Local Board was ordered for Rothwell, and at the first meeting of the newly-elected authority, held in April of that year, he was appointed clerk, the members being Messrs Jos Charlesworth, Jos Hargreaves, John Sanderson, Wm Clayton, Thos Kendrew, Wm Hargreaves, Jas Dickenson, Joseph Bumby, and Wm Webster; medical officer, Dr. Heaps; collector of rates, Mr. Price; treasurer, Mr Marshall; surveyor of highways, Mr Jowett, Oulton. From this time until 1893, Mr Sam Hargreaves ably and economically conducted the business of the Board, and it was only owing to Messrs Charlesworth's offices being removed to Wakefield, and the consequent inconvenience of getting to and fro, that he reluctantly resigned the appointment, which was regretfully accepted. He was an excellent accountant, scrupulously particular that all his accounts 'fit' properly, and never saved himself trouble in order to carry out instructions. He was not a public man, except so far as his official duties demanded it, but enjoyed reading either current news or books. For some years he was a martyr to rheumatic gout, and especially since leaving Rothwell he has suffered severely, and his recent illness was not by any means the only almost fatal attack he has had. He was highly respected, and his widow and family have the deepest sympathy of all who knew him; he leaves one daughter approaching womanhood, and a boy of seven years.

At a meeting of the Lofthouse Ratepayers' Association held at the Elephant and Castle, on Monday evening last, a vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Samuel Hargreaves, on the loss of her husband.

OULTON WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Monday last, the Rev Sidney Pitt, formerly of Rothwell, now of Keighley, visited Oulton, preached in the afternoon and spoke at a meeting in the evening. There was only a moderate attendance at the afternoon gathering, but at night, the attendance was better, many friends from Rothwell and neighbourhood turning up to see and hear their former pastor once more. The public meeting was presided over by Mr Goodall, of Rothwell, there being on the platform the Rev S. Pitt, Rev J. B. Maltby, Mr Denton, Mr J Walker, and Mr J Gurney. Interesting speeches were delivered bearing on Sunday school work, and the means to be used to make the efforts of workers more effective. Collections were taken in support of the school funds.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady who has been cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by means of Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent 1,000 to his Institute, in order that those deaf people who have not the means to procure the Ear Drums may have them free of charge. Apply by letter to Branch A. K. U. of the Nicholson Aural Institute, Ealing Dean London, W.

ROTHWELL MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The annual meeting of members and subscribers was held on Monday evening at half-past seven, there being a very good attendance. The President, J. S. Calverley, Esq., being unable to attend, the chair was occupied by one of the vice-presidents, the Rev. W. B. Pierson.

The report, which has been sent to all members and subscribers, was read by Mr. S. Morton, the secretary, and in every respect is an encouraging one. The long continued stupor which has characterised the institution for some years, has come to an end, and the efforts of the Committee during the last year or two, are bearing fruit in every direction. The enlargement and improvement of the premises are nearly completed; a new caretaker's house has been built and the old one has been incorporated into the Institute. By this change the following rooms have been provided on the ground floor:—a small hall for lettings, two reading rooms, a billiard room, a tea-making and cookery room fitted with boiler, hoist, etc., and lavatories. On the first floor the present large hall has been improved by a convenient staircase, the platform can be entirely removed, and a new stage has been added at the back of the hall. There are also on this floor retiring rooms for ladies (with lavatory), and for gentlemen, both having a separate exit into the street, a large room which can be used for lectures, as a drawing room at dances, for a chess club, or for committee meetings. The building has been heated with high pressure steam pipes, and painted throughout. The ventilation of the large hall has been greatly improved, and fresh gas fittings provided. The Committee feel that the Institute building is now most complete in every way, and contains as fine a hall and stage for entertainment purposes as can be found in any other town of the same size in England. The comfort and enjoyment of the members has also been well attended to. When the billiard room is opened it will be found to be both large and comfortable, and will also afford a commodious smoking room for such members as wish to use it for that purpose. The two reading rooms and the lavatories will also be a great improvement on the old arrangements.

Towards the cost of these works £270 has been subscribed, including £100 from the generous President, and it is hoped this list will be largely increased, so as to make the mortgage as small as possible.

The lettings have realised as well as could be expected during the alterations, and thanks are due to the Rothwell Amateur Dramatic Society for their entertainments, realising £8 16s 5d. A very nice balance, less cost of gas and fuel, has been left from the Cookery Class of last year, amounting to £23.

From an educational point of view there has been some advancement, as besides the Cookery Classes, a well-attended class for Building Construction and Geometry is being conducted by Mr. Jones, of Leeds. Over £10 has also been spent in new books for the library.

Mr. A. W. Seanor read the financial statement, which shews an income of £134 11s 7d, the principal items being lettings £52, ordinary subscriptions £16, honorary subscriptions £11, from the Dramatic Society £9, and the Cookery Class £23. The balance in hand is £12 2s 11½d. The auditors reported that the accounts were correct, and the books are now kept in a much more satisfactory manner.

The report having been discussed, was passed, and hearty thanks were carried to the officers, especially to the Secretary and those who have been most intimately concerned in carrying out the work connected with the enlargement.

The following gentlemen were elected for the present year:—president, J. S. Calverley, Esq.; vice-presidents, Rev. W. B. Pierson, Dr. R. Stevenson, J. R. Seanor, Esq., Dr. Buck, and H. P. Newsome, Esq.; treasurer, Mr. A. W. Seanor; secretary, Mr. S. Morton; committee, Messrs. John Abbishaw, G. Armitage, H. Clark, John Elstob, A. Varley, J. B. Wimbush, H. J. Martin, R. Batty, and Rev. J. A. Alderson; auditors, Messrs. A. Marshall and W S Copley.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

The members of the above association were engaged last Friday, in hearing a paper by Mr Shurmer, on "Church Polity," under the presidency of the Rev J B Maltby. The paper was written in an impertial manner, and reviewed some of the principal forms of Church government existing amongst us, mainly the congregational, the presbyterian, and the episcopal. All were considered to have many good points, and suited to the diversified tastes of men and women. In the discussion which followed, those present thought that as Methodism, their own dear Church, combined some of the best points in each, there was every reason for satisfaction, and a pleasant evening concluded with a cordial vote of thanks to the essayist.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

RUGBY.

At Hull—Hull K R v Rothwell.

ROTHWELL TEAM—Full back, B Cromack; three-quarter backs, O Taylor, B Kelly, H Hemsworth, B Bedford; half-backs, H Walmsley, F Parkinson; forwards, J Ward, N Westmoreland, G Bulmer, O Parkinson, W Speight, E Ambler, W Shaw, A Gillings.

ASSOCIATION.

At Rothwell—Menston v Rothwell W R (Cup Tie)

WHITE ROSE TEAM—Goal, A Cripps; backs, J Beckwith, S Baber; half-backs, J Smith, T Bridges, J Berry; forwards, R Whitehead, T Page, H Dacre, H Illingworth, A E Wright; Reserves, R Dobson, W Bedford.

At Woodlesford—Woodlesford v Oulton.

OULTON TEAM—Goal, H W Higgins; backs, W Inman, F Bradley; half-backs, D Raybould, O Inman F Bell; forwards, E A Higgins, W Hutchinson, J E Taylor, C Weddall (capt), H Mitchell.

WOODLESFORD TEAM—Goal, F Parker; backs, A Mirfin, D Johnson; half-backs, G Taylor, H Mc Williams, I Hobson; forwards, C Taylor, J Snook, P Lawn, P Haigh, F J Ferritt; Reserves, F Johnson, J W Wilkinson.

At Leeds—Oulton 'A' v Leeds P C

OULTON 'A' TEAM—Goal, C Higgins; backs, A Higgins, J T Morrison; half-backs, S Lockwood, P Inman; forwards, C Hullah (capt), W Killingbeck, T Hurdus, F Arundel, H Hammond; Reserves, H Butterick, F Armitage.

FOOTBALL.

[Will the Secretaries of Football Clubs kindly send a List of Fixtures, and also reports of all matches (second elevens also) as early, in each week, as possible.]

RUGBY.

SECOND COMPETITION.—EAST DIVISION.

					Points	For.		Against		
	Pld	W	L	D	Pts	G	T	P	G	T	P
Hull K R	13	13	0	0	26	39	77	304	3	4	18
Featherstn	13	10	3	0	20	15	38	144	7	8	38
Outwood C	14	9	3	2	20	10	15	65	6	9	39
Kinsley ..	15	9	4	2	20	14	19	85	8	13	55
Normanton	15	8	7	0	16	9	28	102	14	19	85
Goole	18	7	11	0	14	16	21	95	21	41	165
York ...	13	6	7	0	12	10	28	104	11	19	79
Rothwell..	13	2	10	1	5	9	10	48	14	28	112
Ripon	10	2	8	0	4	2	6	22	23	52	202
Pontefract	16	1	14	1	3	7	6	32	23	53	205

E. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

ASSOCIATION.

OULTON ST. JOHN'S v DODSWORTH INSTITUTE.

WEST YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION CUP.

On Saturday afternoon last, the above teams met on Oulton Green, and re-started the game abandoned the previous Saturday forty minutes before time, on account of stormy weather, with an equal record of one goal each. It was expected that Oulton, with forty minutes' down hill play, would improve their position, and likely enough, win the fixture. There was a large attendance of spectators, considerable interest being taken in the fortunes of both elevens. The visitors played the identical team as on the previous Saturday, whilst Oulton had one or two changes, E. A. Higgins, for instance, taking the place of W. Inman, at full back. On kicking off the home team soon came down with a rush, and seriously jeopardised the Dodsworth citadel, but shots went wide and dangerous play from corner kicks by Raybould, was successfully neutralised by the good play of Smith, one of the visitors' backs. Pressure was kept up by the Oulton forwards, and Ward, the Dodsworth goal custodian, cleverly saved some dangerous shots and rushes. Mitchell, centre, and Murtland, left wing, worked well together, but in subsequent play the latter made mistakes when near goal, and nice openings were consequently lost. Weddall had some nice runs down the right wing, and put in some good centres, but nothing came of them; Weddall sent in a flying shot which nearly found the net. The defence of the Normanton team was admirable, Smith and Ward in goal, being especially handy. Eventually the game was drawn, no additions being made to the record of one goal each. The Oulton players wanted to play extended time, but the Dodsworth men insisted on playing only a short ordinary fixture, preferring that the Oulton team should visit Normanton during the week, to decide supremacy in the cup competition. A short ordinary match followed, which eventually ended in a record of Oulton 1 goal (by Inman), to Dodsworth *nil*.

In this game it appears Oulton played several men who were not in the team on the previous Saturday, in consequence of which, Dodsworth lodged an objection. The West Yorkshire Association Committee had the appeal before them on Tuesday night last, the Dodsworth club claiming the match on the ground stated. The Committee upheld the objection, awarded them the match, and returned their deposit. The Dodsworth Institute team will now meet Pontefract Garrison in the second round at Normanton on Saturday next.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S v. WOODLESFORD A.

Played at Stourton on Saturday, January 28th. Taylor kicked off for Stourton, and Woodlesford at once attacked. Taylor sent in a hot shot, but Wesnedge, the home custodian, saved nicely. Stourton then got away, and after passing by the forwards, Chadwick scored with a splendid shot. Barber afterwards counted, half-time score:—Stourton 2, Woodlesford 0. Woodlesford resumed, and for some time kept the home team busy. Burnley and P. R. Idle played a sound game for Stourton, Barber again scored for the home time. Play ruled even up to call of time. Result:—Stourton St. Andrews 3 goals, Woodlesford *nil*.

ROTHWELL WHITE ROSE v. ALTOFTS CHURCH MISSION.

In the West Yorkshire League, the encounter between the above teams was witnessed on the Royds Lane enclosure, on Saturday afternoon last, before a good attendance of spectators. Altofts set the ball in motion, the homesters being the first to assume the aggressive, and having the advantage of a corner, Dacre was successful in scoring the first goal in favour of the homesters. Both teams now attacked in turn, and from a splendid pass by Wright, Page missed an easy chance. Rothwell attacked strongly, but lacked finish; after a long bombardment, Page managed to add a second goal. This put the visitors on their mettle, and after a combined piece of nice play, they were successful in eluding Cripps, and registered their first goal. The scores were unaltered up to half-time. Rothwell re-started, and Altofts compelling the homesters to act on the defensive, Cripps cleared his citadel. Play still being dangerous, Rothwell were penalised, but eventually managed to clear into neutral territory. Altofts by off-side play, seemed to have the goal at their mercy, but the home custodian proved equal to the emergency, and averted disaster. Owing to the leniency and incapability of the Referee, the game which had been bordering on roughness throughout, now became uninteresting. The game ended in a win for the homesters by 2 goals to Altofts Church Mission 1 goal.

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A SUCCESSFUL SCHOLAR.

Miss Bertha Wheatley, of the Rothwell Girls' High School, has been successful in passing the examination of the College of Preceptors, and has obtained a certificate of the third class, first division, with a distinction in arithmetic.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

The above Society held their fourth annual tea, concert and dance, on Saturday last. A capital tea was provided, and a large company sat down to the well-laden table. After tea, the Church Choir gave a concert of glees, songs, &c., the following comprising the programme:—Part songs, "The Ash Grove," "O hush thee my Babe," "Sweet and Low," glee, "Bells of St. Michael's Tower," Choir; songs "The Wolf," and "Revenge," Mr. A. Phillips; "The silver Rhine" (encore "The Pilgrim of Love"), "Tell her I love her so," "An Evening Song" (encore "Take a pair of sparkling eyes") Mr. Abraham Smith; "The Skipper of St. Ives," "The Desert" and humorous song "When I was a boy in School," Mr. R. Gill; duet, "Love and War" Messrs. A. Smith and A. Phillips; recitations, "My Cigar" and "A scene from Hamlet," by Mr. Parker, who occupied the chair. Mr. Roberts, the organist, accompanied with taste. After the concert, dancing, games and refreshments came upon the scene. A capital programme of dances was kept up until eleven o'clock; visitors playing games, chess, draughts, dominoes, &c. Messrs Barker and Duffill supplied the music for dancing, and Messrs A. W. Duffill and E. Keighley acted as M.C's. A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. H. Wrigglesworth, and seconded by Mr Mitchell, was passed to the entertainers.

The members of the above met on Wednesday last, when a debate "Is the Theatre worthy of Christian Patronage," was introduced by Mr. Telford Taylor, of Hunslet, who took the affirmative, and Mr. Mitchell the negative part. Mr. Taylor showed the starting point of the theatre, its good and its vices, and after a long speech, he gave way to Mr Mitchell, who thoroughly condemned the theatre and its life. Many speakers got up to speak on both sides, the question being well thrashed out. Time was too short for a subject like this. Mr. Taylor had the best of the debate, which was warmly discussed. Mr. F. Ellison proposed a vote of thanks to both gentlemen, and Mr Scott very ably seconded.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

THE LAWYER'S OPINION.

An Irishman while out walking one day found a five-shilling piece. He took it to a lawyer and inquired of him if it was a good one.

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WORRUKIN' HARD.

Mrs. Brady: "Och, Missus O'Toole, yez be worrukin' noight and day!"

Mrs. O'Toole: "Yis; Oi'm under bonds to kape the pace for pulling the hair of that bla'guard Missus Murphy. An' the judge tould me as if oi touched her agin he'd foine me 20s."

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Mrs. N'Toole: "No, bedad. Oi'm savin up the 20s."

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Feb. 14—Parish Tea and Dramatic Entertainment.
Feb. 20—Rev. J. Arthur Alderson's Evening Concert in the Mechanics' Institute.
April 29, 1899—Woodlesford Jumble Sale
Apr. 3, 4 & 5—Public Luncheon and Grand National Bazaar in Board Schools for Primitive Methodist Trust Funds.
May 24 & 25, 1899—Woodlesford Board Schools, Bazaar in aid of the Parish Room Fund.

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Friday, February 10, 1899.

STOURTON SCHOOL CONCERT.

The scholars and teachers connected with the Board Schools at Stourton, had their annual prize-giving and concert on Monday evening, their fine Central Hall being packed with interested friends of the children.

Mr. T. Park presided, and after expressing his pleasure in being present, referred to the School Reports, congratulating the teachers on their being so excellent, and urging the parents to secure the very best attendance possible. It has been the custom, hitherto, of presenting a shilling to each child who has made every attendance, some lady or gentleman having kindly performed this generous act for a number of years. There are now, however, such a great number claiming this gift, that it is difficult getting friends to make so large a present, commenced by the late Mr. Holmes, that the Board has decided to discontinue the habit, and to give a much more lasting and creditable reward in the shape of a certificate.

The concert then proceeded, Master G. Ramsden making the 'opening speech' followed by short recitations, "Poor Dolly," (Dollis Wilson), "What Mousie saw" (Emily Swift), and "A Visit to the Lambs," (Edith Taylor). "The Seasons," were illustrated by four girls, and a number of infants gave the song "School Bells," and "Country Dance;" the latter was very cleverly performed, while the other items must have cost much trouble and patience to Miss Macintosh, Miss Lee and the other teachers; Miss Clewes accompanied the songs. Two songs were nicely given by Miss Fanny Howarth, one of the older scholars, "The Holy City," and "The Banks of Allen Water," Mr. Duffill accompanying.

The Rev. J. A. Alderson then came forward, and having apologised for the absence of Mrs. James Hargreaves, on account of the unpropitious weather, he introduced Miss Hargreaves, (her daughter), who had consented to distribute the prizes.

Miss Hargreaves then came forward, and in an easy and graceful manner performed the duty assigned to her, there being no fewer than 164 books handed to scholars who had been present 375 times out of a possible 406; to those who had attended every time, a better prize, as well as a pretty and attractive certificate was given.

MIXED SCHOOL.

Never Absent—Walt Gillings, Geo Womack, J H Coles, Eliza Dyson, (for 6 years), Beatrice Taylor, Sam Charlesworth, Hy Clarkson. Tom Coles, (5 years), Ethel Robinson, Hilda Smith, F Coles, Joe Read, Lily Todd, Ann Savile, (4 years), Lily Hesp, Clara Jackson, Fr Gaunt, John Philips, Geo Dyson, Isabel Taylor, (3 years), F Stringer, Lily Clarkson, Har Dyson, Charles Coles, Joe Gillings, F Ellis, Ar Fox, (2 years), Ernest Gaunt, Rachel Brown, Horace Leathley, (1 year).

Standard VI—E Butterfield 396, Abraham Woodhead 395, E Crossley 388, A Nothers 382, Arthur Taylor 380.

Standard V—Hilda Allen 382, Ernest Spencer 381, Lily Goodall 380, E Sharpe 378, Laura Gregg 382, Joe Stephenson 391, Abraham Cooling 384, Arthur Wrigglesworth 375, Harry Nash 402, B Barker 398, A Read 402, James Butterfield 388.

Standerd IV—A Farrar 388, Ben Crossley 395, Rose Jackson 400, Gertrude Smith 394, Albert Charlesworth 401, L Shepherd 403, E Illingworth 392, M E Gibson 378, Eliza Allcock 384, R Gomersall 381, V Hesp 401, Joe Gomersall 389, J E Wormald 404, R Gillings 397, M H Jennings 390, John Hunt 397, H Henderson 397, J W Britton, 386, J P Jerome 402, H Booth 395, John Brown 399, H Jackson 379, A Wilson 401, R Gillings 404, B Batty 389, George Charlesworth 404.

Standard III—Eva Taylor 379, Nellie Taylor 404, Florence Barker 383, Lily Brears 401, M Gomersall 401, Ethel Atack 401, M Thomas 382, Ann Ramsden 404, Laura Bairstow 392, Rachel Gillings 389, Fred Backhouse 405, Wilfred Gomersall 395, H Hartley 394, S Ellis 383, Ern Gomersall 376.

Standard II—Gertrude Smith 377, N Jerome 403, A Allcock 395, H Gregory 403, M E Lorriman 391, H Iles 369, Eva Nash 395, Emma Gregg 380, A Gillings 392, Hilda Todd 392, A Dawson 404, E Woodhead 395, C Goodall 389, Lily Walker 382, M A Robinson 402, E Jackson 402, D Pickersgill 400, Nelly Mead 283, H Norton 396, William Spencer 404, R Gibson 384, H Sheldon 393, M Sheldon 379, W Bird 401, J Butterfield 381, Joe Goddard 385, F Blakeley 399, B Ward 390, Richard Hopton 382, E Thorpe 380, A Field 381, W Howarth 400, G Hill 404.

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INFANTS' SCHOOL.

Full Attendances (406)—Harry Farrar, Herbert Ellis, Emma Stephenson, Florence Savage.

Below 406—Thomas Dobson, Walter Ellis, Bernard Gooder, Edith Taylor, Lawrence Dyson, Alfred Ward, Herbert Bird, Willie Lunn, Frank Stringer, Nellie Barker, Lilian Illingworth, Edith Brown, Arthur Benson, Hilda Gooder, Annie Wright, Emily Farrar, Clifford Calverley, Harry Hick, Albert Howarth, Harold Ellis, Fred Ellis, Alfred Illingworth, David Brears, Albert Ward, Tom Ward, George Hartley, John Smith, Doris Wilson, Maud Milthorpe, Alice Chappell.

It ought to have been stated that the first part of the concert opened with a cleverly played pianoforte selection by little Miss Sharpe. The second part of the programme comprised a capital character song, "Model Policemen," by eight boys under Mr. White; then a charming 'battledore' drill by six boys and six girls, with red, blue and yellow battledores, under Miss Sugden. Master Duffill sang very fairly the popular "Killarney," and a little later Master Gaunt gave a good account of himself, in the character song "The Chinaman." Eight girls, dressed in patriarchal style, sang "Grandmothers old," under Miss Massey's direction, and "When cat's away etc.," by 5 boys, also caused much amusement. Three boys, Masters Nash, Taylor, and Henderson did their parts very well, in "Urchins we," and the old duet, "Where are you going etc," by Miss C. Wright and Master E. Gomersall, all but concluded the programme. The last item was a short performance by 18 boys, constituting a nigger troupe, and as may be supposed, every effort had been made to emulate the original Christy Minstrels; in dress, linen, style, lingo, jokes, etc., their programme was really capital, and Mr. White deserves all congratulation, as well as his lads, on the thorough success of this part of the entertainment. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Miss Hargreaves for her kind services, on the motion of Mr. Marshall and Mr Richardson; and also to the chairman, teachers and scholars, (not forgetting the parents) on the motion of Mr. W. Lunn, seconded by Mr. Brears. The proceedings closed soon after half-past ten.

ROTHWELL BOARD SCHOOL.

ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT.

The nineteenth annual entertainment and prize-giving connected with the Rothwell Board School took place last night in the Central Hall, which was packed to its utmost capacity.

Mr A. Batty, chairman of the Board, opened the proceedings promptly at seven o'clock, briefly expressing his pleasure, and congratulating all concerned on the fact that both departments had reached the highest grant possible under present circumstances, showing that both teachers and scholars had worked well during the year.

The entertainment then proceeded, the Infants' School occupying the whole of the first part of the programme. The first item was of quite a martial character, "Merry Little Drummers" under Miss Marshall. "The Quack Doctor" by Albert Ward, was followed by "Little Wives," and later on "Babies' Troubles," by D. Barraclough, and E Firth, all under the direction of Miss Stead. Miss Batty had charge of the pretty 'Handkerchief' drill, and Miss Cromack had taught a lot of infants the game of "Snowball." Miss Hirst was responsible for the dialogue, "The Postman" (M. Cockerham and H. Hodges), and "The stolen Nest" (E. Langley), and also guided "The little drillers" in their performance. All the items deserve commendation, but "The Postman," and "Babies' Troubles," had to be repeated.

The following long list of prizes were then presented by Mrs. Alderson, who was introduced by the chairman, as the popular wife of a popular minister:—

MIXED SCHOOL.

Full Attendances (440)—Ethel Bulmer, Ada Varley, Joseph Barraclough, Herbert Blackburn, George Pickersgill, Harry Ward, Marion Bramley, Lily Priestley, Thomas Fox, Arthur Richardson, Herbert Smith, George Ward, Louisa Barraclough, Hilda Bulmer, Ethel Ward (a), Delilah Dobson, William Bradley, Minnie Bramfoot, Hilda Crowther, Katherihe Martin, Rheda Ward, Thomas Banks, Rowland Priestly, Percy Smith, Reginald Ward, Alexander Naylor, Albert Ward, Florence Abbishaw, Emily Goodall, Lily Lake, Mary Nicholson, Nancy Tiffany, Emma Smales, Albert Priestley, Edward Tiffany, Edith Brown, Annie Kilburn, Ada Bradley, Dulcie Ellen Martin, Elizabeth Ward, Annie Bulmer.

Standards VI, and VII—Fred Dacre 439, Ezra Naylor 434, George M. Denton 429, Percy Hopton 429, Hartley Banks 427, Beatrice Durham 415, Kate Abbishaw 412, Mary Adamson 411.

Standard V—Clara Ward 437, Lily Gill 435, Frances Bedford 434, Mary Hopton 432, Harold Smith 431, Roland Ward 428, Charles Berry 424, Annie Wilcock 423, Mary Gill 419, Herbert Ramsden 418, Robert Harriman 418, James Thurwell 417, Hilda Varley 415, William Maudrill 413, Mary Nunns 405, Annie Whitehead 404.

Standard IV—Fred Goodall 439, Sam Sidebottom 439, Charles Sowden 439, Bertie Lunn 436, Walt[illegible] Sidebottom 436, Smith Elliott 435, John Kale 434, Herbert Goodall 431, Harry Lunn 429, Maud Bulmer 428, Oliver Banks 427, John Killarney 427, Joseph Stead 427, Walter Thurwell 427, Annie Adamson 425, Beatrice Priestley 425, Sophia Priestley 421, Angelina Woodward 418 Ruth Copley 418, Ethel Morton 416, Alice Dobson 415, Louie Hargreaves 412, Maud Hargreaves 411, Eliza Field 407, Arthur Wilkinson 406, Hopkinson Lord 405, Ernest Blackburn 400.

Standard III—Valentine Sidebottom 439, John Smith 439, Wilfred Shearman 438, Charles Charlesworth 437, Joe Smith 437, Soloman Ward 436, Charlotte Curtiss 436, Urban Chadwick 435, Evelyn Hammill 435, Sarah Higgins 435, Albert Bulmer 434, Gertrude Brown 434, Ethel Whitehead 434, Edith Sidebottom 433, Jessie Beckwith 432, Hilda Pickersgill 432, William Harriman 429, Edith Clayborough 428, Kate Elliott 425, Thomas Brown 422, Hannah Fox 422, Patrick Cunliffe 421, Annie Blackburn 420, Ada Tuley 417, Frank Bedford 416, William Lord 414, Mary Blackburn 413, Emily Woodward 408, Arthur Clapham 403, Fred Cromack 402, Harry Firth 401, John Gill 401.

Standard II—Louisa Priestley 439, Mary Priestley 439, Annie Rowley 438, Isabel Townend 438, Lily Blackburne 438, Albert Hammill 437, Lot Thurwell 437, Alfred Kilburn 436, Jane Smales 436, Daisy Webster 436, Clifford Ward 435, Harold Sidebottom 434, Harry Wilkinson 433, Sissy Bray 432, Ellen Hopton 431, Ethel Hopton 431, William Firth 429, James Hainsworth 429, Thomas Percy 429, Edith Hammill 429, Annie Pickersgill 428, Casse Hampshire 427, Jonathan Bramley 424, Hilda Lunn 425, Annie Dobson 424, Dickinson Nunns 417, Charlotte Hallas 417, Thomas Gibson 415, Ada Handforth 415, Dorothy Lawson 415, Herbert Palfrey 414, Edith Watson 406, Bertie Hardy 404, Lily Dobson 403, Maud Fielding 401.

Standard I—John E. Lunn 439, George Elliott 438, Mabel Charlesworth 438, Hezekiah Woodward 437, Sarah Bedford 437, Clara Illingworth 436, Evelyn Dobson 435, Sarah Naylor 435, Elizabeth Wade 434, Ethel Dews 433, Sarah Ann Firth 432, Laura Gill 432, Eliza Abbishaw 432, Lucy Sidebottom 431, W. Henry Curtis 435, Isabel Fox 430, John Clayborough 428, Edgar Lowe 427, William Rodgers 429, Edith Blackburn 426, Walter Hargreaves 425, James Higgins 425, Edith Ellis 425, Abigail Lord 425, George Handforth 423, Mary Gibson 421, Clarissa Abbishaw 420, Albert Ward 419, Albert Crowther 419, Mabel Naylor 418, Hannah Smith 418, Richard Wrigglesworth 417, Edith Durham 417, Sam Hammill 416, Alice Chadwick 416, Charles Hampshire 414, Harriet Hoyle 414, Alfred F. Lunn 411, Rose Smith 410, Martha Ward 404, Violet Ward 403, Richard Thorpe 402.

INFANTS' SCHOOL.

Full Attendances (438)—George Bradley, Herbert Priestley, Charles Hartley, Clarence Handforth, Phyllis Beckwith, Hilda Parker, Elizabeth Lake, Mabel Sherburn, Dora Beckwith.

First Class—Victor Westerman 435, Joe Smales 435, Albert Lunn 435, Ada Bulmer 435, Marian Goodall 434, Sykes Durham 433, Alice Gill 433, Tom Priestley 432, Kate Ellis 432, Ben Dobson 431, Minnie Jackson 427, Thomas Smith 427, Louisa Cromack 426, Nellie Brown 426, Bertha Varley 425, Dorothy Cockerham 424, Alfred Hopton 422, Thomas Wm. Naylor 422, Alice Priestley 420, Leonard Sidebottom 420, Fred Sheldon 419, Elizabeth Moram 418, Elsie Daker 415, Frank Hopton 409, Nellie Naylor 402, Florence Tuley 402, Gertrude Bennett 400, Lydia May Wright 393, Albert Ward 371, Walter Atack 391, Nellie Kilburn 390, Betsy Skinner 384, George Dobson 433, Fanny Blackburn 431.

Second Class—Mary Thorpe 428, Elizabeth Ward 426, Beatrice Rogers 425, Bertha Fox 424, William Whitehead 424, Clara Ward 419, John Blackburn 419, Dorothy Barraclough 418, Edith Firth 413, Albert Dews 411, Elsie Abbishaw 408, Sydney Wade 408, Martha Lowe 407, William Sidebottom 405, Walter Kale 404, Laura Elliott 397, Emily Moram 393, Fred Wilkinson 389.

Third Class—Ernest Thorpe 430, Sarah Parker 420, Minnie Cockerham 415, Eliza Tiffany 414, Fred Bradley 404, Hilda Westerman 391, George Goodall 390.

On completing the presentation, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Alderson for her kindness, Mr. Butterick and Mr. Lunn speaking on this, and on educational subjects.

The programme for the elder children was then continued, Miss Howarth leading off with an action song, "Pickles," by boys and girls. After a chorus, "Shepherd of Souls," (under Mr. Earnshaw), a number of children gave a "Crying Song," (Miss Charnock), followed by a "Laughing chorus," (Mr. Wheelhouse), "The waifs" represented by J. Hirst, L. Lake, C. Ward, and B. Newton, took well, and was repeated (Mr. Wheelhouse); a little solo by Miss E. Blackburn, "At my work,', following. Mr. Wilfred Denton deserves special credit for the success attending his training of boys and girls in the difficult duet "Excelsior. The capital representation of "The Market," (Miss Kirkby) went well, Miss Tarrie Marshall singing the descriptions, while Master George Denton and Master H. Blackburn, sustained the parts of 'quack Doctor' and 'Cheap Jack.' The pretty 'bar' drill under Miss A. Denton, was succeeded by Mr. McBurney's song and chorus "List to the Convent Bells" (solos by Miss Tarrie Marshall and Master Percy Hopton). The boys then gave a "Football Song" (Mr. Earnshaw) and a Metrical Prologue completed the list of items This last consisted of short recitations with suitable accessories, comprising:—"Welcome" (Ethel Bulmer), "The Year 1898" (Ada Varley), "Spanish American War" (Rbt. Harriman), "Johnny Bull" (Leonard Watkin), "Death of W. E. Gladstone" (Tarrie Marshall), "Omdurman" (Mary Gill), and "Czar's Message" (Mary Adamson).

A gratifying feature of the programme was that all the teachers in the school had something to do; if their names are not mentioned above, they were assisting at the piano, there being no fewer than seven accompanists during the evening. The head teachers, while keeping an active oversight on the work, and assisting in every way possible, kept themselves back, to the advantage of the juniors.

After a comprehensive vote of thanks to the chairman, the teachers, scholars, and parents, on the motion of Mr. Elstob and the Rev. J. A. Alderson, the proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

ROTHWELL TENNIS CLUB BALL.

Since the first Rothwell Tennis Club Ball was held six seasons ago, this re-union of members and invited guests has established itself as one of the most important and fashionable functions of the district, amongst those to whom the terpsichorean art is such a fascination. The sixth of these gatherings took place on Friday night last, in the newly-enlarged and handsome public Hall at the Mechanics' Institution. This was practically the first time the improved premises had been used, and the new suite of rooms and convenience of access, were greatly appreciated, although many of the details and finishing touches to the building are not yet fully carried out. The ball-room had been very tastefully decorated by the promoters, as also the approaches and retiring rooms. The music was supplied by Mr. Mark Fowler, piano; Mr. Joe Oakley, violin; and Mr. R. H. Lewis, picolo, and gave every satisfaction. The duties of M.C. were discharged by Dr. Buck, while Messrs. H. S. Atkinson, W. Copley, J. T. Morrison, T. Oliver, acted as stewards. The following were the dances:—Circassian circle, lancers, waltz, quadrille, waltz, lancers, schottische, waltz, lancers, polka, sarabands, waltz, lancers, barn dance, waltz, quadrille, waltz, lancers, waltz, lancers, schottische, waltz, lancers. Those present were:—

Mr and Mrs Jas Armitage, Iveridge; Mr. J F and Misses Armitage, Robin Hood; Mr G, Mrs and Misses Armitage, Robin Hood; Miss Ashley, Bradford; Dr and Mrs Buck, Rothwell; Mr J H and Miss Braime, Leeds; Miss Butterfield, Rothwell; Mr C E Brooke-Hunt, Oulton; Mr J H and Miss Corden, Wakefield; Mr T and Miss Craven, Peckfield; Miss A Craven, Rothwell Haigh; Mr W S Copley, Rothwell; Miss C Dobson, Morley; Mr S Dobson, Carlton; Mrs John Farrer, Oulton; Dr B Fawcett, Leeds; Mrs T Gould, Thorpe; Dr Gay, Liverpool; Mr and Miss Heptonstall, Methley; Mr and Misses Hollings, Methley; Mr E A Higgins, Oulton: Dr Haigh, Rothwell; Mr H Haslegrave, Wakefield; Mr E Haslegrave, Oulton; Mr J Holdsworth, Wakefield; Mrs Kitchin, Harrogate; Mr F and Misses Kitchin, Harrogate; Miss Mason, Leeds; Mr J T Morrison, Oulton; Mr R A and Misses Murtland, Oulton; Mr T and Misses Oliver; Carlton; Mr F and Miss L Puffett, Rothwell Haigh; Miss Parker, Rothwell; Mr and Mrs W E Richardson, Rothwell; Dr and Miss E Rider, Leeds; Mr and Mrs C Robinson, Batley; Miss Richardson, Rothwell; Mr A H Richardson, Methley; Mr C A Rickard, Leeds; Dr and Miss Stevenson, Rothwell; Miss L Smith, Keadby; Miss Suddaby, Rothwell; Miss Sugden, Leeds; Mr G W Smith, Thorpe; Miss Trummel, Robin Hood; Mr B Taylor, Methley; Miss A Wormald, Rothwell Haigh; Mr Walker, Leeds; Mr C Weddall, Woodlesford; Mr T P Whiteley, Lofthouse; Mr W Wright, Rothwell.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A.

The above service was well attended on Sunday afternoon last. Mr. A. Pickersgill, of Carlton, was the speaker and gave an excellent address on "Three kinds of fool." He divided his subject into three heads, firstly, the sceptical fool, who would not believe because he could not see and understand, and therefore went about saying "There is no God;" secondly, the moral fool, giving King Saul as an example of the class; and thirdly, the Christian fool, concluding by urging all to adopt the latter class, and be willing, with St. Paul, even to "be counted a fool for Christ's sake." Mr. John Ward presided, read the lesson, and also gave a short address. Mrs. J. T. Varley filled in the musical items, her selections, "O, Thou that tellest," (Messiah), and "The World's peace," being much enjoyed.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady who has been cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by means of Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent 1,000 to his Institute, in order that those deaf people who have not the means to procure the Ear Drums may have them free of charge. Apply by letter to Branch A. K. U. of the Nicholson Aural Institute, Ealing Dean London, W.

MR. B. W. HIGGINS' CONCERT.

Last night, a very appreciative audience assembled in the Harold Hall to enjoy a programme of music given by talented artistes whose services had been enlisted by Mr. B. W. Higgins. This gentleman in many ways has been an energetic worker in connection with the carrying out of the Oulton Institute and Harold Hall scheme, and last night's concert was one of his efforts on behalf of the Committee's funds. With such a large musical connection as Mr. Higgins has, it was no wonder that such a capital *menu* should be provided, and with the hearty co-operation of members of his family and others, satisfactory financial results had before-hand been ensured, by a large sale of both classes of tickets. The audience from the first was in a happy mood, and encores were throughout the programme almost constantly demanded. We shall not presume to give an exhaustive criticism of so lengthy a musical entertainment which the encores entailed, as our space and time are unfortunately too limited; suffice it to say that the talent was of a high order, and reflected very great credit upon Mr. Wood Higgins and the individual performers. We have heard it said that every singer in a quartette can point out three good reasons why the organisation isn't absolutely perfect, but the individual either amongst the Lyric vocalists themselves, or in the audience, who could detect cause for complaint with the gleeists must be a musical epicure of extreme rarity. The quartette, Messrs. Haigh, Heckford, Hoyle and Hanson, sang the part song "To Thee"; plantation melody "Nelly was a Lady" (encore); "On the banks of Allan Water" (encore), and the humorous glee "A Franklyn's Dogge." Mr. Haigh also appeared in the solo "The Curfew"; Mr. Heckford in "By the fountain"; Mr. Hoyle "Oh, oh, hear the winds blow" (encore), and Mr. Hanson "Love's old sweet song" (encore), in each of which their fine voices were heard to perfection. In Miss Amy Rudkin, Mr. Higgins had secured a soprano vocalist of high range and general all round ability, her first song "Beloved, it is morn" receiving a ready encore; her song "Joyous Life" in the second half, was also a musical treat. Mr. Staniland Hall, in the flute solo "Valse de Concert," was particularly noticeable for his deep mellow and vibrating low notes and quick fingering, and the audience would not be satisfied until Mr Hall had appeared in an encore piece. In the second part, Mr Hall gave "Fantasia" from *Faust*, and was again well appreciated. Miss Elaine Cliffe was perfectly easy and at home in her first song "Golden Harvest," the singing of which gave the vocalist an opportunity of using her fine contralto voice to advantage. Her pleasing manner and effective interpretation of the song secured for her a well-merited encore, and another composition was equally well rendered. Miss Cliffe's best effort, however, was in the second part of the programme, in which she selected the weird but eminently musical solo "My heart is Weary." The conclusion of her effort was the signal for general and very hearty applause, and the audience would not be contented until the young lady had acknowledged the compliment with another effort. Mr. Harry Sykes, of mandoline and banjo fame, maintained his excellent character in the playing of the mandoline solo "Memories," and was as a matter of course encored; in the second part also, his zither banjo solo "Darkie's Dream" won easy appreciation with the audience, and another second piece had to be substituted. Mr. H. C. Cockerlyne, who presided at the grand piano (kindly lent by Messrs. Hopkinson Bros. & Co., of Leeds), throughout the evening, and accompanied the songs, &c., with ability and ease, contributed a pianoforte solo in place of the duet down in the name of Miss Rudkin and Mr. Haigh, and as is not very frequently the case with such concert items, earned a determined re-call, and played another short solo, both of which did credit both to the performer and the instrument. The singing of the *National* Anthem, at a late hour, brought to a close one of the best and most generally appreciated concerts of the season, and to Mr. Higgins is due the thanks of the Institute Committee and the numerous auditors for such a successful money-raising and highly satisfactory musical effort.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE CHAPEL.

A very interesting limelight lecture was given in the Rothwell Primitive schoolroom, on Saturday evening last, by Mr. W. Hill, of Stourton. The lecture and views were illustrative of "Walks round and about Snowdon," and gave one an idea of the beauties and charm of the mountains of North Wales. Mr. A. L. Parker, the well-known Stourton reciter, contributed to the success of the gathering by recitals of "Scenes on the Conway," "William Tell's speech to his native mountains," "Eryri Wen," "The death of Gelert," and "Taffy is a Welshman." There was a large attendance.

The A.B.C. meeting in connection with the above place of worship was addressed by the Rev. J. A. Alderson on Sunday last, there being a large audience. Mr. Alderson spoke on the singular subject of "The mystery of a Hansam Cab," from which very useful and well-studied lessons were taught. Mr. W. Hartley occupied the chair; Mr. T. Priestley, A.L.C.M., rendered solos, "Come unto me," and a pretty piece from a cantata; Mr. Jas. Howarth also played violin solos. The same soloists took part at the evening service, when the Rev. J. A. Alderson preached on "Personal thinking and acting."

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected COCOA, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk.—Sold only in packets and pound tins, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & Co., Ltd., Homoeopathic Chemists, London."

THE LIE THAT WON.

The blazing wood-fire on the hearth threw flickering shadows across the sanded floor of the large kitchen, and lit up by fitful gleams the rugged faces of the members of the October Club that filled the settles drawn up each side of the fire. The rain plashed against the window and the wind howled round the house; but what cared they? They had been telling ghost-stories, and now one proposed that he who told the biggest lie should be excused from paying his score.

"I," said one, "knew a young man who was so thin that he and his two brothers could barely cast a shadow."

"Oh, that's nothing!" said another; "I heard of a young fellow who had to carry in his pocket an anchor weighing three hundred pound for fear he should be blown away. I've seen him many times talking to a friend with his anchor hitched on to a lamp-post."

"That nothing," said another; "I knew a man who was so thin that when he wanted to go a journey he got inside a letter and had himself dropped into a post-office. Well, one day the letter was so badly directed that it was sent to the dead-letter office. There, in course of time, is was opened, and when the man stepped out to explain matters the clerk sneezed, and my friend was never seen again."

"That," said another, "does not come up to my brother. He was so thin that he was in the habit of being telegraphed from place to place. One day while he was being sent through the wire from St. Martin's-le-Grand to Westminster, a chimney-pot fell on the wire and broke it just as half of him had got through. Though the other half was sent by another wire as quickly as possible it was too late, for he bled to death."

"Talk no more of thin men," said another; "I knew a man so fat that it took thirteen tailors two days to measure him for a suit of clothes."

"Nothing surprising in that," said another. "My brother is a doctor, and one day a fat man came to him, and he says:

"'Doctor, there's something been tickling in my neck for the last week, and now it smarts like, and begins to feel hot.'

"So my brother made him sit on the floor, and takes the longest ladder he could find and climbs to his neck.

"'Man alive!' says he, 'do you know what you've got in your neck?'

"'No,' says the man.

"'Why,' says my brother, 'here's two kids a-playing at Robinson Crusoe. They've dug a cave in your neck, and have just lit a fire.'

"'Ah!' says the fat man, 'that's my two boys; I lost 'em last week. Good morning, doctor.'"

"I guess I've got a yarn of a sea-sarpint that'll beat the lot," said a brown sailor-like man that sat in a corner. "I was taking out a cargo of pills and ointment once to the Sandwich Islands—my own invention, and fine stuff, too. When I was a rounding Cape Horn, I saw a great rumpus about a mile ahead."

"'It's whales,' says one.

"'Icebergs,' says another.

"Says I, 'You may all say your prayers, for to Davy Jones we're all bound this trip. It's a sea-sarpint,' and we all bolted down below.

"About ten minutes afterwards I heard a tapping on the deck, and through a spy-hole I had made, I saw the sarpint himself.

"'Anybody at home,' says he.

"'Yes,' I says, just peeping out.

"'I'm not going to hurt you,' he says; so come up, Cap'n Brett.' He knew my name, you see. 'I know your barque very well,' he says. So I stepped on deck. 'Been having a row with the old man,' he says, and he showed me a big, raw place on his neck about three fathoms wide and thirty fathoms long. 'Overhaul your chist, cap'n, and see what you've got to cure it.'

"Says I, 'Sir, I'll behave as one gentleman should to another. I've got a cargo of pills and ointment. Take fifty boxes of 'em every night going to bed, and spread the ointment on a rag, and bind it over the wound.'

"So I gave him sixty tons of the ointment and he was cured."

"Is that true, cap'n?"

"I guess it is," said the captain; "for on the voyage home I saw the little 'uns playing with the empty boxes."

"That's a fine story; but you'll have to pay your score for all that, Cap'n Brett," said another. "Once, when I was out tiger shooting in India, tired with waiting for the game, I fell asleep under a peepul-tree. When I woke up it was dark and very hot. I sat up and began to shout for my servants; but my voice sounded as though I was shut up in a cave. Well, gentlemen, to make a short story of it, I found I had been swallowed by an enormous boa. I soon had out my knife, and began to cut my way out, and after working four or five hours I saw daylight. I didn't stop at that; but I cut that snake right in two, and one-third of him crawled on, leaving two-thirds behind. I followed the head part, to see how long it would live. For about a month he went up and down the country, swallowing every living thing he came across. It was a curious sight to see the oxen, goats, tigers, crocodiles, elephants, men and women, that were drawn into his mouth, walking out at the other end of him as lively as ever.

"'I must be in a rapid consumption,' I heard him mutter to himself one night, 'for my appetite is enormous. I'll swallow a doctor or two, and I dare say that'll set me right.'

"But the very next morning he happened to look round and saw me.

"'Holloa!' says he; 'didn't I swallow you about a month ago?'

"'You did,' says I.

"'Snakes alive!' says he; 'where's the rest of me?' when he saw that two-thirds of him was gone.

"'In the Talwaddy Jungle,' says I; 'I cut you in two.'

"With that he gives one groan, and turned pale and died. Gentlemen, after that heroic deed I might have married half the princesses in India."

"I heard of that brave deed of yours," said Major Leasing; "but I think I can tell you something more wonderful that happened to me. In the battle of Chutnagoor, I led my company against some of the most famous swordsmen in India. At the very first shock my head was cut clean off. I felt something cold at my neck, and the next moment my head was lying on the ground. My sergeant, one of the smartest fellows I ever saw picked it up and clapped it on my shoulders again almost before I knew it was gone. There it stuck, gentlemen, and, except for a little hoarseness, I suffered no inconvenience. But I determined to have that sword, and shot the owner of it dead. Later in the day I had to lead another charge, and with this sword I cut a man down in halves, so quickly and neatly, that he didn't know it. One half hopped one way and killed a man before it dropped dead from loss of blood, and the other half cut my horse in two, dropping dead the next moment."

"You may talk of your snakes and things," said another; "but I knew a woman who never in her life said a spiteful thing of another woman."

The last speaker was about to be exempted from paying his score, when someone cried out that Larkins had not spoken.

"Come, Larkins," they shouted, "let us hear your yarn."

"I can't," he said; "*I never told a lie in my life!*"

Larkins, by acclamation, was exempted from paying his score.

"Look a-here, fellow!" exclaimed Flippantwalker when he awoke the other night and discovered a man "going through" his trousers pockets, "aren't you getting purse-an'-all?" (With a scared look and a despairing yell the thief dropped his booty and sped out of the room as if he had been sent for and was in a hurry to get there. Evidently he imagined he had blundered into a private retreat for lunatics.)

"Mother," said a little girl to her parent, who takes a great interest in charitable institutions, "I wish I were an orphan." "Why so, my dear?" "Because I should see more of you, for you are all the time going to the orphan asylum."

"Come, old fellow, don't take your losses so much to heart," said one Wall-street broker to another who had just lost heavily; "come, bear up!" "I will!" replied the other with determination; "never again will you find me upon the bull side."

Possibly the man who scouts the idea of perpetual motion never rode four miles in a street car beside a woman whose tongue centres on a pivot and wags at each of its extremities throughout the entire trip.

Mrs. Boggs—"What a terrible fall your father got yesterday, Harold; do you know what the doctor called it?"—Harold (engrossed in arithmetic): "Yes'm: compound fractions."

OLD FOLK'S TREAT.

This annual institution has been put off a little this year, it being felt that as New Year's Day is pretty well engaged, a later date would suit better. By the efforts, therefore, of Mr. James Hargreaves, Mr. H. Clark, and Mr. Jas. Dobson, a nice sum was raised by private subscriptions, which was supplemented by a charge to the public for admission to the entertainment; and so a sufficient amount of money was obtained to make the aged, the widows and orphans, and the poor, a first-class meat tea. At five o'clock, on Wednesday afternoon, the newly-decorated Mechanics' Hall presented a most unique and interesting appearance, the tables being occupied entirely by persons coming under the above heads, while an abundant variety of good things feasted the eyes of the happy guests.

The ladies occupying the seats of tray-holders, included Mrs. Pierson, Mrs. James Armitage, Mrs. Wm. Hargreaves, Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Clark, Miss Dawson, Miss E. Hargreaves, Mrs. James Hargreaves, Mrs. A. W. Seanor, Mrs. A. Ward, Mrs. J. Hirst, and Mrs. H. P. Newsome. There were also present during the proceedings, the Rev. W. B. Pierson (vicar), the Rev. J. B Maltby (Wesleyan), and the Rev. J. A. Alderson (Primitive), Councillor Jas. Hargreaves, Mr. Clark, Mr. Dobson, and Dr. Buck. Those participating in the treat numbered 140, mostly females, there being only about 20 men in the list.

The concert room, at seven o'clock, was quite crowded, and everything passed off most happily and successfully. A brilliant pianoforte duet by Misses Louie and Gertrude Hargreaves introduced the programme, the succeeding items being suitably varied.

Of course Miss Jessie M. Seanor was the principal musical attraction, and her efforts were greatly appreciated by the audience, her favourite "Spring" shewing off her high register, while her second song "Poor wandering One" gave scope for other qualities of sweetness and power; she was recalled both times, and as one encore gave the test song "The silver ring."

Miss Suddaby, who has only recently come amongst us, promises to be a considerable acquisition to our list of good local singers, and everyone must have been charmed with her touching rendering of "Abide with me" (encore) and her pleasing performance of "All in a garden fair."

Mr. L. E. Greenwood has not been much before a Rothwell audience, but certainly his next appearance will be cordially greeted; his round, mellow tenor being most agreeable music; his selections were "Mary" and "Come into the garden, Maud," the first being especially pleasing.

Mr. Hanley is a stranger, but as a bass singer, his careful study and good natural organ, will win him laurels in the future; his selections were "Anchored" and "The Longshoreman"; both being very enjoyable. The two gentlemen also sang as a duet "The moon hath raised her lamp above."

Mr. John Young very cleverly accompanied all the vocalists, and materially assisted in their success.

Our young friend, Mr J. Oakley, played a Fantasia from *Il Trovatore*, and variations on "Life let us cherish" as violin solos, and he was loudly recalled, especially in one of these efforts, which he contented himself with simply acknowledging. To Miss Firth, his accompanist, is due much praise.

As might be expected, with such a majority of people with sadly too few opportunities of a hearty laugh, Mr. T. Reed who gave several comic recitations and songs, was the one to raise the spirits, and he seemed to suit the old folks exactly. "Seeing t'panorama," "That girl was mine," "The lady Doctor," and "The shivering Locked-out-Husband," were well done, and it was a treat to witness the exhilarating effect on faces that seldom smile.

During a short interval, the Vicar spoke a few kindly, encouraging words, picturing life as a school, the tasks as pain, sickness, poverty, the benefit of these troubles to prepare for the better life; and the joy, by-and-bye, of reaching a home of rest and blessedness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Every attention was paid to the guests, those living at a distance were safely conveyed home by means of waggonettes.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

No. V—THE DOCTOR.

Dr. T. H. Smith, Royal Colonial Institute, Northumberland Avenue, W. C., writes: "I have much pleasure in testifying to the superior qualities of your Vi-Cocoa over any similar preparation in the market. I do this willingly and unsolicited, as I consider it a great boon to the public I have personally experimented with the cocoas in the market, and find that the great drawback to all of them was the slow process of digestion and assimilation. The diastase in the Malt not only assists digestion in your Vi-Cocoa, but it also accelerates the digestion of other foods which are taken with the Vi-Cocoa. This I have personally tested, and can therefore speak from actual experience. Its wonderful remunerative power after exhaustion from fatigue is marvellous."

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ROTHWELL INFIRMARY COMMITTEE

Mr. James Hargreaves, treasurer to the above Committee, has this week handed over to the Leeds General Infirmary, the sum of £50 3s, subscribed by the workpeople of Messrs. J. and J. Charlesworth's Rothwell Haigh Colliery.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The usual meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon, present;—Mr. J. Banks, (chairman), Mrs Dickenson, Mrs Woodcock, Revs. A. J. Irvin, M.Dillon, Messrs J. Hargreaves, Butterick, Edwards, Fryer, Charlesworth, Seddon and Robb, with the clerk (Mr. Mee).

THE LADIES' COMMITTEE FEEL INSULTED.

From the minutes of the Workhouse Committee it appeared that Mrs. Firth, matron, had written, stating that she had not on any single occasion, accompanied the Ladies' Committee in going their rounds, nor been in the wards at the time of their visit. Mr. Robb and Mrs. Dickenson having reported their interview with the Ladies' Committee, and the matter having been fully considered, it was proposed by Mr. Robb that the committee exonerate Mrs. Firth from any blame whatever in the matter. Seconded by Mrs. Dickenson and carried unanimously. It was resolved that the advisability of further defining the duties of the Ladies' Committee be considered this day month. The minutes were adopted.

The Clerk read a letter from the Ladies' Visiting Committee. This stated that the attention of the Committee had been drawn to a report of the last meeting of the Guardians, and the committee desired to say, in answer to the statement that "the ladies ought to have the courage of their convictions," that they had this courage from the first; they had never been afraid to speak to the Matron, or to report in the visiting book about other matters. Moreover, they thought they had been of much use in the suggestions they had made in the visiting book, and at any rate they thought they had been of use to the female inmates. In conclusion, the Committee stated that in their opinion the attack made upon them, and made public, was, to say the very least, unjust and unkind. The letter was signed on behalf of the committee, by L. E. Price (president).

Mr. Seddon: I think the vice-chairman (Dr. Hawkyard, who was not present) ought to apologise now.

Mr. Robb said that what grieved the Committee most was that the statements made at the last meeting had gone the wide world over. They had been copied into the official papers.

Mr. Hargreaves said that if gentlemen made statements at a public meeting they must expect them to go through every paper in the land. The letter was a plain and straightforward one. The ladies were not experts, but they had faithfully tried to discharge their duties, and had a right to every courtesy, and if damaging statements had been made they ought to be withdrawn by those who circulated them.

Mrs. Dickenson said the Ladies' Committee were very much annoyed.

Mr. Butterick thought the ladies were experts—at any rate in replying to any attack made upon them (laughter).

Mr. Hargreaves: I quite agree with you.

Mr. Butterick proposed that the matter be referred back to the House Committee.

Mr. Fryer seconded. He thought all the trouble had arisen from that Committee.

Mr. Seddon repeated that in his opinion the Vice-chairman ought to apologise for making the remarks he did make.

The resolution was adopted.

ROTHWELL'S CHARGE FOR WATER.

It appeared from the minutes of the Finance Committee, that a letter had been received from the Rothwell Urban District Council enclosing copy of correspondence which had taken place between Mr. Schofield, late clerk to the Guardians, and Mr. Tuley, late surveyor to the Council, shewing that the Guardians had agreed to charge 1s 1d per thousand gallons of water, and asking for payment of account without further delay. It was recommended that the Guardians apply to the Local Government Board for an order authorising the payment of the account; and that arrangements for future supply of water for the Homes be referred to the House Committee. The minutes were adopted, on the motion of Mr. Robb, seconded by Mr. Butterick.

OULTON VACCINATION FEES.

At a meeting of the Vaccination Committee, a letter was received from the Local Government Board as to the fees to be paid to Dr. James as vaccination officer for the Oulton district. After hearing Dr. James on the matter, it was resolved that the fees under the respective sections be altered from 2s 6d and 5s to 2s and 6s. The minutes were agreed to.

THE PROPOSED NEW WORKHOUSE.

It appeared from the minutes of the Sites and Buildings Committee, that a letter was received from Messrs. Grenside and Elliott forwarding a plan on parchment of land at Rothwell Haigh. Ordered that the same be preserved with the other documents of the Board. A letter was received from Mr. Morton, architect, reporting an interview with the architect of the Local Government Board with reference to the new Workhouse plans, and stating that he had been informed that the Board proposed to ask for a small deputation to wait upon them with the object of persuading the Guardians to provide for a greater number of inmates. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Local Government Board laying the views of the Guardians fully before them.

TO THE DEAF—A rich lady, cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent £1,000 to his Institute so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Apply by letter to:—H. S. I. RICHARDSON, 9, Great Russell Street, London, W.C

ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE HALL

A well-attended service of song was rendered in the Rothwell Temperance Hall, on Sunday night last, by the Society's choir. The composition was entitled "The Lost Purse, or Honesty Rewarded." Mr. T. Blackburn conducted, Miss E. Sidebottom acted as reader, and Mr. Sidney Bedford accompanied. A collection for the Society's funds was taken.

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NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We would particularly urge our friends to send in their letters and news, as early as possible, as we cannot accept contributions later than Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, except in the case of matters occurring on Wednesday or Thursday, which should be forwarded within a short period after. Advertisements may be sent as late as Friday morning.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.

HEARD IN THE STREETS.

CONTRIBUTED.

THAT somebody ought to let other folks know what everybody thinks of 'things' and persons. (And so somebody will do a bit)

That we are fortunate in having in our midst a young man who dares to challenge all comers in open debate.

That somebody should have a try, say "A Mock Debate" on anything you like.

That the Tennis Ball was a brilliant success, the 'retiring' room being in great demand.

That one young lady said it was 'simply divine.'

That the Rev. J. A. Alderson had a good outing in his 'Hansom Cab' in spite of the fact that it was the Sabbath afternoon.

That the Old Folks' Treat was a splendid success and thousands of thanks are due to Messrs. Hargreaves, Clarke, and Dobson, for so excellent a 'do.'

That one of the items not to be despised was the refreshments at the close.

That at the Stourton Concert it was difficult to define which a certain member of the School Board was most interested in, the children or one of the teachers.

That the anxiety of the Concert made Mr. White feel very red.

That everything passed off well, from the late beginning to the end.

ZEAL WITHOUT DISCRETION.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times.

Sir,

I notice with increasing alarm, the habit which the Temperance Society has fallen into with regard to their Sunday evening service. Gospel Temperance sermons are now a thing of the past, and in place of the gospel, we find that every Sunday one or two Services of Song are given. No one likes to hear music and singing better than myself, but when such services are substituted for the gospel, I consider there is something radically wrong. Christ's command was to "preach the gospel." Preaching is a divine institution, and there is no doubt that preaching is the best method of extending His kingdom amongst men, and for this reason the pulpit can never be superseded. It was in sermons that "He who spake as never man spake," revealed to a surfeited and guilty world, the beatitudes of the humble, and the peacemaker. In sermons, Savonarola thrilled the heart of corrupted Italy, and snatched her from the decadence of a new Paganism. In sermons, the mighty voice of Luther's indignation shook the world. By sermons to miners, down whose black cheeks as they listened at the pit mouth, the streaming tears coursed in white furrows; Wesley and Whitfield, in a century of deepening atheism, kindled into fresh flame the embers of a dying faith. What would have been the moral condition of Rothwell to-day, had it not been for the faithful preaching of the gospel, sabbath by sabbath. Preaching "Jesus Christ" is the only power that can revolutionize society. It is our only panacea. Is it not then the height of folly to depreciate preaching as our friends are evidently unconsciously doing, by systematically introducing these services of song as a counter attraction to the services that are held in the other places of worship in the town? May I ask what is the object in view of the service of song promoters? If to elevate the morals of the people, allow me to say that nothing is calculated to do this better than "the Word of God, which *liveth* and *abideth* for ever." If to gather funds for promoting temperance work, then I consider there is a better way. For instance, if the service of song was given at 7-30 or 8, instead of 6 p m. a large company would be ensured, as many who are habitual attenders at other places of worship would only be too pleased to go at that hour, and lend a helping hand; but under present circumstances we are debarred from doing what to us would be a pleasure, because we could not think of leaving a vacant place at our chapel or church in order to hear a service of song on a sabbath evening, much as we appreciate good singing and the Temperance cause generally. Would it not be far better for the officials of the Temperance Society, to hold their musical service at a time which does not interfere with the hour of divine worship, and thus ensure the co-operation of the various religious bodies in the town. United we stand, divided we fall.

Yours truly,
WATCHMAN.

THE GAS QUESTION.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Sir,

There are at present several *burning* questions agitating the minds of many in Rothwell, judging from the absorbing topics, *re* wooden buildings, new school sites, &c—not forgetting "Imperial Politics and things;" but in my opinion the most important matter at issue is the *quality* of our gas. Its brilliancy and general lighting effect are marvellous, in fact, only the other evening I had to light a second burner on my chandelier, in order to see where the other was, (this is not an exaggeration at all, but perfectly true). As you are aware we pay an exorbitant price for the use of this "mixture," and it is necessary, nay, only just, that we should have for our money a *quid pro quo* (Latin quotations seem to be in evidence, just now). The Collector comes round quarterly for payment of the account, and offering on the Company's behalf, a "sop" of 4d per thousand if the said account be paid within a certain period. The Directors could certainly afford to take off more than this if the quality we are now objecting to, is still continued, but I presume that while the consumers will put up with such "inferior stuff," they will demand their "pound of flesh" in the shape of 10 per cent, even if it is derived from a more "ethereal" body than was Shylock's proposal. Let this monopoly be broken down, by the District Council purchasing the Gas Works, and "then we shall see—where we cannot now see."

Yours truly,
BETTER LIGHT.

ASSOCIATION.

OULTON v. WOODLESFORD.

A League match between the above teams had been arranged for last Saturday afternoon, on the Hesp Lane enclosure, but as the referee failed to turn up, an ordinary match was played. The ground was hard with frost and play had in consequence to be cautious. The visitors led first to the attack but several corners proved futile. Taylor had a nice opening to score but shot too high. After a subsequent passing movement, the ball was given to Ernest Higgins, who scored an easy goal, the only one scored up to half-time. In the second half Woodlesford equalised, after which play became keen and exciting. Nothing further, however, was scored and the game ended in a draw of one goal each.

TO MOTHERS.—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is pleasant to taste; it produces natural quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." Of all Chemists, 1s. 1½d per bottle.

BOOK CUTTINGS.

ORIGIN OF "HURRAH."—The word is pure Sclavonian, and is commonly heard from the coasts of Dalmatia to Behring's Straits, whenever any of the population living within these limits are called on to give proof of courage and valour. The origin of this word belongs to the primitive idea that every man that dies heroically for his country goes straight to heaven—*Hu-raj* (to Paradise); and it is so, that in the shock and ardour of battle the combatants utter that cry as the Turks do that of "Allah!" each animating himself by the certitude of immediate repose to forget earth, and to condemn death.

SECURING THEIR MONEY.—The Bank of France is not entirely free from apprehension regarding the ability of the burglar, and guards itself in a very careful manner. Every day, when the money is put into the vaults in the cellar, masons are waiting, and at once wall up the doors with hydraulic mortar. Water is then turned on and kept running until the cellar is flooded. The burglar would thus have to work in a diving-suit and break down a cement wall before he could even start to loot the vaults. When the officers arrive next morning the water is drawn off, the masonry is torn down, and the vaults opened.

HUNTING THE OWL.—When Thomas Holcroft, whose "Road to Ruin" still keeps the stage, was a stable-boy at Newmarket, "hunting the owl" was a diversion much in favour with the fraternity of which he was a member—a diversion he thus describes:—"To catch the owl is to persuade a booby that there is an owl found at roost in the corner of a barn; that a ladder must be placed against a hole, through which, when the persons within shall be pleased to hoot and hunt him, he must necessarily fly, as the barn-door is shut, and every other outlet closed; that the boy chosen to catch the owl must mount this ladder on the outside, and the purblind animal will fly directly into his hat. When the owl-catcher is persuaded to all this, and mounts to his post, the game begins. Hallooing and absurd noises are made; the fellows within divert themselves with laughing at what is to come, and pretending to call to one another to drive the owl from this place to that, while two or three of them approach nearer and nearer the hole, when they discharge the contents of their full tubs and pails on the head of the expecting owl-catcher, who is precipitated from his ladder to some soft but not very agreeable preparation below."

IN ARCHERY DAYS.—In the time of James I., and for some time previous, the great archery-grounds of London were Finsbury Fields. These extended from the open country down to the very wall of the City itself, where stood Moor Gate. The only buildings beyond Moor Gate were those scattered along a kind of avenue, then occupied by bowyers, fletchers, and stringers, and since known to fame as Grub-street, and more recently as Milton-Street. Beyond Grub-street the broad meadows were dotted in every direction with the archers' marks, which were pillars of stone or wood supporting a target, the whole being crowned by a respresentation of a flying bird, a serpent, or a swan, according to the fancy of the individuals by whom they were erected. There were no less than one hundred and sixty-four of these marks in 1594, each being distinguished by a name—most commonly of a fanciful kind—exhibiting a strange partiality for alliteration. One was called Daye's Deed, another Dunstan's Darling; others, respectively, Pakes his Pillar, Partridge his Primrose. The shortest distance from one mark to another was nine score yards; the greatest nineteen! By 1737 the marks had been reduced to twenty-one only and the archers had degenerated in about the same proportion; the greatest distance being now only thirteen, and the least about threescore yards.

QUEER OLD NAMES.—There would appear to have been strange names in the northern parts of England in the thirteenth century. The origin of some of these names are apparent enough. For instance, in a rare old tract of 1279, we read of one Adam Aydrunken (always drunken!) having "accidentally upset a boat in the water of Tyne, so that he drowned thereby Beatrice, his wife." At Newbrough there then lived a family bearing the name of Unkutheman. The holders of such an "uncouth" name were unlucky. "William Unkutheman and Elwald de Aldenstone were making a certain dam, or fence (*sepem*) in the water of Tyne; and the said William was striking upon a certain stake with a mallet to drive it into the ground when the head flew off and striking Elwald on the head, deprived him of life." William Unkutheman was taken up and imprisoned for the homicide, but a verdict of accidental death was returned, and "peace was conceded to him."—Again we come across such names as "Bates, son of William" (our Williamson), "Gilbert Trutte, son of Adam cum Naso" (Adam with the nose). In another scarce tract we read of "Symon the Clerke" and "Richard Alpendache;" "William Sliper-toppe (Silvertop) was once felling a tree, and the tree fell and killed him;" "Huchtred of Linacres had to pay half a mark for refusing to feed the king's dogs;" "Roger Graunge and William Bene were proceeded against by William Terrarius" (William the Terrier), and so on. At this period the Christain name of "William" would appear to have been popular among the males of the north country, and "Beatrix" and "Cecilla" among the females.

THE WONDERS OF WOOING.—In olden times it was the fashion for a suitor to go down on his knees to a lady when he asked her to become his wife, which, with very stout gentlemen, was an uncomfortable proceeding. The way in which Daniel Webster proposed to Miss Fletcher was more modern, being at the same time neat and poetic. Like many other lovers, he was caught holding a skein of thread or wool which the lady had been unravelling. "Gracie," said he, "we have been untying knots. Let us see if we cannot tie one which will not untie in a lifetime." With a piece of tape he fashioned half a true lover's knot, Miss Fletcher perfected it, and a kiss put the seal to the symbolical bargain. Most men when they "pop" by writing are more straightforward and matter-of-fact. Richard Steele wrote to the lady of his heart: "Dear Mistress Scurlock" (there were no misses in those days), "I am tired of calling you by that name; therefore say a day when you will take that of, madam,—Your devoted, humble servant, RICHARD STEELE." She fixed the day accordingly, and Steeled her name instead of her heart to the suitor. The well-known brothers, Jacob and William Grimm, were much attached to each other, and had no desire to be married. But it was thought proper by their friends that one of them should become a husband, and Jacob being the elder, it was agreed that he should be the one to enter the bonds of matrimony. A suitable lady was found, but Jacob declined to do the courting, requesting William to act as his agent. William consented, but soon found he was in love, and wanted the lady himself. He could not think, however, of depriving his brother of such a treasure and knew not how to act. An aunt delivered him from his difficulty by telling Jacob, who willingly resigned the damsel, and went out of the way until she had been made Mrs. William Grimm.

A young woman who had taken up the study of Greek remarked cheerfully, at the close of the second day, that the language did not seem at all difficult. But not all beginnings are so easy.

A farmer's son in the country conceived a desire to shine as a member of the legal profession, and undertook a clerkship in the office of the village pettifogger at nothing a week. At the end of the first day's study he returned home.

"Well, Tobe, how d'yer like the law?" asked his father.

"'Taint what it's cracked up to be," answered Tobe, "I sorry I learnt it."

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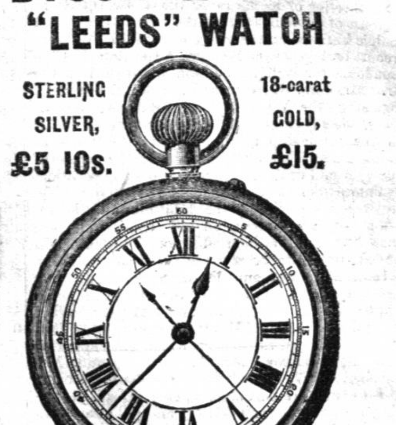

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ROTHWELL WESLEYAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

A new departure was attempted at the meeting of the above on Friday night last, "Anonymous papers" not having been on the society's syllabus previously. Seven papers were sent in, which were all very interesting, and were read by Mr. A. J. Goldthorpe, the secretary. The following were the subjects chosen:—"John Wesley on tea-drinking," "Superstitions," "Valentines," "A character sketch of Florence Nightingale," "Funny sayings of childhood," "Christian Socialism," and "Leaving a Margin." The papers were much appreciated, but very few were present to hear them. In the absence of the Rev. J. B. Maltby, the president, and all the vice-presidents, Mrs. Maltby occupied the chair. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to Mrs. Maltby and Mr. Goldthorpe for their services.

THE QUEEN AND AN OLD ROTHWELLITE.

We have just had placed in our hands, a very interesting letter from Mr William Hopton, to Mr A. Batty, registrar of births and deaths, and feel sure it will be a pleasure for many of our older readers to hear of their former fellow-workman. The letter is as follows:—

37, Exeter Street,
Newtown, St. Helen's,
Feb 3rd, 1899,

My Dear Sir,

Many thanks for the copy of my baptism. My father's old family bible (which I have), shows only one christian name. When a boy I heard I had been named after my mother's brother, William Wormald. I required a copy for the Government, they have promised to give me a small pension for life, if my age be 75 years. About 8 years ago, I had a grant from Government of £100, and 5 years ago another grant of £150, all because my books and lectures have benefitted the mining community; I am now to have a small pension for life. The public in Carlton and Rothwell will be pleased, no doubt, to hear such. If you wish to inform them, you are at liberty to do so, because of one belonging to them. I have not seen Rothwell since the death of my brother Joseph, 12 years ago. If well, I hope to run over in the summer.

I am,
Faithfully yours,
W. HOPTON.

[We are always proud to know of the welfare and success of a former citizen of our ancient town, and as with William Brown, so William Hopton will find a cordial welcome when he comes to see us.—ED]

SOLD!

A wag went to one of the stations of the Metropolitan one evening last week, and, finding the best seats all taken, opened the door of a carriage and said:

"Why, the train isn't going."

A general stampede ensued, and the wag took the coveted seat in the corner.

In the midst of the general indignation he was asked:

"Why did you say the train wasn't going?"

"Well, it wasn't then," replied the wag "but it is now."

HE WANTED THAT HIMSELF.

Mrs. Morton (angrily): "Tommy Horton, what made you hit my little Jimmy?"

Tommy Horton: "He struck me with a brick."

Mrs. Morton (more angrily): "Well, never let me hear of your hitting him again. If he hits you, you come and tell me."

T. H. (sneeringly): "What would you do?"

Mrs. M.: "I'd whip him."

T. H.: "What! he hit me with a brick, and you have the fun of lickin' him for it? Not much!"

A DOUBTFUL COMPLIMENT.

A promising young merchant recently presented his better half with a handsome piano lamp on her birthday anniversary. He was much flattered when she told him she intended to give it his name, until he asked her reasons for so peculiar a proceeding. "Well," said she, "you know, dear, it has a good deal of brass about it, it is handsome to look at, requires a good deal of attention, is remarkably brilliant, is sometimes unsteady on its legs, liable to explode when only half full, flares up occasionally, it is always out at bedtime, and is bound to smoke."

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ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
TO MARKET GARDENERS AND OTHERS.
TENDERS are invited for the cropping of about 6 acres of land at the Lemonroyd Sewage Works. Further particulars may be obtained on application to the Surveyor at the Council Offices.
Tenders endorsed "Sewage Works" to be delivered to me on or before Monday, the 27th February.
J. B. WIMBUSH,
Clerk to the Council.
Rothwell, Nr. Leeds,
Feb. 16th, 1899.

WEST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS, &c.
COUNTY MAJOR SCHOLARSHIPS, and Free Studentships, value up to £60 a year; Textile Scholarships for Workmen, value £60 a year; County Minor Scholarships tenable at Secondary Day Schools; and Technical Exhibitions tenable at Evening Classes.
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COMING EVENTS REGISTER.
The proprietors of this journal propose opening a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

Feb. 20—Rev. J. Arthur Alderson's Evening Concert in the Mechanics' Institute.
April 29, 1899—Woodlesford Jumble Sale
Apr. 3, 4 & 5—Public Luncheon and Grand National Bazaar in Board Schools for Primitive Methodist Trust Funds.
May 24 & 25, 1899—Woodlesford Board Schools, Bazaar in aid of the Parish Room Fund.

OULTON-WITH-WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

The Election of Members of the above Board will be held in the Oulton Schools, on Monday, February 20th, and once again I appeal for your confidence and support.

For six years I have had the honour of a seat upon the Board, and for fifteen years I have resided in the district. During that period I have gained some knowledge of the Educational status and requirements of the township.

I see no reason for party or sectarian members of small School Boards, for experience has taught me that the routine work of a Board like ours does not admit of such distinctions. A sound progressive educational policy which will better equip the rising generation to fight the battle of life would receive my warmest support.

Being in business for the greater part of my life enables me to distinguish between necessary and unnecessary expenditure, and the latter I should not hesitate to condemn, as I have done in the past.

In the immediate future, it is probable a system of Secondary Education will be organized, and I should like to see the Elementary System properly dovetailed into it, so that our deserving scholars may have easy access to Secondary Schools.

I appeal for your support at the Poll as a Candidate prepared to exercise my best judgment on matters relative to the welfare of the whole community.

I am,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours very faithfully,
TOM BATT.
Beech Grove, Oulton,
Feb. 13th, 1899.

SILVER WEDDING.

HEMINGWAY-ABBEY—Feb. 16th, 1874, at St. John's Church, Oulton, by the Rev. R. Hamilton, Tom Derwick Hemingway, of Seacroft, to Jane, eldest daughter of Mr. William Abbey, of Oulton.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley

Friday, February 17, 1899.

ROTHWELL PARISH CHURCH SHROVETIDE GATHERING.

TEA AND AMATEUR THEATRICALS.

Many and varied are the entertainments that have been given in connection with the Rothwell Church Shrove-tide re-union, but never has there been an evening's programme given on such an elaborate scale as that which occupied the attention of a crowded house on Tuesday night last.

The long-established parish tea took place in the National School at half-past five, and was well attended. Tables were given by Mr. Jewison, Mrs. Calverley, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. James, Mrs. John Dobson, Mrs. J. Armitage, Mrs. Farrer, Mrs. Gould. Mr. Atkinson, Mrs. Pierson, Mrs. Wimbush, Mrs. J. Hirst, Mrs. Hargreaves, and Mrs. G. Armitage; and half-tables by Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. G. Barker, Rev. F. G. Witt, Mrs. Stainer, Mrs. W. E. Richardson, Mrs. G. Wilson, Mrs. R. Batty, Mrs. Buck, Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Elstob, Mrs. Craven, Miss Webster, Mrs. Trummel, Mrs. A. Armitage, Mrs. Puffett.

The announcement that members of the Rothwell Amateur Theatrical Society were to appear in a farce and musical comedy, in the newly-enlarged Mechanics' Hall, attracted a rush of eager auditors, and long before the announced time for commencement, the hall was crowded to an uncomfortable degree. Elaborate preparations had been made for these productions, special and effective scenery having been painted, the arrangement and fixing of which no doubt had something to do with the delay in commencing the programme, it being quite half-an-hour after the advertised time when the curtain rose to the amusing farce "Hook and Eye." In a comfortably furnished apartment Joshua Gedling (Mr. J. Hirst) is seen seated by the fire, suffering from irritability and peculiarities of temperment which only a long attack of gout or rheumatism can bring into such prominence. Sylvia Selbourne (Mrs. H. P. Newsome), and Harry Selbourne (Mr. H. Clark), friends of the old gentleman, with Ned Fairleigh (Mr. J. W. Daft) a young artist friend of the latter, soon introduced themselves, and it at once became evident that young Fairleigh has designs on his friend's charming sister, whom he mistakenly supposes to be the daughter of the afflicted Gedling. In order to test his sincerity, the young lady devises a novel means, temporarily fixing to her arm one of those hooks commonly substituted when the lower part of the arm has been amputated. This unfortunate drawback to the young lady's many charms comes as a surprise to the gallant suitor, in spite of which, however, he remains true to his professions of love, and is rewarded with young Sylvia's affection, the disclosure of the means of testing his devotion, only serving to accentuate the bliss of the happy pair as the scene closes. The misunderstanding between old Gedling and Ned, as to the topic of their respective conversations, one talking about the old man's gouty foot, whilst the other is thinking only of Sylvia (both of course supposing that they are discoursing on the same subject) is entertaining to the most laughter-loving individual, and the merriment never flags or becomes dry from beginning to end. Mrs. Newsome rises to her part well, Mr. Daft makes an ideal and fascinating young 'spark,' whilst Mr. Hirst is just at home in his impersonation of the old man. Mr. Clark as Harry Selbourne, is not long on the stage, but sustains his part with ease and confidence.

The second part of the entertainment was taken up by the musical comedy in three acts, entitled "My Sweetheart," first staged by the amateurs at Oulton, in the beginning of December. The difficulties of working the new scenery in a new house were responsible for the too long intervals between the acts, but no doubt matters will go more smoothly on a second performance, which would, we think, draw a big audience; the time and labour bestowed on the production has been excessive, and a second appearance in the same play and in the same hall would certainly give the performers a better chance of running through the performance with less delay, and as a consequence with far greater effect. The characters were good, the scenery the finest we have seen in the hall, and but for the tedious waiting in an almost insufferably crowded and heated room there was little more to be desired. The characters were Tina (Miss Butterfield), Mrs. Hatzell (Mrs. G. Wilson), Mrs. Fleeter (Miss Suddaby), Dr. Oliver (Mr. L. E. Greenwood), Joe Shotwell (Mr. H. Clark), Tony Faust (Dr. James), Farmer Hatzell (Mr. J. W. Daft), Dudley Harcourt (Mr. R. R. Jones), Harold Bartlett (Mr. J. Dobson), Pick-a-bo (Miss D. Wilson), children, Misses Greenwood, Jones, Newsome, Wilson, and Master Greenwood.

In a realistic farm-yard scene, the piece opens, with Tony and Tina in friendly intercourse suggestive of love; early in the first act Tony make himself at home with the little ones, and joins them in their games, games, the musical "see-saw" forming a pretty picture. During subsequent arrangements the family party is increased by Mrs. Fleeter, a fortune hunter, and her brother, a gentleman of winning ways, but of suspicious intent. This young lady soon developes designs on Tony, whose uncle, Count Faust, possesses wealth. The expectations of Tony turn out as desired by the artful Mrs. Fleeter, the Count dying, and Tony is congratulated on his sudden acquisition to wealth and a higher position in life. In the second act the audience is introduced to Tony's town house, an elegantly-appointed residence, where Mrs. Fleeter and her brother Harold, further mature their designs on Tony, the adventuress at the same time carrying on a heartless game with the aged and simple-minded Dudley Harcourt. Mrs. Hatzell also pays a visit to Tony in his improved circumstances but soon hurries off to the kitchen for refreshment, the need of which is of first importance to her. Bartlett and his sister force Tony into a proposal of marriage, the deceitful Bartlett at the same time having ingratiated himself into Tony's affairs, so as to become the Count's appointed man of business, in which position he has played ducks and drakes to a nice tune. The beguiled Tony proposes marriage, is accepted, and the festal day is fixed. Just in the glory of her triumph her true character is ascertained by the methodical Dr. Oliver (a faithful friend and councillor), and the fact that she has a husband living, at the present time, is seasonably disclosed, much to the discomforture of Mrs. Fleeter, who had left her despised husband on the brink of the grave many years ago. Joe Shotwell, the dissipated and besotted husband of Mrs. Fleeter is produced, and lays claim to his "loving wife," of which extremity Tina takes quiet but self-satisfied observation. In the third act the parties are once again back at the farm, the energetic and plain-spoken Mrs. Hatzell being engaged in her homely and evidently congenial duties on the farm. Farmer Hatzell is as merry and vivacious as ever. Tina, the lovable simplicity of whom has before bewitched the Count ere he came into his estates, is waiting the arrival of her former gallant swain, and on arrival Tony renews his expressions of endearment towards her. Mrs. Fleeter, in widow's weeds, is also in evidence, believing her husband to be really dead this time, and again attempts her fascinations. The incorrigible Joe, her husband, however, again turns up in the flesh, having escaped from the ship on which she and her brother had safely stowed him, and he effectually prevents any further attempts on Tony's affections. The insipid endeavour of Harcourt to storm the heart of Mrs. Fleeter is also an important part of the concluding scene. Tony and Tina, however, are safeguarded in their interests, and are eventually left without outside intrigue, to the enjoyment of their long-sullied bliss. Upon Miss Butterfield and Dr. James, the principal characters, much of the success of the performance depended, and it is only due to them to say that the spirit and go they infused into the scenes was the foundation upon which the success of the effort rested. Mrs. Wilson impersonated the quick-tempered virago element with amusing effect, Mr. Dobson performed well his difficult character as the deceitful friend of the Count; Mr. Daft adapted himself admirably to the character of the rollicking farmer; Mr. Greenwood, as friend and physician was a good impersonation of that dignified profession; the character Miss Suddaby took was a difficult one in its duplicity, but she proved herself a good actress; Mr. R. R. Jones sustained well the part of the weak-minded Harcourt; whilst Mr. Clark fulfilled his difficult *role* as Joe Shotwell most admirably; Miss D. Wilson as Pick-a-boo, and the other juveniles did splendidly during the short time they were on the stage. The vocal items by Miss Butterfield and Dr. James were much appreciated, and with many of the other parts of the performance were greeted with hearty applause. The dresses of the comedians were appropriate and very becoming, whilst the elaborate scenery upon which much time and care had been bestowed, formed capital backgrounds to many pretty scenes.

Mr. J. Young, piano, and Mr. J. Oakley, violin, supplied the music in a very satisfactory manner. The entertainment lasted until a quarter past eleven. The performance has cost considerable time, and money too, and to the performers and their many helpers is due great credit for such a delightful production.

MR. JOHN STAINER, J.P.

We feel sure that inhabitants of Rothwell will be pleased to hear of the honour bestowed on one of their townsmen, Mr. John Stainer, a member of one of our oldest Rothwell families, who has just been made Justice of the Peace for the Borough of Folkestone. Mr. Stainer, as many of our readers know, is the eldest son of the late Wm. Stainer, tailor, of Rothwell. The only relatives now living here are Mrs. R. Nicholson, his sister, and Mr. T. Stainer, his cousin. Our friend has carried on a successful business in Folkestone as a chemist and druggist, and is, as may be supposed, very highly esteemed there.

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OULTON & WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD.

The final meeting of the above Board, as at present constituted, was held last Monday night, at the Woodlesford Schools, the Rev. A. J. E. Irvin presiding. Mr. Batt, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Downes and the clerk (Mr. R. J. Smith) were also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Parkin, head master, asked if the schools would be given holiday on Monday next, the School Board Election day.

It was remarked that the Board could not very well give a holiday on that account, the election taking place at the Oulton School.

The chairman said that if the Schools had not had a holiday for the very satisfactory results of the school inpection, they were certainly fully entitled to one, as he thought there were no better results in Yorkshire. He proposed that the schools have a holiday and that it be on Monday next.

The motion was seconded, and carried unanimously.

It was agreed on the motion of Mr. Batt that the Board join the West Riding Federation of School Boards, and that the appointment of representative be left over for the new Board.

It was proposed by Mr. Newsome that Mr. H. Peel be appointed to do the plumbing work required at the schools; seconded by Mr. Batt and carried.

This being the last meeting of the Board, Mr. Batt proposed that the best thanks of the members be accorded to the chairman, for his efficient services, his courtesy, and faithful fulfilment of his duties.

Mr. Downes, in seconding the motion, said it had been a pleasure to serve under Mr. Irvin's chairmanship. He had always tried to keep up the standard of the Board, and he (Mr. Downes) would never wish to serve under a more courteous chairman.

Mr. Newsome supported and the motion, was carried.

Mr. Irvin said he was obliged for the vote; it was a position he had filled with happiness, owing to the very pleasant and agreeable gatherings they had held, and he was sorry their last meeting had come. As they knew Mr. Downes was retiring, and he, along with the other remaining members, might not meet again under such happy conditions. During their term of office they had watched the interests of the schools, and their present satisfactory position they owed to very careful administration, both as regards the teachers and officials, the various Boards with perhaps one or two exceptions, always endeavouring to act on a forward policy, and thereby keep the schools thoroughly up to date. They had always endeavoured to have as efficient a teaching staff as possible, and had never grudged paying a fair day's wage for a fair day's work. The Board had always endeavoured to give the best education they could to the children. Some people had complained of the large amount of money they spent in prizes, but he thought such inducements acted as a valuable stimulus to good attendance, and could not very well be reduced. He was sorry Mr. Downes was leaving them, as he had, as a representative of the working men, watched their interests and worked for the general good of the schools. In him they would be losing a valuable friend of education.

A vote of thanks was also accorded to Mr. Batt for his services as vice-chairman, Mr. Downes and Mr. Newsome speaking to the resolution.

Mr. Batt, in acknowledging the compliment, said his services had been given with willingness and pleasure, and if returned again as a member of the Board it should be, as in the past, his endeavour to promote the educational interests of the townships.

The chairman then proposed a vote of thanks to the clerk and Mr. Downes seconded.

Mr. Smith, in response, said it was a pleasure to know that his work was appeciated, although as a paid official he had no right to expect such acknowledgement of his services. During the twenty one years he had filled the position of clerk he had become thoroughly interested in the work and felt proud to be connected with such a Board.

The election of the new Board takes place on Monday next the following seven gentlemen having been nominated for the five seats:—Batley, W. E., auctioneer; Batt, Tom, oil merchant; Irvin, Rev. A. J. E., clerk in holy orders; Lygo, J. T., clerk of works; Newsome, W. H., innkeeper's manager; Snell, J., grocer; and Trinder, H., brewer. The polling takes place at the Oulton Schools.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

Under the presidency of Mr. Isaac Smith, Dr. Wainman, of Hunslet, gave a capital address at the meeting of the above, last Sunday afternoon. The Doctor's subject was "New Year's Wishes," and in his introductory remarks he spoke of the ever-increasing custom at Christmas and the New Year season of sending loving greetings through the post to friends both far and near. If only people would follow out and fulfil these good wishes in many cases diseases such as alcoholic poisoning, and other troubles, brought on by man's own folly would speedily decrease, and there would be far less to do for men of his profession. The Bible was a splendid handbook to health, many of the precepts of which tended to a minimum of worry, and extended life. Enoch, Methuselah, and Noah lived according to God's laws of health, and had in consequence a ripe old age. God, as well as our many friends, wished us well not only during the Christmas season, but all the year round, and if men would but study his precepts and act thereon, life would be a joyous experience. Of Wesleyan Methodism he spoke hopefully, and said that by the Twentieth Century scheme it was going to make a big and lasting impression. Miss Nellie Bramley, of Rothwell Haigh, was the soloist and gave sweet renderings of "The Beautiful Prayer," and "The orphan's prayer." Mr. E. Bramley accompanied on the piano.

FOR BOYS AND MEN.—A very able booklet of inestimable value to those who would be Manly Boys and Noble Men, should be in the hands of all Men and Boys. 3d. post free, from F. C. Richardson, 9, Gt. Russell St., London W.C.

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.]

THE THEATRICAL ENTERTAINMENT.—A FRIENDLY CRITICISM.—Dear Mr. Editor, Profiting by your hint, I took the opportunity on Tuesday evening last, to visit the enlarged and newly-decorated Mechanics' Institute, at Rothwell. And I was well rewarded. The Rothwell Amateur Dramatic Society provided the entertainment, and the proceedings commenced some time between seven and eight p.m. The fact is, being a "first night" at the Institute, under its enlarged and renovated condition, much work devolved upon the persons responsible for the stage scenery, and, as a consequence, some delay occurred before the curtain rose on the first Act. The audience displayed exemplary patience at the delay, but to some extent were rewarded by the music from Mr. Oakley's violin, and from the piano presided over in a masterly manner by Mr. John Young.

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The first item on the programme was an amusing farce in one Act, entitled "Hook and Eye," in which "Sylvia Selbourne" devises a means of testing the sincerity of the love of "Ned Fairleigh." To Mrs Newsome was allotted the part of "Sylvia Selbourne," and I must say that lady personated the unsophisticated country maiden very well. And Mr. John Hirst as "Joshua Gedling" a gouty, irascible old fogey, rendered the character first rate, while his make up was a wonderful transformation. The gay "Harry Selbourne" (brother of Sylvia) was represented by Mr. Clark, who both by style and speech hit the character off to a nicety. Mr. Daft, as the artist-lovesick "Ned Fairleigh" (in love with Sylvia), gave evidence that he has the stuff in him of which good actors are compounded. The charming little comedy was a dainty bit, and just whetted our appetites for the more substantial fare to follow.

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The serious or more ambitious part of the evening's entertainment was entitled "My Sweetheart," a musical comedy in three Acts. When the curtain rose, our eyes were delighted at the freshness and beauty of the scenery. There were two scenes in the play, rustic in style, and both had a most charming effect. Much praise is due to the artist who designed and painted them. In the play of "My Sweetheart," the acting and singing by Dr. James as "Tony," and Miss Butterfield as "Tina," were altogether beyond praise, and contributed largely to the evening's enjoyment. Mrs. Wilson as "Mrs. Hatzell," the farmer's wife, who does all the work on the farm—so at least she affirms—played the part remarkably well, and the make up was a work of art. Miss Suddaby, I believe, is a fresh recruit in the Rothwell Dramatic Society. This lady displayed quite exceptional powers in the histrionic art. The part of "Mrs. Fleeter" demands the exercise of practised ability to realise fully the character of the unscrupulous adventuress; and the candid critic must admit that Miss Suddaby did justice to the subject, and gave promise that she has in reserve quite exceptionally the instinct of dramatic force needing only practice to put her in the front rank of amateur actors in our local society. I am almost tempted to describe Miss Suddaby as a star of the first magnitude on the Rothwell stage, but I fear the Editor won't allow me. Little Dorothy Wilson made a lovely "Peek-a-boo." Mr. James Dobson, as "Harold Bartlett" (brother of Mrs. Fleeter), put life and vigour into the play. He looked well, acted well, and was quite at home throughout the piece. In his hands the character of the gentlemanly villian was rendered with conspicuous success from beginning to end. Mr. Clark's representation of the character of "Joe Shotwell" was another example of splendid acting. The peculiarities of the broken-down sot and vagabond were delineated in a masterly manner. Mr. Greenwood "As Dr. Oliver" took the part as if to the manner born, as the friend of virtue in distress, and acquitted himself remarkably well. The character of "Farmer Hatzell" was pourtrayed by Mr. Daft in a dashing style; he was cleverly made up and his acting was quite a success. Mr. R. R. Jones as "Dudley Harcourt" may be accredited with the distinction of ably representing a character dear to the gallery—that of the unconscious fop. The part was evidently relished by the demonstrative section of the audience, judged by the applause accorded to Mr. Jones at the end of the play. A number of children were introduced upon the stage for picturesque effect, friends of the family, I presume—Well, we all love children, at home, abroad, or on the stage, if they have parts and are properly trained to entertain and amuse by their winning ways—not otherwise. The charming little dears did all they had been prompted to do, and for which, thanks, with kisses.

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Being altogether a "barbarian" and an "outsider," I have to rely on gossip at the street corners for my information, from which I learn that the play I have criticised as an old playgoer and for my amusement, was given as a supplement to the Shrove-Tuesday "Parish Tea" about which I am further informed, means, not a Wesleyan or a Primitive tea, but a Church Tea. "Dash it all, don't yer know" to quote the facetious Mr. Jones. Well, brethren, let us continue in amity and charity. I sincerely hope the funds of the Church Society will benefit by the very excellent entertainment provided for me and others on Tuesday last, at the Mechanics' Institute, Rothwell, by the Rothwell Amateur Dramatic Society. Thanking you in anticipation, Mr. Editor, for your liberality in printing my candid criticism.

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I noticed in my '*Mercury*' that Mr. W Wright had scored a great success with the 'Mock Trial' at Leeds. I wonder whether it is possible to prevail on him and his friends to spend a night at Rothwell, either for the Mechanics, or to help some other worthy object.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady, cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent £1,000 to his Institute so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Apply by letter to:—H. S. I. RICHARDSON, 9, Great Russell Street, London, W.C.

INTERESTING ANECDOTES.

MISERABLE HIMSELF, YET HE AMUSED OTHERS.—When Mr. Edward Terry was convulsing a Midland town with laughter, a patient waited on a physician in that place to obtain some remedy for excessive melancholy, which was rapidly consuming his life. The physician endeavoured to cheer his spirits, and advised him to go to the theatre and see Terry. The patient replied, "I am Terry."

MADAME SARAH GRAND, whose novel, "The Heavenly Twins," has won the favour of cultivated readers, is often absent-minded. One day a visitor found her with a big, awkward volume on her knee, heated, excited, and evidently put out.—"Is anything the matter?" the visitor asked.—"Oh, yes," she answered, desperately; "I've lost my pen, and I'm writing to catch the post".—"Why, where are you looking for it?"—She glanced at me, and then at the book.—"I—I believe," she faltered, "I was looking for it among the p's in the dictionary."

TOO MUCH CANVAS.—A somewhat cantankerous old fisherman down in a little village in Devonshire not long since took himself a young wife. After the union, however, the parties did not seem to agree as well as might have been expected. One day, after an altercation in which the wife had decidedly *not* come off victor, the vicar happening to meet the old man, rebuked him for his harshness, reminding him that the wife was "the weaker vessel."—"Well," was the dogged rejoinder, "if she be the weaker vessel, she didn't ought ter carry so much sail!"

WAITING FOR THE MUSIC.—There was recently, on the outskirts of Newcastle, a concert, and the audience comprised some amateurs from a mine. In the course of the evening, the Paganini of the orchestra stepped forward to play a solo on the violin. His ambitious selection was the famous "Carnival," through which he struggled with exemplary courage, and at the end he dropped his bow and fiddle to his side and made obeisance right and left, expecting a burst of applause. Instead of this he was greeted with: "Aw say, fiddler, are yo' goin' to be all nicht tunin' that fiddle o' yours, or are you goin' to give us a tune?"

AUTHORS AND THE PRESS.—Very curious are the methods of some authors in preparing their work for the press. While Moritz Jokai, the famous Hungarian novelist, was staying at the house of a friend, the latter remarked that his guest was in the habit of constantly jotting down notes on separate slips of paper, whether at home, out walking, talking, watching the dancers, or in the vineyard; in short, everywhere. This excited the curiosity of his host, who was not a little surprised to hear in reply to his inquiry, that all these fragments were part of a novel he was then writing and were sent off direct to the press.

A STORY OF FRANKLIN.—When Benjamin Franklin came to England, it is said that he brought with him a negro servant, who was much interested in the industrious habits of the people of the country. At Bath he even saw the dogs at work turning the spits.—"Ah," he said, "everything work, massa, in this country! Water work, wind work, fire work, smoke work, dog work, man work, ox work, horse work, donkey work. Everything work but one thing; only one *gentleman* in England." —"And who is the gentleman, Sambo?" his master asked.—"De *pig*, massa. He eat, he drink, he sleep—he do nothing all day. He be de only gentleman in England!"

THE WEARING OF A HAT.—Gounod had sold his "Faust" to Choudens for 6,000 francs; a short time after he met the publisher. Gounod was wearing on his head an old greasy skin hat. Choudens said to him: "You with such head covering?" "What would you?" said the composer; "it is Faust's hat." Twenty-five years later Choudens paid Gounod 100,000 francs for his "Tribut de Zamora." Shortly after he was seen by Gounod wearing a hat which might easily have served as the stock for mock turtle. "What!" says Gounod "you a millionaire, dare to go out with such a thing on your head?" "Ah!" answers Choudens, "you know this is the 'Tribut de Zamora' hat."

TAUGHT BY EXPERIENCE.—Among the many stories told of the childhood of the Queen is one of a visit made with her mother at Wentworth House, in Yorkshire. While there the Princess delighted in running about by herself in the garden and shrubbery. One wet morning soon after her arrival, the old gardener, who did not then know her, saw her about to descend a treacherous piece of ground from the terrace, and called out.—"Be careful, miss; it's slape!"—a Yorkshire word for slippery. The ever-curious Princess, turning her head, asked, "What's slape?" and at the same instant her feet flew from under her, and she reclined at length. The old gardener ran to lift her, saying, as he did so, "*That's* slape, miss."

A STORY OF BROWNING.—A pleasing story of Browning's courtesy is related by Mrs Andrew Crosse. When he was in Rome the poet's son had hired a room in a neighbouring house in which to exhibit his pictures. In the temporary absence of the artist, Mr. Browning was doing the honours, the room being half filled with fashionable friends. The poet was standing near the door, when a visitor, unannounced, made her appearance; he immediately shook hands with the stranger, or tried to do so, when she exclaimed: "Oh, I beg your pardon, but, please, sir, I'm the cook. Mr. Barrett asked me to come and see his pictures." "And I am very glad to see you," said Mr. Browning with ready courtesy. "Take my arm, and I will show you round."

VERY RUDE OF MARK.—When I went to Chicago, relates a traveller, Mark Twain was a passenger on the same train, and, as all the world knows, he is a persistent joker, and, I may add, a persistent smoker. He entered a carriage, and proceeded, to calmly fill his pipe.—"You mustn't smoke here," icily remarked an old gentleman opposite, when Mark gently produced a huge box of fusees, of the kind known in the United States as "chokers"—they are so long, strong, and sulphurous. "I know that," drawled Mark. "I'm not smoking, am I?" and he allowed the long fusee slowly to exhaust itself. When it had expired he lit another and another, and the carriage reeked with the odour of brimstone.—"Why do you light those abominable things?" demanded the man.—"Because I can't smoke. I must do something to amuse myself on these long journeys," and again he scratched another fusee. The old man began to splutter and cough and then opened a window. "My dear sir," he at length said, "smoke for Heaven's sake, smoke! Anything is preferable to the stench of those matches."—"A thousand thanks," placidly replied Mark, putting away the obnoxious box. "The odour of fine Turkish tobacco is infinitely to be preferred to the smell of sulphur, and now we shall get along very nicely."

The diamond, in a sufficient heat, will burn like charcoal.

The Eiffel Tower is 8 inches shorter in winter than in summer.

The smallest British bird is the golden-crested wren.

Electricity travels about 90,000 miles a second faster than light.

Some of the cranes now used in artillery works will raise 150 tons.

Miss Alice Rothschild is one of the most enthusiastic women horticulturists in the world, and her collection of roses alone is valued at £14,000. It is a remarkable fact that every member of the Rothschild family dislikes scented flowers with the exception of roses.

A notable illustration of the depreciation in recent years in the value of English estates lies in the fact that the estate, the seat of the late Maharajah Dhuleep Singh, which was offered for sale in 1876, when an offer of £500,000 for it was refused, was sold a short time since for £150,000

HEARD IN THE STREETS.

CONTRIBUTED.

THAT there will probably be a contest next month in at least four out of the five wards in the Council's district.

THAT Dr. Buck is likely to be approached with regard to his contesting the South Ward at the forthcoming Council election.

THAT if he consents to stand his success is practically certain.

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THAT Mr. Alderson's Evening Concert on Monday next, is going to be a "big draw."

THAT the reason of Mrs. Ineson's mysterious morning drives will be found in the large number of reserved seats she has booked.

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THAT the flitting about of a member of the Higher Grade, at the Old Folks' Treat gave rise to various rumours.

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THAT the absence of our great Latin scholar during Mr. Reed's comic oration on that evening was greatly to be regretted, as he might have laid in quite a large stock of useful words to be introduced into his next effusion.

THAT the torrent of Latin quotations was sufficient to overpower the 'top' boy in the Higher Grade. Wonder who he is, and if he was there?

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THAT the gas now supplied is simply atrocious in its attempt at illumination.

THAT the matter demands the serious attention of our City Fathers.

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THAT Councillor Bulmer went out of his way to criticise the Co-operative directors at the concert last Saturday.

THAT the Baby could not stand it, and cried so piteously that it had to be removed.

THAT Mr. Swallow evidently 'swallowed' Mr. Bulmer up in his reply.

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THAT the audacious practice by the Co-op of stopping up the footpath in Church Street whilst they hoist flour, &c, should be put down by the Council.

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THAT 'My Sweetheart,' given on February 14th was charming, but if it had been performed on the 15th it would have been an outrage.

THAT it is possible to be too, too utterly nice in such observances as Lent.

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THAT the slang and nonsense recently spoken by a local preacher in a Wesleyan Chapel in the district, was most discreditable to the man and distasteful to the hearers.

THAT Nonconformists generally would do very well to take a lesson in decorum and reverence in their churches, from the worshippers in the Anglican Church.

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THAT the meeting of the Primitives on Monday night reached fever heat when the minister passionately denounced the 'playing to the gallery' at the expense of men of means, especially without differentiating in relation to character.

THAT some of his socialistic hearers were grieved, and like the young man in Scripture, went away sorrowful.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE METHODISM.

CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY.

Shrovetide has long been sacred to the celebration of the above anniversary, and this week has been no exception. On Sunday morning and evening sermons were preached by the Rev. W. Franks, of Hoyland. In the afternoon a service of song, entitled "The River Singers," was rendered by the choir, under the direction of Mr. H. Lunn, accompanied by Mr. L. J. Harris. The connective readings were given by Mr. A. W. Seanor.

On Monday evening, Mr. Franks delivered a lecture, entitled "Measuring men," in which he spoke of the various modes and standards by which we form our opinions of other people. The outward appearance, gesture, features, and movements of men often form a good index to the inner character and qualifications, although sometimes these are but a very inaccurate picture of the true man. Many men are measured by their position and influence, and conclusions are drawn, sometimes right, sometimes wrong. The length of a man's purse is very often the extent of his measure, and on this head, Mr. Franks took occasion to express his feelings as regards such men being placed in positions of honour in their religious meetings; and his wish to have poor, but good, men in such places drew forth loud applause. Intellectual ability was approved, but not at the expense of goodness, all the better when the two go together. The audience were warned against judging a man by some one false step he makes, but rather urged to take God's mode of measuring men, combining justice, mercy, wisdom and forbearance together.

Mr. C. Ward occupied the chair, and did it in a kindly and genial manner, the Rev. J. A. Alderson proposing a hearty vote of thanks to him for his presence and help. He very distinctly expressed his indebtedness and thanks to gentlemen who were willing to give them the benefit of their presence and financial support, and strongly dissented from the remarks of the lecturer, in disparaging the good deeds of men of wealth, in order to gain cheap popularity, and objected to the applause which he noticed had followed the remark. The only way they could do without those who were willing to assist them with money, was by giving largely themselves.

Mr. Franks explained that he referred only to certain cases where the men chosen for a chair were not good men, and expressed regret for any error into which he had fallen.

The proceedings closed in the usual way.

On Tuesday, an excellent ham tea was provided in the school-room, followed by a public meeting, at which Councillor James Hargreaves presided, and addresses were delivered by Rev W Franks, Rev J A Alderson and others.

Collections were made on each occasion for the Trust Funds.

TO MOTHERS.—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is pleasant to taste; it produces natural quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." Of all Chemists, 1s. 1½d per bottle.

THE STOURTON RAILWAY MYSTERY SOLVED.

Mr. P. P. Maitland, County Coroner, on Saturday resumed the inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Isaac Bright (53), boat captain, belonging to Calverley, who was found cut in two on the Midland Railway, at Stourton, on Tuesday night. An adjournment from Thursday had been necessary, owing to the absence of George Sothern, of 1, Foster's Yard, Middle Row, Camp Fields, Leeds, the mate of the boat. The Coroner issued a warrant for the arrest of Sothern, and he was brought up in custody on Saturday to give evidence. He said he had known Bright nearly all his life, and had worked for him since the beginning of December, though they had previously been employed together. Bright took a drop of drink at times, and had not always seemed cheerful since Christmas. He last saw Bright alive on Monday night. The man then appeared to be in a low state of mind, and made a curious remark that he did not think he would want anything to eat any more.

The Coroner pointed out to the witness the serious position in which he had placed himself by absenting himself from the inquest on Thursday. Sothern replied that he was not summoned, but the Coroner said he had been summoned. The witness also explained that he had given the police the addresses of Bright's brothers, and he thought that that was sufficient.

After Sothern had retired, a juror said the man's evidence seemed to be straightforward. The Coroner agreed, and, after a verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind" had been returned, he recalled the witness, and said: "I believe myself, and I think the jury agree, that you have been speaking the truth so far as what relates to this man is concerned, and I think that you have been sufficiently punished. I hope that you will never forget the lesson, and in the future whenever you have an order from a Court of Law you will take notice of it. You are discharged."

ROTHWELL BOARD TEACHERS' SOCIAL.

A pleasant evening was spent last Friday in the well-adapted premises of the Rothwell Board School, when over 100 ladies and gentlemen accepted invitations. Dancing commenced at eight o'clock, Mr. John Young (pianist), and Mr. Joe Oakley (violinist), providing the music in an efficient manner. The programme was as follows:—Circassian circle, schottische, waltz, lancers, polka mazurka, quadrille, waltz, lancers, waltz, sarabands, barn dance, lancers, waltz, Washington post, lancers, waltz cotillion, schottische, lancers, and waltz. During the evening songs were kindly rendered by Miss W. M. Marshall ("Dolly's revenge"), Mr. L. E. Greenwood ("Mary"), Mr. MacBurney ("The Carrier Dove"), and Mr. Wheelhouse ("Queen of the Earth"), and Miss Kirkby and Miss Ada Denton gave a dialogue ("A connubial Eclogue"), and were all much appreciated. The refreshments were provided by Mrs. Blackburn and gave general satisfaction. Mr. Fielding, of Rothwell, very kindly lent a few plants, which greatly added to the decoration of the rooms. Mr. H. J. Martin and Mr. J. Snell were the M.C's and kept things going very smoothly, the whole finishing off about three o'clock.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A.

Mr. G. Holt, the secretary of the above movement, presided at the meeting on Sunday afternoon last, Mr. Denton read the Bible lesson, and two enjoyable violin solos were played by Mr. S. Morton. Mr. Harry Rogers, of Leeds, was the speaker and took for his subject "Almost a hero," giving an interesting address on the story of the young man who got out of his bed and rushed through the populace and soldiers, clothed only in a linen cloth, and eventually stood beside Jesus, who was being led away to be crucified. When the soldiers threatened the young man, however, his courage left him, and he took to his heels and fled. The speaker pointed out how near this young man came to having his name handed down as a hero, and urged all to stand true and firm to their colours whatever came, and let people know that they were Christians. There was a good attendance.

On Wednesday a large number of people sat down to a good tea in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, promoted by the P.S.A. committee. After the tea tables had been cleared away, a programme of vocal and instrumental items was given, including the following:—recitation, "The drunkard's dream," Miss E. Frost; trio, "A little farm," Messrs. G. Holt, J. Blackburn, and T. Hampson; pianoforte solo, Mr. Haydn Ward; recitation, Miss H. Crossley; song, "Old Folks at Home," Mr. Thompson. Speeches were made by Messrs. J. Butterick, C. Ward, E. Hampson, W. Denton, J. Morton, and J. Ellis. Afterwards the rest of the evening was spent in games, etc. The affair was a great success.

DEATH OF MR. J. E. LEAK.

Although Mr. Leak did not live in this locality very long, he became sufficiently well known, to gain many friends, and his sudden death last Monday is deeply regretted. Mr. Leak came to live at Iverage Hall in 1893, and after three or four years residence, removed into Leeds. He sat for a short time in 1893, on the District Council, for Royds Green, but was unable to give sufficient time to the duties by reason of his business engagements. His funeral took place yesterday at Hunslet Cemetery, his age being 46 years.

ROTHWELL HAIGH BOARD SCHOOL CONCERT.

By some oversight, the paragraph referring to Miss Jessie Byant, was omitted in our report of above event, and we hasten to say how efficiently she accompanied the various items on the programme, the piano stool being occupied by her most of the evening.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

ROTHWELL V. YORK.

The return match between the above clubs was witnessed on the Park sideground on Saturday afternoon last before a moderate attendance of spectators. York, winning the toss, played downhill with the advantage of a breeze. The Rothwell forwards broke away with a splendid dribble, Thackray and Leeming clearing into neutral territory. West, intercepting Ward's pass ran half the length of the field, and eluding Cromack easily scored, Thackray failing at goal. Robson scored, and Thackray's kick bounced into the field from the bar. Watson scored York's third try, Thackray failing. Rothwell were penalised, but Thackray failed with the place. Ward now succeeded in scoring for Rothwell, and Taylor landed a goal. York restarted, and Rothwell soon attacked. Kelly scored a splendid try, but Taylor failed to improve. Rothwell now severely pressed their opponents, scrimmages being hotly contested under the posts. Hemsworth made a mark, but Westmoreland failed with the kick. Rothwell were now pressing on the visitors' line, and kept up a strong bombardment. York were penalised, but Cromack failed, and Taylor making his mark, dropped a splendid goal. The home team, who had the best of the play during the second half, had several opportunities to win the match, the half-backs having a great fault in not feeding the three-quarters. The game ended in a win for York by 1 goal 4 tries (14 points) to Rothwell 2 goals 2 tries (10 points).

ASSOCIATION.

OULTON V. ALTOFTS.

A large number of spectators assembled on Oulton Green, on Saturday afternoon last, to witness the game between the above teams in the West Yorkshire League. The weather was fine and the ground in good condition. The home team were minus the services of Taylor during the first fifteen minutes, and suffered in consequence. Altofts kicked off down hill and soon attacked, corner kicks resulting. The Oulton defence was sorely pressed, and Bradley in attempting a defensive kick put the ball through his own goal. On re-starting, the visitors again made tracks for the Oulton goal which was seriously in danger, Holt eventually being credited with a successful shot. The visitors forwards were very quick and well judged in their passing, and ere the whistle blew halftime had counted their third goal, Oulton up to that time being nilled. In the second half the home team pulled themselves to-gether, especially towards the latter part; their first goal was counted from a struggle in the goal mouth and subsequently Higgins and Murtland added to the record; nor were the visitors asleep as they kept on equal terms with their opponents in the second 45, and thus won easily with a score of 6 goals to Oulton 3. Inman in the first half played a dashing game, whilst Higgins, Mitchell, and Murtland were responsible for a lot of good foot work towards the close of the second half.

STOURTON ST. ANDREWS V. REDSHAW ALBION RESERVES.

The above clubs met at Mr. Puffit's field on Saturday afternoon last. Albion kicked off with the wind blowing across the field; the visitors had hard lines near the home goal, but failed to count. Play seemed to change, and Stourton with a rush got near the goal but was kept out by smart work by the Albion back. At last, A. Rowley shot at goal and scored. After the change, good work was done by both sides, but no more was scored, thus leaving Stourton with their 14th successive win. Score Stourton 1 goal to Redshaw Albion Reserves *nil*.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

RUGBY.

At Kinsley—Kinsley v Rothwell.

ROTHWELL TEAM—Full back, B Cromack; three-quarter backs, O Taylor, B Kelly, H Hemsworth, A Ward; half-backs, J Walker, F Parkinson; forwards, J Ward, J Parkinson, W Sanders, N Westmoreland, W Shaw, G Bulmer, A Gillings, E Godley, W Speight, E Ambler.

ASSOCIATION.

At Pontefract—Pontefract G. v Rothwell W R (Jup)

WHITE ROSE TEAM—Goal, A Cripps; backs, J Beckwith, S Baber; half-backs, J Smith, T Bridges, J Berry; forwards, R Whitehead, T Page, H Dacre, H Illingworth, A E Wright; Reserves, W Bedford.

At Woodlesford—Woodlesford v Oulton.

WOODLESFORD TEAM—Goal, F Parker; backs, A Mirfin, D Johnson; half-backs, J Snook, H Mc Williams, I Hobson; forwards, H Bedford, C Taylor, P Lawn, P Haigh, F J Ferritt; Reserves, G Taylor, F Johnson, J W Wilkinson.

OULTON TEAM—Goal, H W Higgins; backs, W Inman, F Bradley; half-backs, D Raybould, O Inman F Bell; forwards, E A Higgins, W Hutchinson, J E Taylor, A T Murtland, H Mitchell; Reserves, C Higgins, P Higgins, J T Morrison, C Weddall.

At Oulton—Oulton 'A' v In Correspondence.

OULTON 'A' TEAM—Goal, C Higgins; backs, H Butterick, J T Morrison; half-backs, S Lockwood, P Higgins, P Inman; forwards, C Hullah (capt), W Killingbeck, T Hurdus, F Arundel, H Hammond; Reserve, F Armitage.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY'S CONCERT.

The Mechanics' Hall was crowded on Saturday evening last, to hear a concert given by the Leeds Co-operative Choral Society. Councillor Bulmer presided. The chairman delivered a short speech, as also did Mr. Swallow, chairman of the Educational Committee. The principals, whose items were very greatly appreciated, were Miss Sheard, Miss French, Miss Hall, Mr. Chadwick, tenor, and one of the choir's bass vocalists. The chorus rendered a number of capital glees under the baton of Mr. Stephen Hirst, whose daughter, Miss Hirst, contributed solos on the mandolin. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the vocalists for the very excellent entertainment, Mr. Joe Wade and Mr. Joe Gibson speaking to the resolution.

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NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We would particularly urge our friends to send in their letters and news, as early as possible, as we cannot accept contributions later than Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, except in the case of matters occurring on Wednesday or Thursday, which should be forwarded within a short period after. Advertisements may be sent as late as Friday morning.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.

OULTON-WITH-WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times.

Sir,

We are in the throes of an Election contest. The Electors of Oulton-with-Woodlesford will decide on Monday next whether Nonconformists shall continue to blush unseen, and say which five gentlemen, appealing for their suffrages, shall represent them on the School Board during the next three years. The Unsectarians are very modest indeed in their demands, only asking for bare representation, viz—for two out of the five seats. Not so the Church, for they have five candidates, and we can only infer that they wish for all the seats. This is a policy which if I mistake not, will be confounded; an action that deserves to be frustrated, and a design that will surely be thwarted. Even fair-minded Churchmen admit that Nonconformists have a right to two seats on the Board, and such being the case, a contest ought to have been avoided. Monopoly or representation, which? These are the points to decide on Monday, and as a ratepayer, I would appeal to all lovers of fair play to reject monopoly by voting for the two Unsectarian Candidates—Messrs Batley and Lygo. There is another point I venture to mention, viz—that the place of polling for nine years has been in the Woodlesford Board School, but for some reason it has been changed to the Church School, Oulton, which is not so convenient for the majority of the voters as the Board's own premises at Woodlesford. I hope however that this will not deter the working men from voting, and that they will rally round and enthusiastically support the two minority candidates.

Yours truly,
W. CARTWRIGHT.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Feb. 4th., 1899, is £347; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £232, thus showing increase of £115. For the 5 weeks ending Feb. 4th., the return is £1619, against £1256 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £363.

The Directors of the above Railway have resolved to recommend a dividend at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum to be paid on the Ordinary Capital of this Company, for the half year ended 31st. December, 1898, carrying forward a balance of £1129.

SHE MERELY PICKED IT UP.

If Miss Eliza Ferridge had not taken up a certain newspaper in June, 1895, I should not now have on my table a letter from her mother, dated in June, 1898—exactly three years later. What paper it was, or why Miss Ferridge was moved to read it, we are not told. Probably there was no particular reason why she did it. Her doing it was an accident, one of the things that "just happened so." Yet, what do we mean by that? What makes anything "happen"? Heavens! What bats and moles we are.

Crossing a piece of strange country one gloomy night, for a short cut, I stumbled over a stone and lamed myself so badly as to be compelled to seek help at a neighbouring cabin. There the people congratulated me on what they called my *good luck*, saying if I had kept on ten rods longer *as I was going*, I must have fallen into an abandoned pit, and been killed.

On the same lines, I say, if the young girl named had *not* taken up that paper when she did, and found in it what she did, it is more than likely she would not be living to-day.

Her mother says Eliza was one of the host of girls who are fated to start out in life without their proper birthright of vitality. She was weakly and delicate, yet showed no signs of any particular ailment or disease. She simply drooped, as flowers do when in an uncongenial soil. She complained of feeling tired and weary, and did not play about like other children. However, she got along fairly well—if we may say that of a child who has had no childhood—until she reached the age of fourteen years, when the healthy girl stands, surprised and blushing, on the doorsill of womanhood.

Then her little strength waned and faded until she walked about even more slowly and feebly than before. Her appetite had always been small and capricious, and, if possible, it was less now. Following the poor apologies for meals that Eliza took, came pain in the stomach, the chest and elsewhere, as though the frail body illy bore the presence of the food necessary to sustain it.

Seeing this, and justly alarmed by it, Mrs. Ferridge sought to invigorate the girl by giving her especially nourishing foods. But no good came of it. She grew more thin and pale, and, if there was red blood still running in her veins, no signs of it showed through her white skin.

In her letter, already alluded to, the mother says:—"My anxiety about my daughter's health was at this time very constant and great. She was evidently wasting away in spite of all we could do. At this period of her illness she was confined to her bed for weeks together. We had to help her up and down stairs, and for months I slept in the same room, so as to care for her in the night.

"She was attended by several doctors, one after another, but none of them had good fortune with the case. Successively they gave her up, saying they could do no more. Our friends said Eliza was in a decline, and no mortal hands could save her. For three years she lingered thus—like one who waits for a sure summons that may come any day—any hour.

"In August, 1893, I got her into the Convalescent Home at Eastbourne. There she stayed three weeks, at first feeling a trifle better for the change, and then quickly becoming bad as ever. Now I come to speak of an occurrence which seems like the intervention of Providence.

"One day in June, 1895, Eliza—enlivened somewhat by the bright summer weather—took up a newspaper, and began looking at it. Almost the first thing her eyes lighted on was a story of a case like her own—a young girl supposed to be dying of consumption, who was nevertheless fully cured by a medicine called Mother Seigel's Syrup. I procured the remedy at once, and in *one week* she ate better, and the food agreed with her. The rest of my account may be given in a few words. Continuing to take this preparation Eliza got better. Every week I could see she gained. Strength and colour came to an extent to which she never had either before. At last she was really and truly *well*—for the first time in her life. It was wonderful. I have told everybody that Mother Seigel's Syrup not only saved my daughter's life, but gave her a better kind of life than she had ever known. You are free to publish what I have said, and refer to me." (Signed) EMMA FERRIDGE, 1, Fountain Place, Western Road, Mitcham, Surrey, June 16, 1898.

Not consumption. Digestive torpidity, with anæmia, and weakness arising from it. There are millions of girls of this sort, creeping miserably along for a few years, then dropping into their graves. For them and their mothers, this record is printed.

Mrs. Ferridge is a Shopkeeper, and is well known and respected in Mitcham.

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From the following extract it appears our townsman, Mr. Wm. Wright, has been taking the principal part in a mock trial, held in the Civil Court of the Leeds Town Hall, on Monday and Tuesday evenings, in which the dispensing of justice was burlesqued on the broadest lines:—"Sir Henry Hawkins, could he have been there, would have been horrified. Mr. William Wright, who was on the bench, copied his mannerisms down to the last detail. The facial imitation was excellent; the pug-dog was in evidence; and the afternoon tea-tray duly occupied the judicial attention during the course of the proceedings. But not content with the exaggeration of personal traits, Mr. Wright introduced the novel idea of inviting the attractive female witness to take a seat beside him on the bench. His quips and his cranks fell as thick as leaves in autumn, and local allusions—such as when learned counsel were advised to consult "Child on the Prayer Book," and the edition of Shakespeare "annotated by Councillor Henry"—were numerous.

"Messrs. C. E. Warren, A. Hardwick, and A. E. Masser, were responsible for the outlines of claim and defence, and the Leeds Law Students' Society supplied the impersonators of counsel and witnesses. The action was brought by Algernon Alphonso Fitzfizzle Poulhinton (Viscount Grindorgan) to recover half a million of money from Tobias Tatcho (proprietor of a hair-restorer), as damages for personal injuries. Defendant had contracted to produce on plaintiff's upper lip a luxuriant moustache. His specific failed to act, and plaintiff contended that in the absence of the desired appendage he lost the regard of his father, his fiancee, and a company promoter who had promised him a directorship. Thus it was such characters as the Marquess of Leylands, Florrie Footlytes, Ernest Terara de la Peace, and Ananias de Rougepot were introduced into court. Witnesses were asked to swear by the memory of Rougemont to tell "nothing like the truth," the jury had permission to doze whenever counsel addressed them, and both plaintiff and defendant—respectively represented by Mr C H Close and Mr C E Warren gave diverting touches of light comedy to the proceedings. In the end plaintiff was awarded a fraction of a farthing damages and defendant was ordered to be recouped, out of the poor-box."

A number of other legal gentlemen entered heartily into the fun, and there was a crowded attendance of the public each night.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

This society met in the Board School on Monday last, when Mr. Albert Brier and three friends gave a paper on "Music," with illustrations. A very large audience assembled, which quite encouraged the speaker. He first spoke of *Mendelssohn's* "Elijah," "St Paul," and "The song of Praise." The history of "Elijah" was traced and selections played from the same as follows:—Solo, "If with all your hearts" (Mr. A. Brier); Trio, "Cast thy Burden" (Messrs Brier Brothers, and F. Marshall); Solo, "Hear ye, Israel" (Mr. A Brier); Trio, "Lift thine Eyes" (Messrs. Brier Brothers, and F. Marshall), Solo, "O Rest in the Lord" (Mr. A. Brier). Next he came to "St. Paul," but time being too short he just made mention of the chief points of the work, and played the solo "To God most High" (Mr. A. Brier), and Master Fred Marshall played two solos. He then took "The Hymn of Praise" and played a solo from it, and finished by playing "The Better Land." Miss Williams very ably accompanied, Mr. A. Brier playing first violin Masters Brier and Marshall seconds. Mr. Ed. Colefax proposed a vote of thanks to the performers, Mr. Clark seconded, and Mr. Parker, the chairman, spoke a few words, and thus brought the evening to a close.

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ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDING 30th. SEPTEMBER, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance at commencement			3787 11 9
OVERSEERS' CONTRIBUTIONS:—			
Middleton	General	60 0 0	
,,	Highways	125 0 0	
,,	Special	405 0 0	590 0 0
Oulton-with-Woodlesford	General	90 0 0	
,,	Highways	190 0 0	
,,	Special	169 17 11	449 17 11
Templenewsam	General	70 0 0	
,,	Highways	150 0 0	
,,	Special	360 0 0	580 0 0
Thorp Stapleton	General	2 0 0	
,,	Highways	4 0 0	6 0 0
Waterworks—Rents and Charges		620 3 10	
,, Meter Rents		28 14 3	
,, Connections		3 14 0	
,, Turncock's time		2 0 0	654 12 1
Tadcaster Rural District Council—Water in bulk			170 10 0
West Riding County Council—Main roads			500 18 5
Agricultural Rates Grant			60 10 6
Rent of Premises at Waterloo			1 13 0
Fire Brigade			7 6
Sale of grass			3 6
Interest allowed by Treasurer			22 12 9
			£6824 17 5

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
GENERAL EXPENSES:—		
Salaries	137 10 0	
Establishment Charges	94 10 6	
Legal Expenses	1 6 0	
Infectious Diseases Notification	1 2 6	
Disinfecting Expenses	2 17 5	
Street Watering	27 8 3	
Travelling Expenses	8 3 7	
Deputations	19 0	
Election Expenses	20 5 11	294 3 2
HIGHWAY EXPENSES:—		
Main Roads	740 12 8	
District Roads	191 1 5	
Salaries	45 0 0	976 14 1
SPECIAL EXPENSES:—		
Loans (Instalments and Interest)	2,588 9 8	
Sewerage Works	514 1 6	
Sewage Disposal	92 8 8	
Waterworks	365 9 7	
Water Fittings	3 6 11	
Public Lighting	167 9 5	
Scavenging	168 1 4	3,899 7 1
Leeds Corporation—Water in bulk		483 6 7
Balance at the end of Half-year		1,171 6 6
		£6,824 17 5

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Dated this 21st. day of February, 1899.
W. B. PINDAR,
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OULTON-WITH-WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION, 1899.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
I beg to return you my best thanks for once more returning me to look after the interests of education on the School Board. I can assure you I shall do my utmost to justify the confidence you have reposed in me for the past 21 years.
Woodlesford Vicarage,   Yours faithfully,
February 22nd., 1899.   A. J. E. IRVIN.

OULTON-WITH-WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION, 1899.

TO THE ELECTORS.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
I beg to tender my sincere thanks for the generous support accorded me in the above Election; trusting to merit a continuance of your confidence,
I remain,
Oulton,   Yours faithfully,
February 23rd., 1899.   WM. HY. NEWSOME.

ROTHWELL SCHOOL BOARD.

TENDERS invited for conveying lady to and from Thwaite Gate, every other Thursday, meeting her at Thwaite Gate at 9 in the morning, and leaving Rothwell at 4-30 in the evening. Covered conveyance, when cold or wet. Offers endorsed 'Tender' to reach me by Friday morning next.
A. MARSHALL,
Clerk to the Board.

ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TO MARKET GARDENERS AND OTHERS.

TENDERS are invited for the cropping of about 6 acres of land at the Lemonroyd Sewage Works. Further particulars may be obtained on application to the Surveyor at the Council Offices.
Tenders endorsed "Sewage Works" to be delivered to me on or before Monday, the 27th February.
J. B. WIMBUSH,
Rothwell, Nr. Leeds,   Clerk to the Council.
Feb. 16th, 1899.

COMING EVENTS REGISTER.

The proprietors of this journa propose opening a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at one be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

April 29, 1899—Woodlesford Jumble Sale
Apr. 3, 4 & 5—Public Luncheon and Grand National Bazaar in Board Schools for Primitive Methodist Trust Funds.
May 24 & 25, 1899—Woodlesford Board Schools, Bazaar in aid of the Parish Room Fund.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL, ROTHWELL
MISS BEAUMONT
Will sing the following Solos
On SUNDAY EVENING NEXT,
Viz:—"Rejoice Greatly" (*Handel*), "The Better Land" (*Cowen*).
Accompanist:—Mr. JOHN YOUNG, Oulton
Preacher:—Rev. J. ARTHUR ALDERSON.
SUBJECT:—"The lost piece of Silver."
Everybody Welcome!   Come Early!
Sankey's Hymns will be used.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A. SOCIETY.
ONE HOUR ONLY   3 to 4.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26th,
Speaker—MR. PICKLES, of Leeds.
Soloist—MR. JOHN BLACKBURN.
Everybody Invited.   Prizes given for Attendance

DEATHS.

ARMITAGE—Feb. 20th, at 5, Springfield Terrace, Harriet, wife of Smithson Armitage, of Rothwell.
BUTTERFIELD—Feb. 15th, aged 24 years, Jane, daughter of Ann and the late John Butterfield, of Rothwell.
BLACKER—Feb. 19th, aged 6 weeks, Ellen, daughter of Arthur and Ann Blacker, of Rothwell.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley
Friday, February 24, 1899.

ROTHWELL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

The usual monthly meeting of this Board was held at Stourton on Friday evening, present, Messrs. A. Batty (chairman), T. Park, J. Butterick, J. Elstob, B. Richardson, W. Lunn, and Rev. J. A. Alderson, with the clerk and attendance officer.

The minutes of previous Board and Committee meetings were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters were read from Mr. and Mrs. Martin thanking the Board for the 'bonus' grants earned in the Rothwell schools.

A letter from the Department intimated the acceptance of Mr. McBurney on the Rothwell staff, on sending a certificate of his having passed the Royal University of Ireland Matriculation Examination. Also the approval of Miss Clewes, at Rothwell Haigh, on the usual conditions.

On the motion of Messrs. Lunn and Butterick it was resolved to support the memorial of the London School Board, asking the Department for larger grants on behalf of children in Industrial Schools.

In reply to the Board's application to the Wesleyan Trustees for the use of three classrooms, in addition to the large school-room now used as a temporary school for infants, the Rev. J. B. Maltby wrote, stating that these rooms can be had for 6s a week extra, making £1 a week for the entire accommodation. After some conversation, in which Mr. Butterick stated that the letting of these rooms caused considerable inconvenience, it was resolved, on the motion of Messrs. Alderson and Park, to accept the rooms on these terms, from January 1st.

SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATIONS.

A copy of the rules proposed to be carried out in connection with the newly formed West Riding Federation of School Boards, having been previously sent to each member, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Mr. Butterick and Mr. Lunn, that the Rothwell School Board join the Association, the annual fee being 10s. It was further resolved that Mr. Lunn and the Clerk be the representatives of the Board for the current year.

It was further agreed, on the motion of Mr. Butterick and Mr. Park, that the Chairman and the Clerk be the representatives of the Board in connection with the National Association of School Boards.

FINANCIAL

A letter from Mr. Martin, drawing attention to his salary was referred to the Rothwell Committee.

A letter from the caretaker at Rothwell Haigh School asking for an increase in his wages was referred to the Rothwell Haigh Committee.

An application for an advance of salary was also read from Mr. Denton, attendance officer, and Mr. Butterick gave notice that he should move a resolution on the subject at next ordinary meeting.

The Treasurer reported having received £1025 8s from the Department and £200 from the overseers, and that the present balance in hand amounted to £393 1s 9d.

The following list of salaries and accounts were passed for payment:—

	£ s. d.
Public Works Loan Board	78 12 11
,, ,, ,, ,,	59 11 9
,, ,, ,, ,,	22 7 10
Rothwell Haigh School salaries	74 0 0
Rothwell School salaries	77 10 10
Mrs. Martin's salary	5 16 8
,, P.T. Grant	4 0 0
Rothwell Gas Light Company	6 3 7
Yorkshire School of Cookery (2 schools)	17 12 0
H. Edwards	2 15 0

The Clerk reported having received £4 from the Department being amount of grant allowed on Miss Hannah Stead passing her Scholarship over a year ago

THE NEW INFANTS' SCHOOL.

In response to invitations asking for tenders of sites suitable for a new Infants' School in Rothwell, Mr. Farrer mentioned a price for the piece adjoining the Churchyard and also for the field situate next to the Board School in Carlton Lane, Mr. Lee and Mr. Newsome also offered their gardens in Churchfield.

Mr. Lunn proposed that arrangements be made with Mr. Farrer for the purchase of the site in Carlton Lane, which he considered valuable, not only for present use, but for future extensions. The resolution was not seconded.

After some earnest and thoughtful discussion, during which attention was drawn to the Department's last letter, urging "that there be no unnecessary delay in providing suitable permanent accommodation," Mr. Butterick moved that the plans for erecting a new Infants' School in Windmill Lane be adopted, and that the architect be instructed to comply with the Department's wishes, by preparing sections and elevations as speedily as possible.

This was seconded by Mr. Elstob, who, in the course of his remarks, said that there was no doubt a school would have to be built in Wood Lane district, sooner or later.

Mr. Lunn strongly objected to this resolution, arguing that the proposed school was too far from the children's homes, and expressing his surprise that Mr. Alderson should favor this plan. In the course of further remarks, Mr. Lunn declared Mr. Alderson to be an "untruthful man." On the rev. gentleman demanding proof or withdrawal, Mr. Lunn stood up to prove his statement by referring to a jocular remark Mr. Alderson made, when viewing the sites in Wood Lane district, that he had baptized dozens of children from that district (proving the increase of population).

After ridiculing the lameness of the proof, Mr. Alderson again demanded a withdrawal of the charge, and on being refused moved a resolution expressing the Board's regret that Mr. Lunn should make so unfounded a charge against another member, and decline to withdraw it. This was seconded by the Chairman, who considered himself implicated in it, as he made a similarly jesting remark on the occasion referred to by Mr. Lunn.

Before being put to the vote, however, Mr. Lunn said that rather than have such a resolution on the minute book, he should withdraw the remark.

Mr. Butterick gave notice that at next meeting he should raise the question of taking steps towards establishing a school in Wood Lane district.

WORK AND SALARY OF THE CLERK.

A statement having been placed in the hands of each member of the Board, shewing the various items of work done by Clerks to similar School Boards in various parts of the country, with the salary paid, it was intended to discuss the matter at this meeting, but it being now nearly ten o'clock, the meeting was adjourned a fortnight.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The school wants were passed and ordered to be supplied. A gas pressure gauge was also ordered for each school.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

The above meeting on Sunday afternoon last was addressed by a student from Headingley College. The subject of his remarks, though not so stated by him (in fact he gave no title), might properly be called "The gospel versus worldly pleasure and philosophy as a satisfying portion" He spoke of the dissatisfied state of Queen Elizabeth, England's pleasure-loving Queen at the approach of death, and by copious references to men of science and pleasure; he illustrated this, and the satisfying portion of the Gospel, by beautiful reference to a poor Methodist's death. In speaking of melancholia, he told of a man thus afflicted who applied to a Unitarian minister for advice: was advised to frequent theatres, etc., but by no means to listen to a Methodist parson preaching; he did the very thing he was advised not to do, got blessedly converted and lost his melancholy in rapturous joy. As a satisfying portion in death, he said we had only to contrast the death of Voltaire and his words to his doctor, the death of Tom Paine, and many others, with the death beds of our dear ones departed in the Lord, to see the superiority of the Gospel over all things else as a satisfier of the soul's need. At the commencement of his address he spoke warmly in favour of the P.S.A. movement, the good it had done, was doing, and the promise of the future when the same was carried on on pure Gospel lines. Miss Annie Hodgkinson, of Rothwell Haigh, gave capital renderings of "The Golden Pathway," and "A Dream of Paradise." Mr. G. Smith ably accompanied on the piano.

FOR BOYS AND MEN.—A very able booklet of inestimable value to those who would be Manly Boys and Noble Men, should be in the hands of all Men and Boys. 3d. post free, from F. C. Richardson, 9, Gt. Russell St., London W.C.

LOFTHOUSE-WITH-CARLTON SCHOOL BOARD

The usual monthly meeting of the above Board was held at Robin Hood School, on Wednesday evening last. There were present Messrs. G. Armitage (chairman), J. Dobson, J. Horner, Ridyard, Rev. G. H. Scott, and the clerk (Mr. Lee).

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was read from the Education Department, granting Mr. Grimshaw the privilege to carry on an evening school on the conditions stipulated by the Board.

A letter was read from the Clerk to the Rothwell School Board.

Rothwell,
26th. January, 1899.

The Clerk,
Lofthouse-with-Carlton School Board,
Dear Sir,
Our attention having been drawn to the fact that there are children on our books, some of whom attend very irregularly, and that our rooms are so overcrowded as to necessitate the renting of additional premises, I am instructed to ask your Board's observation on the question, as we are at presents expending money on the education of your children.
Yours respectfully,
A. MARSHALL.

The Board ordered that the Clerk should acquaint the Rothwell Board that they had plenty of accommodation at Carlton.

A letter was read asking the Board to join the School Board Federation recently formed at Bradford.

Mr. Horner said the matter had been brought up at the last meeting of the old Board, and was left over for the consideration of the new Board. He thought that it would be beneficial for the Board to join, and referred to the Rothwell Board joining and the report given by their representative (Mr. W. Lunn) in this paper

Mr. Dobson: What benefit shall we derive from it.

Mr. Scott: How many members are allowed.

The Clerk: Two.

It was eventually decided on the proposition of Mr. Dobson, seconded by Mr. Ridyard, that the Board become members of the Federation, and that Messrs. Scott and Horner be the representatives.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts were passed for payment on the motion of Messrs. Scott and Horner:—

		£ s. d.
Robin Hood salaries	...	34 10 2
Carlton ,,	...	33 18 2
D. Bell	...	1 13 4
Coal	..	14 7 0
East Ardsley School Board		49 12 1
C. Oakes	..	1 15 5
P. G. Milner	..	3 10 5
Rothwell Gas Company	..	4 13 8

APPLICATION FOR USE OF SCHOOL-ROOM.

Mr. Dobson, as secretary for the Old Folks' Treat, which was held last night made application for the use of the Carlton schools. He explained the reason why this application was made, drew attention to the success attending similar causes in other districts and did not see any reason why their district should be left behind. If the Board were willing to allow the use of the school, they were willing to pay for the cleaning and use of piano.

Mr. Horner said he was'nt against letting the schools, but he objected to the Old Folks' poverty being hawked about, and he believed the time had come when the Old Pensions Scheme would become very prominent. Mr. Horner was proceeding to make remarks, when the Chairman called him to order.

The Rev. G. H. Scott said he thought the treat was something like an electioneering dodge.

Mr. Horner eventually proposed and Mr. Scott seconded, that the application be granted.

Mr. Dobson, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the Board for their generosity.

TENDERS.

Several tenders were sent in for the work required in the enlargement of the class-room at Carlton. It was proposed by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Horner, that the tender of Messrs. Binks Brothers, of Outwood, of £389 10s 0d for the whole of the work required be accepted; Mr. Ridyard against.

PRIVILEGE:

Mr. Dobson wanted to know, if any member of the Board went to the schools and asked for information, if the head teacher had right to refuse to give the particulars. He said he had paid a visit to the Carlton Schools, and Mr. Butterworth had at first refused him some particulars, and he would like to know if they were subject to such treatment, as if it was so, he was willing to give in.

The Chairman said he considered the head teachers ought to give every information required when requested by any member of the Board.

Mr. Ridyard said he had inothing to complain of in reference to Mr. Butterworth as he had been kindness itself to him, and been willing to show him round the school and explain everything. No doubt he was a personal friend of Mr. Butterworth, and had been for a number of years.

Mr. Dobson was willing, seeing that Mr. Butterworth was unable to be present, to leave the question over till next meeting.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL A.B.C.

There were over 300 persons present at the above on Sunday last, when Mr. Smales, of Leeds, gave a forcible and instructive address on "Resistability of Evil." The large audience gave the most rapt attention to the speaker, and were much affected by the earnest and faithful address. Mrs. H. Crewe (Methley Junction) sang "Where is Heaven," and Mr. J. H. Bellwood (Methley Junction "Consider the Lilies." Mr. L. J. Harris was chairman, and Mr. S. A. Harriman read the Bible Lesson.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady who has been cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by means of Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent 1,000 to his Institute, in order that those deaf people who have not the means to procure the Ear Drums may have them free of charge. Apply by letter to Branch A. K. U. of the Nicholson Aural Institute, Ealing Dean London, W.

OULTON-WITH-WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

The triennial election of a School Board for the parish of Oulton-cum-Woodlesford was held on Monday last. Voting took place at the National School, Oulton. The votes were counted the same evening and the result declared by Mr. F. W. Mee, the Returning Officer, as follows:—

Harold Trinder, brewer (Ch)	449
W. H. Newsome, innkeeper's manager (Ch)	437
Tom Batt, oil merchant (Ch)	385
Rev. A. J. E. Irvin (Ch)	377
J. T. Lygo, clerk of works (Non)	359
Not Elected.	
E. W. Batley, auctioneer and valuer (Non)	340
Joseph Snell, shopkeeper (Ch)	159

A MODERN CHRONICLE IN ANCIENT GUISE.

(FROM AN OLD CORRESPONDENT)

1. And it came to pass that as the end of the days of the Oulton-with-Woodlesford School Board drew nigh, the minds of divers of the people were stirred.

2. And certain of those, who were already of the Council said unto themselves, "Why should we not beseech of the people to send us again"?

3. Then Irvin the Priest, Trinder of the Mash tubs, Newsome the Publican, and Batt the Purveyor of lubricants. (all these having served on the Council) straightway began to bestir themselves; but none of them lifted up his voice aloud unto an assembly of the people.

4. But all with one accord sent emissaries to commune with the people privily, and to say, "This man is well approved; vote ye for him"; and some spake words of promise, and others said "We will see."

5. But Batt, the Purveyor of lubricants, caused a certain writing to be made which he delivered to the printer, who straightway printed him copies thereof and affixed them to the walls in divers places; wherein he set forth his knowledge and zeal and all that he had done for the people in this behalf.

6. And lo, at the foot of the writing was graven his name in letters like bars of iron newly lacquered, so that you might discern them with the naked eye afar off.

7. And it came to pass that others of the people began to say "Why should these men be sent to the council again."? "Are they not all like-minded and of the strictest sect of the Pharisees."?

8. Then came forth Batley, the bland,—a man of repute (who had served long in the councils of the great city), and Lygo the alert,—whom once before for the space of three years, the people had sent to the Council, but neither did these lift up their voices aloud in any assembly of the people, but likewise sent emissaries to speak to the people privily and persuade them.

9. But Batley the bland,—often spoke aloud to those about, him and to those who journeyed with him day by day.

10. Now there was in one of the Villages, a certain man called Joseph, whose surname was Snell, a Universal Provider, and as he sat in his shop at the receipt of custom he communed thus with himself; "Have I not sojourned within these borders these many years, and am I not high in the councils of the parish, and are not some of my household and of my kindred of the number of those who teach the children in schools in divers places, and shall I not therefore solicit the people to send me."

11. Then straightway he caused a writing to be printed and distributed whereon also was delineated an image of himself, and he also sent to solicit the people, but lifted not up his voice before them.

12. Now when these things came to the knowledge of Batt, the Purveyor of lubricants, he rent his garments, because he feared greatly, that the people would be the more divided, and in a strait who to follow.

13. Now when the day for the polling came, there was commotion among the people, and chariots and horsemen of divers types were sent to bring the people.

14. And one Mee, a man in authority, was sent to see that all things were done decently and in order.

15. And the voice of Batley waxed loud as he declared that of a certainty the people would send him.

16. Now when the will of the people became known, some shouted and others were silent.

17. And Batley the bland,—marvelled much because the people had not sent him, and his words became few, and straightway he departed to his place.

18. And Snell, the universal provider, went into his place and put on sackcloth, and refused to be comforted, for neither had the people sent him.

19. And there was great joy in the habitations of those whom the people had chosen.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

The Rev. J. B. Maltby presided over a good attendance at the weekly meeting of the above on Friday evening last. Miss Batty was the essayist, taking for her subject "A trip to Tasmania." The paper was extremely interesting, the descriptions of places passed or called at on the route forming an especially entertaining theme; the fair essayist having been over the sea between England and Tasmania on more than one occasion, was able to speak from her own observation, and to relate graphic incidents and events occurring on the voyage or at the various ports visited. A hearty vote of thanks for Miss Batty's carefully-prepared and enjoyable paper was spoken to by the Chairman, Miss Kirkby, Mr. Shurmer and Mr. Kale.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk.—Sold only in packets and pound tins, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & Co., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London."

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Guardians was held at the Offices, Glasshouse Street, on Wednesday, and was attended by Mr. Banks (chairman), Dr. Hawkyard (vice-chairman), Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Woodcock, Revs. A. J. Irvin, and M. J. Dillon, Messrs. Robb, Houghton, Seddon, Fryer, Charlesworth, Butterick, and Edwards, with the clerk (Mr. Mee). and Mr. Kennedy, Local Government Inspector.

Mr. Kennedy said he had gone over the Workhouse, but knowing that they had under consideration the building of a new Workhouse, he had not considered it necessary to criticise the existing building. He was very glad indeed to see that they had got as far as the preparation of plans for a new building, and he assured the Board that it would be his endeavour, as far as lay in his power, to give every assistance to facilitate the matter, and at the same time endeavour to secure a building up to date, and yet at a reasonable cost.

Miss Mary A. Wood wrote resigning her office of night nurse, and the resignation was accepted.

Mrs. Dickenson and Mrs. Woodcock were appointed to visit the children under the control of the Guardians.

It appeared from the minutes of the Children's Homes Committee that the subject of the supply of water was again considered. It was proposed by Mr. Hargreaves that the Guardians admit the agreement between the late Clerk to the Guardians and the late Surveyor to the Rothwell District Council, and that seeing the water is supplied to a public institution the Council be asked to allow some redress. This was seconded by Father Dillon, and carried unanimously. A letter was read from the Local Government Board enquiring whether any formal agreement had been entered into between the Guardians and the Council for the supply of water. The Clerk was instructed to supply the necessary information. The Committee also recommended that four iron ladders be provided for fire escape purposes. Mr. Butterick proposed the adoption of the minutes. Dr. Hawkyard urged that iron staircases ought to be provided instead of ladders. Ultimately this particular minute was referred back, the other recommendations being adopted.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, accounts were passed for a total of £463 9s 11d. The Clerk presented his estimate of expenditure for the half-year ending Michaelmas next, from which it appeared that a total of £8,435 10s 2d would be required, against £8,403 18s 1d for the half-year ending Michaelmas, 1898, and £8,699 16s 11d, in the current half-year. It was proposed by Mr. Butterick, seconded by Mr. Charlesworth, and carried unanimously, that the estimate be approved, and recommended to the Board for adoption. Mr. Robb proposed the confirmation of the minutes. He stated that there was a reduction in the estimated amount for outdoor relief, it being thought that with fine weather and a superabundance of trade, there would not be such a large sum required. The cost of lunatics had greatly increased, and it was a matter of very serious consideration. In that Union they had to pay £2,500 a year for their lunatics. The vaccination fees were going to involve a considerable increase of expenditure. Mr. Butterick seconded, and remarked that in his opinion it would be some time to come before they would have as low an estimate again. The minutes were adopted.

The Chairman and Dr. Hawkyard presented their report as the deputation to the Annual Central Poor Law Conference.

The Clerk informed the Board that he had sent to 648 Unions a circular containing the Board's resolution in favour of power being granted to Boards of Guardians to provide homes away from the Workhouse for apprentices to outdoor occupations. 138 Unions had replied, and of that number 58 were in favour of the Board's proposal, 2 against, 7 suggested an alternative proposal, and 71 had taken no action. Most of those in favour of the Hunslet proposal were large Unions, principally in the North of England, and in London. After some discussion it was resolved, on the motion of Dr. Hawkyard, seconded by Mr. Butterick, that the Executive of the Poor Law Unions Association be asked to take some action in the matter; and it was further decided, on the suggestion of Dr. Hawkyard, that Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Woodcock, Father Dillon, and Mr. Robb be deputed to seek the co-operation of the lady visitors and others, with a view to formulating a scheme for the establishment of a voluntary society to deal with the matter in Hunslet by means of public subscriptions.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

The above Society held on Monday last, their 3rd social, Mr. A. L. Parker being in the chair. The concert items were provided by Mr. A. Phillips' party, and the following excellent programme was gone through. Pianoforte Solo, Mr. G. H. Barker; Song, "Beautiful Prayer," Miss Bramley; Recitation, "Duffin' Johnny," Miss Bramley; Song, "The Wolf," Mr. A. Phillips; Recitation, "The demon Ship," by the president, Mr. A. L. Parker; Song, "Hearts and Homes," Miss Smith; Song, "The Mighty Deep," Mr. Walker; Recitation, "If I could have my way," Miss Bramley; Song, "The Orphan's Prayer," Miss Bramley; Song, "Banderlero," Mr. Walker; Song, "How the gate came ajar," Miss Smith. The whole of the artists acquitted themselves in admirable style, earning hearty applause. On the motion of Mrs. Brears, seconded by Mr. Westerman a cordial vote of thanks was passed to all who had contributed to the success of the concert. After the coffee supper, the rest of the evening was spent in dancing and games, and altogether a most successful evening was spent.

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ROTHWELL GRAND CONCERT.

The 'Man in the Street' was not far wrong when he prophesied the unequivocal success of the concert held last Monday. This is not the first time a concert has been got up by a minister (although it is some sixteen years since the Rev. C. A. Collingwood's affair), but it may safely be said that the success of Monday's concert has never been surpassed in Rothwell, and that musically, numerically and financially, the effort of our active little Primitive Minister has ended most triumphantly.

Before touching the performance itself, it is worthy of remark that many people, not generally seen in a concert room were present, and seemed thoroughly to enjoy the entertainment, while it was gratifying to observe the kindly mingling of those who are rich with their poorer neighbours, as well as the evident fact that some were present mainly for the sake of aiding the good object of the gathering.

The programme was opened in each part with an instrumental selection by the Stourton String Quartette, comprising Messrs. J. Howarth (1st violin), H. A. Duffill (2nd violin), F. E. Duffill ('cello), and A. W. Duffill (piano), with the addition of Miss Maud Nicholls, who is well-known as a clever violinist. The selections were "The Caliph of Bagdad" and "Les Hugenots," the performance being well appreciated. Instrumental solos were also given by Mr. E. Parker on the mandoline ("Levanto"), and by Mr. W. Fowler, on the cornet, the latter being a clever rendering of "Scotch airs with variations."

Of Miss Beaumont, something was already known, her reputation at the Lincolnshire concerts and her singing at the *Messiah* concert, a year ago, having secured her a good place in the opinions of many. It is, however, in florid dramatic music that her high talents find their appropriate manifestation, and with a voice so high and clear, and yet full and evenly-balanced, she carried all before her. The selection of "Sing, sweet bird," and "Il bacio," indicated what might be expected, and these very difficult and brilliant songs were done to perfection, compelling an encore in each case, ("Daddy" and "Two Marionettes"), the first especially being most touchingly rendered.

In Miss Suddaby we had quite a contrast, her pathetic singing of "Abide with me" and "The Banks of Allan Water" being much enjoyed, as also the old Scotch ballad "Annie Laurie" as an encore. As we said a fortnight ago, Miss Suddaby is an acquisition to our local singers, and her willingness to help any good cause by the use of her varied talents is a trait in her character which the Rothwell people do not forget.

At the risk of being dubbed ungallant, it must be confessed that the success of this concert as a purely musical attraction, was the presence of the well-known Yorkshire baritone, Mr. Dan Billington, and no sooner did he make his appearance than the pent up feelings of the audience burst out in cheers. With a fine physique, a fully-developed organ, and any amount of volume, Mr. Billington's powerful singing rang through the room like a trumpet, and although he took "I am a roamer" at a terrific rate, his words were clearly heard and thunderous applause followed; to the delight of all he gave an animated rendering of "Father O' Flynn." His second song was a lesson to some of our local bassos, "Queen of the Earth" being quite a favorite just now, and its magnificent rendering was encored with "The Skipper of St. Ives."

Not the least enjoyable part of the entertainment was the engaging manner in which Miss Alice Webster, of Hunslet, fulfilled her *role* as elocutionist, both her stated recitals being encored. Perhaps the best item was the first, "Curfew shall not ring to-night," being the most graphic rendering of that thrilling poem that we have seen in Rothwell. "Popping the Question" was of quite another class, but was given with all the winning, wicked, witty, warming expression necessary. The encore items were the characteristic "Aunt Tabitha" and "Dollars and Dimes."

Mr. Frank Waide, the humourist, caught on immensely, and while in more senses than one, a 'Drawing-room Entertainer,' he just seemed to suit those who like to have a good laugh at something they can easily understand. His first item was a description of the contents of the "Ladies Penny Paper," encored with "His only Joke." Then there was that realistic "Village Concert," followed by "An awful experience with a Whistler." And lastly, "How they laugh" with the inevitable spread of infection, and 'everybody laughed,' the concert closing with the amusing piece "Selected."

It only remains that to the accompanist, Mr. Arthur Street, every vocalist was deeply indebted, and his services are fully appreciated.

We are gratified to hear that the Rev. gentleman who has so earnestly worked and provided this musical treat, is fully satisfied with the financial result, and the profit of about £6, is placed towards reducing the loan obtained for the erection and furnishing of his new house.

ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE HALL.

The service of song "The Torn Bible," was given in the Temperance Hall on Sunday evening last, before a good attendance. The story on which the tale is based was illustrated by effective limelight views. Miss Sidebottom was the reader, Mr. Blackburn conductor, and Mr. S. Bedford accompanist. A collection was taken at the close.

RECHABITES' TEA & SOCIAL.

In connection with the Rothwell Good Hope tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites, a public tea was provided in the Rothwell Temperance Hall on Saturday afternoon last, to which a good number sat down. In the evening a concert was given in the Mechanics' Hall, at which the following artists appeared:—Miss Storey, soprano, Leeds; Miss Mary E. Blackburn, soprano, Rothwell; Mr. Nathan Sidebottom, solo cornet, Rothwell, and Mr. Hirst, comic, Leeds. Mr. Sidney Bedford presided at the piano. The concert was followed by a short dance.

HEARD IN THE STREETS.

CONTRIBUTED.

THAT the large attendance at the Mechanics on Monday evening was gratifying alike to the musical appetite of the people, the persistent pushing of the ticket sellers, especially Mrs. Ineson, and the influence and enterprise of Mr. Alderson.

THAT it is a pleasant change, even in Lent, to give so many people a chance of laughing, without sin.

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THAT Dan Billington's 'Roamer,' was like a huge Niagara, pouring out floods of harmony.

THAT our local bassos were present in force, and intend practising hard, until their lungs are as expansive as the Yorkshire premier bass.

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THAT after hearing and seeing Miss Beaumont, our sopranos are not going to be afraid of opening their mouths, and letting all the sweetness of the voice come straight out, instead of having to struggle through their teeth.

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THAT Miss Webster is not only clever on the platform, but can order 'Silence,' when thoughtless people are making a noise behind the stage; and that her pluck deserved the 'clap' she got for doing it.

That such an occurrence ought to be made impossible in future.

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THAT Frank Waide is just the right chap for 'Roddill folks'; he says funny things without making one blush.

THAT more than one son-in-law thought of his mother-in-law! when "His only joke" was sung—"she lived."

THAT the 'selected' stroke was most necessary in some of our concert programmes.

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THAT the Working Man's Club social was a great success.

THAT each gentleman was presented with a cigar, and each lady with a square of chocolate.

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THAT the "Football" Reports in the *Times* have been missed lately.

THAT the Editor ought not to think that little interest is taken in these reports.

THAT he had better watch these items a bit more.

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THAT the language at the Lane Head is not always strictly parliamentary.

THAT the attention of the Sergeant should be directed both to the language used, and the standing about of persons using it.

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THAT the waggonettes are not the only things that require supervision.

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THAT if bicycles are to be taxed, so should whips and tops.

THAT no greater nuisance exists in Rothwell than the spinning of children's tops in the middle of the road.

THAT somebody's child will get run over by so doing, and then who'll be to blame?

THAT Councillor Bulmer has now a fine opportunity to further his pet scheme, by shewing the advantage of a Recreation ground would be in clearing the streets of whips and tops, skipping ropes, &c.

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THAT a grand Billiard Match is suggested with the opening of the Mechanics.

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THAT there is something very tantalising in the fact that at the Oulton and Woodlesford School Board Election, the Nonconformists and Liberals have only got the one seat vacated by Mr. Downes.

THAT a man with the experience and influence of Mr. Batley ought to have been placed high up on the poll.

THAT it is somewhat strange that the Returning Officer has counted one cross on the ballot paper as meaning a plumper or 5 votes, whereas at Rothwell he only counted it as one vote.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A.

The attendance on Sunday afternoon was unusually large, the commodious gallery being just about full, there being several reasons for this result as will be noted in the report. Mr. G. W. Batty was the speaker, and gave an excellent epitome of the remarkable book "In His steps, or what would Jesus do" The introductory chapter was read entire containing the graphic account of a young man, who by the misfortunes of trade had been reduced to 'tramping' the road, and entering the First Church in the town, took up his stand, and simply told his sad story, contrasting his condition with that of those around him, and asked "What would Jesus do if He was in their place." The question made a deep impression, both on the minister and some of the leading members of this wealthy Church, with the result that a marvellous revolution took place in the entire town, the strictest honour and integrity being practised in business, kindly relations between employer and employed, and the use of talents and money for the benefit of the poor and miserable. A brief but pointed application followed the story.

The Temperance Prize Band generously gave their services, the programme including a pretty new tune to "Nearer my God, to Thee," and a tasteful rendering of "Eventide" or "Abide with me." In this there was a pleasing variety, one of the verses being taken in the minor key, another having a variation for the cornet, another a variation for the trombone, the last verse being both full and fine. The third selection, played during the collection, was a performance of "The Village Blacksmith" specially written for a band, and containing appropriate changes for each verse. Altogether the Band did excellently, and fully maintained their good character. Councillor Jas. Hargreaves occupied the chair, and made an earnest appeal for a good collection towards the Leeds Infirmary, £2 0s 6d being the result. Mr. Butterick and Mr. Holt also took part in the proceedings, which passed off most successfully throughout.

TO THE DEAF—A rich lady, cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent £1,000 to his Institute so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Apply by letter to:—H. S. I. RICHARDSON, 9, Great Russell Street, London, W.C

OLD FOLKS' TREAT AT CARLTON.

A very successful and enjoyable treat to the aged and poor inhabitants of Carlton and district, took place yesterday evening, in the Carlton Board Schools. The Committee by whom the affair was worked, and amongst whom the idea first originated, consisted of Mr. J. and Mr. S. Dobson, Mr. G. Armitage, Mr. T. Oliver, Mr. W. Lunn, and Mr. Jos Keightley who soon collected the necessary sum requisite for a thoroughly capital tea and evening's entertainment.

The catering for the first part of the programme was in the hands of Mrs. Blackburn, of Rothwell, than whom, for such an occasion there are few who can do better. The tables were plentifully supplied with tempting viands, quite appetising in themselves to look upon, and soon after five o'clock over 90 invited guests sat down to the repast, the following ladies presiding:—Mrs. John Dobson, Miss Hammill, Mrs. W. Lunn, Miss Dawson (representing Mrs. George Armitage), Mrs. Jos Keightley, Miss Croft and the Misses Oliver. After tea, a varied programme of entertainment was given by talented artistes, in addition to the guests of the evening there being present a large number of the surrounding inhabitants, who paid for admission, and fully took up the remaining sitting accommodation of the room. All the artistes contributed of their best, and to see the joyous faces of the aged, and of those whose opportunities of participating in such an entertaining programme are few and far between, must have been sufficient recompense to the promoters, and those who so willingly rendered their gratuitous assistance. The programme was a really first-class one, and consisted of the following items:—songs Mrs. Wm. Stephenson, "The priceless gift," and "Dolly's Revenge;" Miss Abbey, "The Toilers;" Miss Keightley, "Won't you buy my pretty flowers?" and "On the Banks of Allan water;" Miss Dobson, "In the chimney corner" and "I want you, my honey;" Mr. Priestley, "The wild man of Flayland" and a topical composition; Mr. Sharphouse, pianoforte solo, and Mr. J. Oakley, violin solo; recitations by Mr. Wright (Rothwell), "Street Tumblers" and "The enchanted shirt;" Mr. A. Batty, (Rothwell), "The mysterious guest" and "Old Mother Hubbard;" and four comic songs by Mr. Brook, of Rothwell, which pleased the audience immensely, his selections being a parody on "Grandfather's clock," "How long will you be," "He took him for me," and "Mother's song." The accompaniments were played by Miss Keightley, Miss Firth, Mr. G. W. Blackburn, and Mr. Sharphouse. During the interval a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the subscribers, the artistes, and all those who had assisted in the proceedings, Mr. G. Armitage and Mr. W. Lunn speaking to the resolution. Mr. John Dobson presided, and has also acted as secretary to the undertaking.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

ROTHWELL WHITE ROSE V. PONTEFRACT GARRISON.

In the third round for the West Yorkshire Cup, the above teams met on the ground of the latter on Saturday, in fine weather, and before a good gate. The victory over Menston by the Rothwell lads a fortnight ago, infused considerable interest into the chances of the club's success in the third round, and a fair number of supporters followed them on Saturday to the licorice head quarters. The home team kicked off, soon after which the visitors were seen pressing. It was evident from the first that both teams were straining every muscle in order to gain an advantage, but all efforts to get in successful shots were frustrated by the good defence of the backs. Keen play followed up to half-time, which arrived with a blank record on each side. In the second half evenly balanced play ruled; both sides had hard lines in not counting, the Pontefract centre forward having a splendid opportunity which he let slip, whilst Rothwell had some very nice shots which only failed to find the net by a few inches. The game was eventually drawn, neither side being able to score. Bridges, for Rothwell, played a splendid game, as also did Wright and Illingworth of the forward rank. The backs had plenty of work on, and did themselves credit in defending their citadel so well. The replayed tie takes place on the Rothwell ground tomorrow, when a large 'gate' will no doubt be attracted. The Rose men have done very well so far in the cup contest, and we anticipate that on their own ground, tomorrow, they will win the third round for the cup with a narrow margin.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

ASSOCIATION.

At Rothwell—Pontefract G. v Rothwell W R (Cup)
WHITE ROSE TEAM—Goal, A Cripps; backs, J Beckwith, R Whitehead; half-backs, J Smith, T Bridges, J Berry; forwards, T Whitehead, T Page, H Dacre, H Illingworth, A E Wright; Reserves, E Dobson.
At Oulton—Dodsworth Institute v Oulton.
OULTON TEAM—Goal, C Higgins; backs, W Inman F Bradley; half-backs, D Raybould, O Inman, F Bell; forwards, H Mitchell, W Hutchinson, J E Taylor, A T Murtland, H W Higgins; Reserves, P Higgins, J T Morrison, C Hullah.
At Normanton—Oulton 'A' v Dodsworth Inst 'A.'
OULTON 'A' TEAM—Goal, H Butterick; backs, A Higgins, J T Morrison (capt); half-backs, S Lockwood, P Inman; forwards, C Hullah, W Killingbeck, T Hurdus, F Arundel, H Hammond; Reserves, F Armitage, L Lockwood.

ROTHWELL WORKING MAN'S CLUB SOCIAL.

The annual social promoted by the members of the above Club was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Friday evening last. By the hearty co-operation of those present, the affair was a great success, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The M.C's were:—Messrs. J. A. Lunn and A. Asquith, whilst Mr. G. Fowler played for the following dances:—Circassian circle, quadrille, Gordon schottische, lancers, waltz, royal cotillions, schottische, lancers, la favorite, polka, sarabands, Scarbro gavotte, lancers, Gordon schottische, royal cotillions, waltz, quadrille, la favorite, lancers, Berlin polka, royal cotillions and waltz.

SOME EASTERN PROVERBS.

The proverbs of a people undoubtedly form a kind of index to their character, displaying their thoughts and morality, and though some are expressed without limitation, yet they are frequently very valuable when collected. Proverbs, such as the following, form the chief wisdom of the sages of the East in the present age, and are the weapons which the argumentative in that region employ as a means of defence or attack. They form the stock-in-trade of the lounger at the bath or the cafe in the East, and frequently contain much sound sense. We have selected some of those in general use. viz.:—

1. He who seeks knowledge should sleep little.
2. The seeds of madness are steeped in wine.
3. Spare thy visits and thy friends will multiply.
4. The sun is uninjured by the darkness of the night.
5. The moon cannot be injured by the barking of a dog.
6. Poverty without debt is independence.
7. True art consists in eschewing artifice.
8. The most intense bitter is an empty promise.
9. The sweetness of the rose is poison to the beetle.
10. The foundation of a man is his knowledge.
11. The rose blooms in the midst of thorns, and the narcissus sprouts from an onion.
12. Estimate a man by his deeds, for by them he becomes either great or little.
13. With time and patience the mulberry-leaf becomes satin.
14. As iron eats iron, so do men destoy each other.
15. Long experience makes large wit.
16. Better live like a prince one year than exist fifty years like a beggar.
17. Avoid those things which concern thee not; none can prosper without doing so.
18. He who has health should hope, and he who hopes can never remain unhappy.
19. Listen if you would learn, be silent if you would be safe.
20. Choose your friend as you would a sword not for his riches, but his merit.

CULINARY FEATS.

I.—The French cook of a well-known English statesman had been ordered to devote his utmost skill and care to the preparation of a particular dinner. The cook obeyed his instructions, and the dinner met with the thorough approval of the entertainer and his guests. One dish especially was greatly admired and consumed to the last morsel. It appeared to be some kind of wild fowl, but nobody knew exactly what it was. The cook was called in and questioned.

"This dish," he replied, "is a triumph of culinary art. Only a Frenchman could have prepared it. It is what you people call here an—owl."

"An owl!" was the astonished exclamation of everybody present.

"But how could you be so cruel as to kill the poor bird?" a lady inquired.

"Oh, madame, I did not kill it, it was dead already."

Tableau!

II.—A Vienna banker, with the title of Baron, had a very high opinion of his cook, who every day invented some new dish or other. During a conversation at the club, an aristocratic *gourmand* opined that this clever cook would not be able to set anything before him that he had not seen and tasted before. Our Baron contested the point; and it ended in a wager. The cook was summoned and informed of the matter under discussion.

"And how soon do the gentlemen wish the bet to be decided?"

"As soon as possible," observed the banker.

"Perhaps on the spot!" ironically suggested the Count.

"As you like, Count, on the spot. Charles, if I win, the money is yours!"

And the cook went into the club kitchen, sent for his magical tool-chest, and, in less than half-an hour, he served up the dainty and fragrant novelty steaming hot. Everybody crowded round the Count, who, like a connoisseur tasted and tried until not a morsel of the *ragout*, was left.

"I have lost the wager. The thing is delicious, but I have not the faintest idea what it is made of."

"Bravo!" exclaimed the bystanders, "but now we should like to have some in our turn."

"All right, gentlemen, but in that case I must first ask you to give me your gloves, for the article of which the Count has just partaken with such infinite gusto, was simply his pair of gloves, which I took the liberty to purloin before I went into the kitchen."

A LADY DELIVERS A LECTURETTE.

Said a clever woman, talking about men's ideas concerning women and their shopping:

"Why will you men persist in misrepresenting us."

Now, don't you know that a woman by her frequent visits to shops, and her constant watchfulness over gowns, fashions and prices, keeps herself so familiar with them that she is prepared at a moment's notice to start out to buy ship loads of anything that comes under the head of shopping?

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Isn't it true that in your hearts you know that she can buy more for less money in half a day than a man can in a fortnight?"

The man did not know whether this was all true or not, but he unblushingly declared that it was.

LIVELY TIMES FOR CRIMINALS.

Under Henry I. coiners of false money were punished by the loss of their right hands, and other mutilations of various kinds were in common use.

In 1160 we hear of heretics who had refused to abjure their faith being handed over by the Church to the civil authorities, to be branded with a hot iron on the forehead, to have their clothes torn off from the waist up, and to be whipped through the public streets.

Boycotting was at that time a legal practice, whatever it may be now, for the said heretics were not only forbidden to worship as they desired, but forbidden to enter the houses of orthodox believers, or even to purchase the necessaries of life.

The popular nation of the Crusaders, as an army of Bayards, is hardly consistent with the code of criminal law which Richard Cœur de Lion enacted for the especial behoof of those with whom he set out for Holy Palestine.

If any one of them were convicted of theft, boiling pitch was to be poured over his head, then a pillow full of feathers shaken over, him and he was to be abandoned at the first port the vessel touched.

Whoever killed another on board ship was to be tied to the corpse and cast into the sea; whoever killed another on shore was to be tied to the corpse and be buried with it.

A blow was to be punished by three duckings in the sea, and the use of the knife in a quarrel caused the aggressor to lose one of his hands.

A chiropodist announces on his business cards that he has "removed corns from several of the crowned heads of Europe.

"To-day, Tommy, your dear papa is coming back from his journey, and he will bring you some pears. So you are going to be very good all day, aren't you?"—"I don't know, mamma. Are the pears very big?"

"No, I've never been sea sick, but I've come mighty near it," said a lawyer to a friend. "That's funny. What do you mean? I once saw two men kiss each other. Ugh!"

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The accounts of the Company for the half-year ended 31st. December, 1898, show that the gross revenue receipts for the half-year amount to £8,576 2s 1d. The working expenses were £2,984 9s 6d. After payment of the fixed charges the balance of net revenue available for dividend is £4,497 15s 10d. Out of this the Directors recommend that dividends on the Preference Stock at the rate of 4 per cent., and on the ordinary shares and stock at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, be declared for the half-year, leaving the balance of £1,129 to be carried forward. The total weight of goods and mineral traffic passing over the railway for the half-year was 325,108 tons.

WILL OF THE COUNTESS OF MEXBOROUGH.

The value of the estate has been sworn at £163,271 12s 2d. of the Countess of Mexborough, who died on December 23rd last, and whose will has just been proved by her son the Hon. John Henry Savile, and her daughter Lady Mary Louisa Harris, the executors.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

DIDN'T CARE FOR THEM.

Overheard at a Sunday-school treat.

Teacher (to little boy): "You don't seem to be getting on very well with the pork pies, Johnny."

Johnny (hesitatingly): "No, mum."

Teacher: "Have you had sufficient then, Johnny?"

Johnny: "Well it ain't exactly that mum, but you see I works where they makes 'em."

IT SOUNDS AWFUL.

Landlady (of London lodging-house, bawling from bottom of stairs): "Mary have you finished sweeping Mr. Simpson, yet?"

Mary (over bannisters): "Yes, m'm."

Landlady: "Have you dusted Mr. Briggs and cleaned out Mr. Taylor?"

Mary: "Yes, m'm."

Landlady: "Well, then, blacklead Mr. Jenkins first, and then come down here and give the Frenchman a good scrubbing as soon as the sweeps go."

SOLD!

A wag went to one of the stations of the Metropolitan one evening last week, and, finding the best seats all taken, opened the door of a carriage and said:

"Why, the train isn't going."

A general stampede ensued, and the wag took the coveted seat in the corner.

In the midst of the general indignation he was asked:

"Why did you say the train wasn't going?"

"Well, it wasn't then," replied the wag. "but it is now."

HE WANTED THAT HIMSELF.

Mrs. Morton (angrily): "Tommy Horton, what made you hit my little Jimmy?"

Tommy Horton: "He struck me with a brick."

Mrs. Morton (more angrily): "Well, never let me hear of your hitting him again. If he hits you, you come and tell me."

T. H. (sneeringly): "What would you do?"

Mrs. M.: "I'd whip him."

T. H.: "What! he hit me with a brick, and you have the fun of lickin' him for it? Not much!"

A DOUBTFUL COMPLIMENT.

A promising young merchant recently presented his better half with a handsome piano lamp on her birthday anniversary. He was much flattered when she told him she intended to give it his name, until he asked her reasons for so peculiar a proceeding. "Well," said she, "you know, dear, it has a good deal of brass about it, it is handsome to look at, requires a good deal of attention, is remarkably brilliant, is sometimes unsteady on its legs, liable to explode when only half full, flares up occasionally, it is always out at bedtime, and is bound to smoke."

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A PUBLIC MEETING
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To-Morrow, SATURDAY, MARCH 4th,
Commencing at 7-30 p.m.
THE BISHOP OF ROCHESTER in the Chair
SPEAKERS:—
THE RIGHT HON. EARL GREY,
MR. GEO. HARWOOD, M.P.,
COUNCILLOR JAMES TETLEY,
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MR. F. MADDISON, M.P.,
COUNCILLOR OWEN BALMFORTH,
MR. JOSEPH GREENWOOD,
MR. D. C. CUMMINGS, and Others.

OULTON-WITH-WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
I beg to thank all who supported me at the above Election, and I shall strive to merit the confidence you have placed in me.
I am,
Yours respectfully,
The Mount, Woodlesford. JOHN T. LYGO.

OULTON-WITH-WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION, 1899.
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
I beg to return you my best thanks for again returning me at the recent Election to the above Board. Having always taken a deep interest in Education, I can assure you it will be my constant aim to justify the confidence reposed in me.
I remain,
Faithfully yours,
Beech Grove, Oulton, March 2nd, 1899. TOM BATT.

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COMING EVENTS REGISTER.
The proprietors of this journal propose opening a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.
Apr. 3, 4 & 5—Public Luncheon and Grand National Bazaar in Board Schools for Primitive Methodist Trust Funds.
April 13 & 14—Rothwell Mechanics Institute. Re-opening Ceremonies Receptions & Dances
April 29, 1899—Woodlesford Jumble Sale
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Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley
Friday, March 3, 1899.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A monthly meeting of the above Council was held on Wednesday night, in the Council Chamber, Councillor T. Oliver (chairman), presiding. There were also present Councillors J. Abbishaw (vice-chairman), G. Armitage, J. Oliver, C. Sykes, P. G. Milner, T. Chapman, J. Stead, J. Armitage, J. Smith, J. W. Bulmer, W. W. Harrison, Wr. Hargreaves, B. Taylor, and J Hargreaves, with the acting clerk (Mr. Wilkinson), medical officer (Dr. Stevenson), surveyor (Mr. J. T. Pears), and the nuisance inspector (Mr. Jones).

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

The Highway Committee, at a meeting held on the 24th Feb, had had before them a claim by Mrs. Hainsworth, for damage done by flood water to her belongings, the house she occupies in Church Street, having been seriously flooded during the recent wet weather. The Committee decided that the Council were not liable. A letter was ordered to be written drawing the attention of the East and West Railway Company, to the building of a boundary wall opposite their houses in Wood Lane, to the removal of the encroachment by the bridge on Green Lane, and several other matters requiring their attention. The following tenders of Messrs. Keightley and Riddiough, for the repair of private streets, were accepted, Chapel Street, £228 9s 6d; Holmes Street, £198 8s 1d; Holmes Square, £78 13s 10d; Mayflower Street, £382 15s 2; Plevna Street, £305 18s 2d; Stourton Street, £268 2s 6d; Board Street, £199 17s 11d; Queen Street, £1528 8s 5d; Wakefield Street, £109 9s 1d.

Mr. Jas Hargreaves proposed the confirmation of the minutes, and said that there was only a difference of £147 in the surveyor's estimate of the private streets to be repaired and the total amount of the tenders accepted. They could give credit to the surveyor for this very satisfactory estimate.

Mr. Harrison asked about the channelling proposed to be put down in Marsh Street.

Mr. Bulmer asked for an explanation as to the application for compensation from Church Street.

Mr. Sykes also spoke of the continued inconvenience caused by the East and West having waggons left so as to obstruct the road at Royds Green, and of the danger existing at the level crossing of the foot path leading to Fleck Mill.

Mr. Jas. Hargreaves said that the channelling on the Marsh had been left over until the road was covered with metal, which would be done when the days became a bit longer. As regards Mr. Bulmer's question the house was well known to most of the members; many houses throughout the country had recently been flooded without compensation being paid, and the house in question was one which should be pulled down and lifted up. Whilst the Committee were sorry for the woman, it was satisfied that she had no claim against the Council. The question raised by Mr. Sykes had been dealt with, and the Railway Company pressed to remove cause for complaint.

Mr. Bulmer asked if it wasn't true that the attention of the Committee had been drawn to the liability of this house being flooded six months ago, and said he would like to know what amount of compensation had been asked for.

Mr. J. Hargreaves said the amount asked for was £3 2s 1d.

The minutes were confirmed.

Mr. J. Hargreaves said he would like to mention another matter connected with the highways. The Gas Company had been in the habit of taking upon themselves to open out the roads without informing the officials of the Council, and on the 26th January a letter was sent by the Council drawing the Gas Company's attention to their habit of breaking up the roads and leaving them in an unsatisfactory state, and requesting that before breaking up any of the Council's roads in future, proper notice should be given to the Council's officials, and the roads left in a proper state. On the 15th of February, after receiving this letter, the Gas Company entered Wood Lane, and took up a new crossing that had not been down 14 days, without the surveyor knowing anything about it. They did not want to hamper the Gas Company in any way, but they should try to adhere to their Act of Parliament; when they could pay such dividends as they did, he thought the least they should do was to see that the roads they cut up were left in a proper state. He proposed that the attention of the Company be drawn to the matter.

Mr. Stead seconded, and the motion was carried.

SANITARY ITEMS.

The Sanitary Committee had inspected the new works at Lemonroyd, and instructed the engineer to see to several matters that were not yet quite satisfactory. Amongst the nuisances to be abated was one of overcrowding in the house of Mr. T. Lunn, in Butcher Lane.

Mr. J. Armitage proposed the confirmation of the minutes.

Mr. J. Oliver drew attention to the land at Churchfield on part of which it was proposed to erect an Isolation Hospital, and said that something should be done as to the letting of the surplus land

The minutes were confirmed and instructions given to advertise the garden land to let.

HEALTH REPORT.

The medical officer reported that there had been during the past four weeks 28 births registered, (12 males and 16 females), 17 in Rothwell (7 males and 10 females), and 11 in Lofthouse and Carlton (5 males and 1 females).

The Chairman: They are mending their ways.

Dr. Stevenson: Yes, turning over a new leaf.

During the same period there had been 15 deaths (6 males and 9 females), 9 in Rothwell (3 males and 6 females), and 6 in Lofthouse and Carlton (3 males and 3 females).

There had also been two cases of typhoid fever reported from Stourton, in the same house as the two previously reported, 2 cases of scarlet fever in Butcher Lane, and one of puerperal fever in Springfield Street.

WATERWORKS COMMITTEE.

The Waterworks Committee had considered the scale of water charges, and recommended the following additional charges being made:—for hair dressers, 2s per year, and for donkeys 2s.

Mr. Walter Hargreaves: Don't you put teetotallers on as well.

The minutes of the Committee were confirmed and copies of the new regulations ordered to be got out with full particulars of charges for consideration at next meeting.

BUILDINGS.

The following plans were approved on the recommendation of the Building Committee, privy and ashpit, Mrs. Parker; wash house, trustees of Rothwell National Schools; the making of Melbourne House into two; privy for Rothwell Mechanics' Institute; and office, etc., for Mr. W. E. Richardson. The tender of Messrs. A. & G. Barker for painting the numbers on houses at Stourton, was accepted at 2s. per dozen numbers. Owing to the illness of the clerk the Committee recommended that Messrs. Barrett and Wimbush take up the prosecutions *re* wooden buildings.

In this latter matter Mr. Stead said he was prepared to stand his corner, and had supported the prosecution being taken up.

Mr. J. Oliver said he could not understand one member of the Council putting up a shed, and then voting for another member being prosecuted for a similar thing.

Mr. Stead: I never have put up a shed in Rothwell.

Mr. J. Oliver: I was told that you had, and that other members had too. I apologise if it is not so.

Mr. Harrison: Let us have the other names.

Mr. Sykes: I think the matter wants carrying forward or dropping altogther.

Mr. G. Armitage said that at the time the Clerk was to have gone to Wakefield, he was laid on one side with illness, otherwise the prosecution would have taken its course.

Mr. Bulmer said he had not intended saying a word on this matter, but Mr. Stead had said that he was going to stand his corner and so was he; he did not want to drag any other person into the matter, but he could name, if he liked, those who sat round that table, or who were closely connected with them, that had put up places far worse than sheds.

Mr. Harrison said he had always tried to uphold the byelaws but it was strange to him that the Inspector should pass buildings that were a disgrace to the place and not fit to put a horse in. In his opinion they should take the worst cases first; he didn't like these hole and corner workings; missing one and hitting another.

Mr. G. Armitage maintained that it was out of order to open out the question again; the matter as to detail and principle had been decided long ago, and if it was going to be brought up at every meeting he should refuse to take part in the discussions.

Mr. Bulmer: I should like to know the grounds you are going to summon me on; I demand that.

Mr. Taylor said he was going to put a flue into his building, and then it would be a greenhouse, as it had windows in it already.

The minutes were then confirmed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

An invitation for five of the members and officials to attend a lecture at Leeds on "Tuberculosis" was accepted, the Chairman of the Sanitary Committee, Mr. J. Oliver, Mr. J. Stead, the Medical Officer, and Sanitary Inspector to attend.

Mr Walter Hargreaves gave notice of intention to propose the adoption of the Public Health Amendment Act, which, but for some oversight on the part of the Clerk should have been adopted some twelve months ago.

It was decided that Mr. Barrett (Mr. Wimbush's partner) be asked to act as returning officer at the forthcoming election, notices of which are due out to-day.

Messrs. Barrett and Wimbush were also to be asked to fulfil the duties as clerk, during Mr. Wimbush's illness.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

"The Emperor of Peace," was the subject chosen by Miss Kirkby for her essay at the meeting of the above on Friday evening last. The general character, appearance and demeanour of the Czar of Russia was fully described, the great extent of the territory over which he holds sway was touched upon, and then the essayist went on to speak of the proposal which has occupied the attention of all Europe for the past few months—the Czar's rescript. After reading the proposal, Miss Kirkby pointed to the very unsatisfactory results which have accrued from many wars, and the enormous amount of money expended yearly on armaments (England's estimate for expenses of army and navy this year being £45,000,000, while Russia's expenditure is more than double that sum). In conclusion the fair essayist expressed herself in favour of peace, and although she believed there was much distrust of the quarter from which the suggestion comes, yet if it brought about a more friendly feeling between the countries, it would be something gained. The paper displayed commendable interest in the subject, was well constructed, and given in an interesting style, though the subject is very deep and far-reaching, and does not lend itself easily to discussion. A hearty vote of thanks to Miss Kirkby for her paper was proposed by Mr. J. Ellis, seconded by Mr. A. J. Goldthorpe, and supported by Mrs. Maltby and Mr. P. H. Marshall. Mr. J. Shurmer was in the chair, in the absence of the Rev. J. B. Maltby, who had another appointment.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady who has been cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by means of Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent 1,000 to his Institute, in order that those deaf people who have not the means to procure the Ear Drums may have them free of charge. Apply by letter to Branch A. K. U. of the Nicholson Aural Institute, Ealing Dean London, W.

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A monthly meeting of the above body was held on Wednesday afternoon at the offices, Hunslet, Mr. J. Farrer, J.P., presiding. The other members present were Rev. A. J. E. Irvin, Mr. Fryer, Mr. Knight, Mr. Nicholson, with the clerk (Mr. Pindar), and medical officer (Dr. Buck).

At a special meeting of the Council, held on the 21st. of February, and called on the requisition of the chairman, clauses in the Leeds Corporation Bill were considered. After discussion, it was unanimously resolved that the Council oppose those clauses which propose to give to the Corporation's Medical Officer, or any person acting under his orders, power to enter any cow-sheds within the city, or wherever situated, if the milk from the same is sent within the city for sale and to apply the tuberculosis test; also the regulations regarding the driving of carts within the city. It was decided that Messrs. Emsley, Son, and Smith prepare a petition, and that steps be taken for the District Councils affected taking common action.

A meeting of the joint Committee for the treatment of sewage at Lemonroyd, had been held.

The Chairman reported that the new works were satisfactory, and were working remarkably well.

Cases of diphtheria were reported at Whitkirk and Woodlesford.

On the motion of Mr. Knight and Mr. Irvin, it was resolved to adopt the Infectious diseases Prevention Act, which provides for prompt interment in cases where such is advisable, the disinfecting of premises, the retention of infectious cases in hospital, if necessary, and other regulations calculated to benefit public health.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board in response to the Council's application to borrow £700, for the street improvement at Woodlesford, asking for further particulars, which were ordered to be furnished.

An agreement for the carrying out of a road improvement at Middleton was ordered to be signed.

Printed copies of the Medical Officer's report were to hand and show amongst other things the following particulars:—

BIRTHS.—There have been registered during the year in this district 211 Births, 117 males and 94 females, or 10 more than in the preceding year; the Sub-registration District of Whitkirk (including Templenewsam, Oulton-cum-Woodlesford, and Thorp Stapleton) contributing 170, and that of Middleton 41. Estimating the population to the middle of 1898 at 6882 this gives a Birth Rate of 30 65 per thousand; that of 1897 being 29.68. There were 10 illegitimate births, 4 boys and 6 girls.

DEATHS.—During the same period there have been registered 111 deaths, 56 males and 55 females. Of these Templenewsam and Thorp Stapleton contributed 32, Oulton-c-Woodlesford 54, and Middleton 25. This gives a Death Rate of 16 12 per thousand, a fairly satisfactory rate; but much higher than that of 1897, viz. 11.52. The mean for the decade 1880-89 was 18.

INFANT MORTALITY.—There were registered 29 deaths of children under 1 year, being at the rate of 26 per cent. of the total number of deaths, and 13.7 per cent. of the births registered.

The Infant Death Rate (13.7 per cent. of the births registered) is much higher than that of 1897, which was 8.9; the mean for the decade 1880-89 being 13.1. The increased number of deaths from premature birth is chiefly responsible for the higher rate, and not actual sickness, except diarrhœa, which is somewhat higher.

ZYMOTIC DISEASES.—There were only 5 deaths registered from infectious diseases:—Diphtheria 3, 1 in Templenewsam and 2 in Middleton; Typhoid Fever 1, in Templenewsam; Measles 1, in Oulton-c-Woodlesford.

The death rate from Zymotic causes is .72 per thousand, which though a little higher than .44 in 1897, is highly satisfactory, and compares very favouralby with 2.3, the mean for the ten years 1880-89.

There were only 23 cases of Infectious Diseases Notified, and 1 unnotified, (the average for the preceding 8 years, 1890-97, being 33). Of these Templenewsam and Thorp Stapleton contributed 11, Scarlatina 4, Diphtheria 4, Typhoid 3; Oulton-c-Woodlesford, 6; Scarlatina 1, Typhoid 3, Erysipelas 2; Middleton 7; Scarlatina 2, Diphtheria 2, Typhoid 1, Erysipelas 2.

HOSPITALS FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—This matter has made much progress during the year. The Council, along with a neighbouring Council, petitioned the West Riding County Council to form a hospital district under Lord Thring's Act of 1893, with the result that an Inquiry was held by that body in November, at Rothwell, into the subject matter thereof, and as no opposition was offered there is every probability of this long standing question coming to a satisfactory settlement during the ensuing year.

WATER SUPPLY.—A Local Government Board Inquiry was held in July, into the subject of the Newsam Green and Thorp Stapleton water supply (which had, for some time, been condemned by me) and the necessity for a wholesome supply to these hamlets. The necessary powers were granted, and the work, at the present time, is well in hand.

The cottages at West View, Middleton, have also been supplied with water.

On the completion of the Newsam Green work, the whole of the Council's district, excepting a few isolated houses, will have an ample and wholesome supply of water, and the Council may be congratulated on having finally disposed of one of the most dangerous sources of disease, viz. contaminated and scanty water supplies.

There has been an extension of 440 yds. of pipes at Middleton, 150 yds. at Whitkirk, and 57 at Woodlesford.

SEWERAGE AND SANITARY WORK.—Good drainage is the necessary corollary of an abundant water supply, and I am glad to record that good progress has been made in this direction.

The scheme for the drainage of the upper portion of Middleton, including tanks for the bacteriological treatment of the sewage has been completed, and I trust that the remaining portion at Belle-isle will not long be delayed.

A scheme for the extensions of the sewers to Holly Shaw estate, Whitkirk, including Hermon Terrace, is under consideration. With regard to the Halton sewage works, I am of opinion, as pointed out in my report of 1897, that regular attention and careful supervision are necessary for the success of these works, and that satisfactory results will not be obtained until more time and labour are spent upon them. At Woodlesford 74 yards of new sewers have been added in main roads, and 135 yards in new streets.

There have been 38 nuisances reported during 1898, with 13 standing over from the preceding year; of these, 39 have been abated.

Legal proceedings have been taken in one case.

36 closets have been constructed, 19 water closets and 17 ashes pit privies.

I would, at this point, urge upon the Council the necessity for more stringency in the matter of the construction, covering in, and repairs of ashes pit in every part of the district.

44 new houses have been built during the year, yet there is a great demand in some parts of the district, especially Oulton-c-Woodlesford, for artizans' dwellings, 3 cases of overcrowding, (and many more on the verge) having been reported in this quarter.

I regret to state that there are signs of a falling away in the high standard of efficiency in vaccination which has obtained in this district since the introduction of the new, but mischievous Vaccination Act.

The estimates of expected expenditure for the half-year ending 30th September, 1899, was submitted by the Clerk. the general expenses being as follows:—

ESTIMATE OF GENERAL EXPENSES.—HALF-YEAR ENDING 30TH. SEPTEMBER, 1899.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	240	0	0
Establishment ..	80	0	0
Street Watering ..	30	0	0
Travelling	8	10	0
Deputations	5	0	0
Infectious Diseases ..	2	10	0
Miscellaneous ..	14	0	0
	380	0	0

CREDIT:—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Interest ..	10	0	0			
County Council Grant	38	10	0			
Agricultural rates Grant	25	10	0			
Miscellaneous	6	0	0	80	0	0
				£300	0	0

APPORTIONMENT OF THE ABOVE.

	£	s.	d.
Middleton.. ..	93	0	0
Oulton-cum-Woodlesford	114	0	0
Templenewsam ..	90	0	0
Thorp Stapleton ..	3	0	0
	£300	0	0

Rate in the £—1s 9d.

Mr. Fryer thought that the amount for street watering was sadly too heavy and proposed that it be reduced to £15.

Mr. Knight seconded.

Mr. Irvin thought that money in this way was well spent, there was no waste in any way, and the watering, speaking on behalf of Woodlesford was absolutely necessary, in order that the houses of the people living on the highway side might be kept clean.

The matter was eventually put to the meeting, Messrs, Irvin, the chairman, and Nicholson voting for the adoption of the figure as given in the estimate, whilst Messrs. Fryer and Knight voted for half the amount; the larger amount was therefore adopted.

Mr. Knight: We will have a sup at Colton now.

The estimate for highway expenses was as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Middleton	534	2	6
Oulton-cum-Woodlesford ..	300	12	6
Templenewsam ..	416	5	0
	1251	0	0
Proportion required—one half	625	10	0
Salaries and Establishment Charges	45	10	0
	671	0	0
CREDIT:—Agricultural Rates Grant	33	0	0
	£638	0	0

APPORTIONMENT.

	£	s.	d.
Middleton.. ..	140	0	0
Oulton-cum-Woodlesford	186	0	0
Templenewsam ..	136	0	0
Thore Stapleton ..	5	0	0
	£467	0	0

Rate in the £—4d.

The special expenses for Oulton and Woodlesford were estimated at £420, Middleton £350, Templenewsam £360, and Thorpe Stapleton £2. The estimates were approved.

TO MOTHERS.—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is pleasant to taste; it produces natural quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." Of all Chemists, 1s. 1½d per bottle.

FRIENDLY SOCIETY TEA, CONCERT AND DANCE.

On Saturday last, the members of the Ancient Order of Romans Friendly Society, Pride of Rothwell Senate, held their annual festival, which was well attended and satisfactory in its results. Tea was provided in the Primitive Schoolroom, after which a concert took place in the Mechanics' Hall, the artistes at which were, vocalists:—Miss French, Miss Hall, Mr. Oldroyd, and Mr. Walter Brook; pianoforte soloist and accompanist, Mr. Lawford Firth; solo cornetist, Mr. W. Fowler; elocutionist, Miss Chadwick. Mr. W. Naylor presided. For those members and friends who preferred dancing, a programme of dance music was played by Mr. Mark Fowler in the Central Hall, Messrs. Field Clark and Chris Tiffany acting as M.C's. The attendance was good and the proceedings much enjoyed by the younger people connected with the Order.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected COCOA, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk—Sold only in packets and pound tins, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & Co., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London."

WESLEYAN METHODIST TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND.

ROTHWELL BRANCH.

Some four months ago the first public meeting of Methodists for the inauguration of this great thank-offering of one million guineas, was held in London; soon after, the first great provincial meeting was held at Oxford Place Chapel in Leeds, when representatives from the various circuits promised 35,000 guineas. Since then similar great central meetings have been held all over the country, with the result that getting on to 600,000 guineas have been promised as a rough minimum estimate. About a month ago, the circuit meetings commenced, and in almost every case, the sum mentioned for the circuit at the district meetings has been greatly surpassed, to the extent of double or treble the amount estimated. There is no doubt, therefore, that this magnificent scheme will be carried out to its perfect result, and that a million Wesleyan Methodist names will be inscribed on the great Historic Roll, before the beginning of the 20th. century.

The first meetings for the Rothwell circuit were held on Sunday and Wednesday last, and, as in other places, the more the proposal is understood, the greater the enthusiasm. It was arranged that at the services on Sunday, the preachers in the various pulpits should make reference to the scheme, a suggestion which was carried out in a greater or less degree.

At Rothwell, the Rev. J. T. Tyreman preached two excellent sermons, in both of which reference was made to the subject. The evening text was "We will rejoice in Thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners," Psalm 22, 5, and entering into the spirit of the words, the preacher clearly and concisely described the marvellous success God has given to the Methodist church during its 150 years' existence, the far-reaching benefits resulting, the strong Protestant bulwark it now forms (with other Evangelical churches) against the insidious and rampant attempts to bring back the days of the Papacy, the priesthood, the confessional and the Inquisition, and pictured the much greater glories which awaited the 20th. century, when the church is armed with the means, to be provided by the Million Guineas Fund.

The inaugural public meeting took place at Rothwell on Wednesday evening, when there was an excellent attendance, although not quite so large as some had anticipated. A high tone of thankfulness and expectancy pervaded the meeting throughout, and the enthusiasm was most contagious.

The Rev. J. B Maltby occupied the chair, and there were also on the platform, the Rev. J. T. Tyreman, Mr. J. R. Seanor, J.P., and Mr. McAdoo (circuit stewards) and Mr. W. Stephenson (the circuit secretary, who has already done a vast amount of preliminary work in this matter).

After singing and prayer, the Chairman briefly narrated the fact, that along with other circuits in the Leeds district, he had promised 500 guineas for this circuit, and he felt sure that this figure would be quite within the reach of the 500 members on the circuit roll. He said it was not intended to have many speeches (except those of a financial character) and that he was expecting to see one of their foremost Leeds Methodists, Mr. T. S. Simpson, who would lay the whole matter before them.

The Rev. J. T. Tyreman then said a few words on the grand history of Rothwell Methodism, and felt assured they would maintain the honour of their old town.

Mr. T. S. Simpson then rose to address the meeting, and had a most hearty reception. He said that he had already attended a number of these meetings, and always felt that they were best conducted in the fashion of Methodist home fireside talks, reminding each other of the glorious men and women, their fathers and mothers, of the past; thinking of God's goodness to them as individuals and as a church; and looking forward to see what they ought to do in view of the great possibilities of the next century. This fund was not being raised to pay off any debt; it was entirely for aggressive work; and they needed the best and weightiest armaments possible in order to win the victories and successes of the Gospel of Christ, in carrying the news of salvation to every man.

In reply to the question, is it worth while raising this money, he mentioned the serious position taken up by the English Church Union only the day before, in which it was evident that Ritualism (not to use a stronger term) was determined to throw away all restraint in its effort to wreck the Evangelical Church of England. Methodism occupies the second position amongst English Protestant Churches, and a solemn call is laid upon her to preserve the Protestant Christianity of England. If 100 years ago, Methodism, with meagre means and 70,000 members, was able to work so great a triumph as God had been pleased to bless, what ought not the Methodist Church, with its larger means and influence, and its half a million members to do in the 20th. century.

As to the way in which this great thank-offering is to be raised, the cardinal principle is that every person, living or dead, whose name is placed on the Historic Roll, is credited with one guinea. This promise should not be made thoughtlessly, but after due consideration of what Methodism through God, has done for a man and his family, and should be given out of pure gratitude to God and love for His work. An effort is to be made by every Methodist and every Methodist well-wisher to give at least one guinea, while for those who are really too poor, provision will be made from the gifts of the more wealthy. (Of course many details will have to be gone into by the local officials in each church).

The objects to which the money is to be devoted, had been decided on by men well acquainted with the subject, and the decision on the various allocations was unanimous. £300,000 for building new chapels, mission halls, and Sunday Schools. £200,000 for educational work, including a new Training College for young people desirous of becoming Day School teachers. £100,000 for Home Missions (including Temperance work) and £100,000 for Foreign Missions. £250,000 for large Methodist Central Hall, with every convenience for head-quarters of Methodism and Methodist Missions. £50,000 for extending the Children's Homes, to be applied to saving all children of Methodist and other Nonconformist parents from the workhouse.

Mr. Simpson concluded a most clear and convincing address by relating some instances he had noted during the last few weeks of how the thing is being done, and in every case the estimated sum had been far more than realised, the working men and women, and others really poor being most anxious to help. With other encouraging and hopeful words, the address was concluded, amid hearty applause.

The meeting continued in what is called 'lovefeast' fashion, the Minister first rising and after declaring how much he owed to God and Methodism, promising several guineas for himself and family, his two sons afterwards speaking and promising a guinea each. These sort of valuable and interesting 'experiences' went on for over an hour, varying in amount from 50 guineas by Mr. J. R. Seanor, to one guinea for the secretary's baby boy. Frequent allusions were made to those who had gone home to heaven, whose names it was desired should go on the roll, and emotion often rose high as these good men and women were re-called to remembrance. The large number of young people subscribing their guineas was most pleasing, and in many of these cases real self-denial will have to be exercised. In Mr. Seanor's brief address, he told how his grandmother used to say that she could remember her father lifting her on his shoulder, in order to see the Rev. John Wesley pass along; so that from his great-grandfather, Richard Seanor, to his own grandsons, there were now seven generations of Methodists connected with the Church at Rothwell. Parents promised for themselves and their children, and sons promised for their sainted fathers and mothers now in the better land. Many of the gifts were accompanied by short addresses, but the larger number were contained on promise slips which were distributed and collected during the meeting, and were read out at intervals.

There were a good many Rothwell friends unable to get, whose promises will be given at a future meeting, but those who were there attained to a list of 230 guineas for Rothwell alone; while friends from other villages, whose gifts will count in their own churches promised 28 guineas more; a total of 258 guineas.

A large meeting is to be held at Normanton on Monday, and there are also meetings to be held at six other places before the total realized by the circuit is ascertained.

The meeting was a most interesting one, and of historic importance, and will not soon be forgotten by the youngest child able to understand.

The doxology was sung with gladsome hearts, and the doings of that day will be often recounted in days to come.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Feb. 25th., 1899, is £368; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £245, thus showing increase of £123. For the 8 weeks ending Feb. 25th., the return is £2716, against £1945 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £771.

The half-yearly meeting of the proprietors of the East and West Yorkshire Union Railways Company was held on Monday at the Great Northern Railway Station Hotel, Leeds, Mr. Joseph Charlesworth, of Glenapp Castle, Ballantrae, N.B., (chairman), presiding.

In moving the adoption of the report and statement of accounts (an abstract of which has been published), the Chairman remarked on the satisfactory half-year's working. The gross receipts were £8 576. The receipts for mineral traffic amounted to £4,506, and those for merchandise traffic £4,070. It was gratifying to find that nearly half the receipts were in respect of merchandise. Although the receipts had considerably increased, the working expenses showed a proportionate decrease, being £2,784, or about 33 per cent of the total receipts. They were quite capable of paying a 4 per cent. dividend, which would enable them to carry forward a balance of £1,129. That was very satisfactory. The reason it was proposed to carry this large balance forward was that they anticipated certain renewals. The traffic of the railway was increasing steadily. Last week was the heaviest there had been, the receipts amounting to £375. Altogether the outlook for the railway was very favourable.

Mr. A. Armitage seconded the motion, which was carried, and resolutions were also adopted declaring a dividend of 4 per cent. per annum on the Preference stock, and a similar dividend on the ordinary shares and stock. A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman and directors, the secretary (Mr. S. W. Meyer), and other officials.

The Chairman, in replying, said the question of passenger traffic had often been raised. The directors had before the Board of Trade a scheme for doubling the line and signalling, and they hoped to get an answer in a short time. They had entered into arrangements with the Great Northern Railway Company, but the sanction of the Board of Trade was needed, and the directors hoped that in the course of twelve months at all events a passenger service would be arranged. It was no fault of the directors that there had not been any passenger traffic up to now; they had been doing their best for years.

In answer to Mr. George Mitchell, of Horbury, the Chairman said that without binding himself he thought it most likely that there would be passenger traffic on the line some time during this year.

Mr. C. E. Charlesworth, a director, observed that the Board were as anxious as the people of Rothwell to have a passenger service, and they hoped within a reasonable time their desires would be accomplished. They would run a regular service of passenger trains, and also workmen's trains for taking the miners to and from their work. This would not only be a convenience to the labouring men but a great advantage to Rothwell.

ROTHWELL NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

On Thursday afternoon, in school, the prizes won for good attendance during the past year, were presented to the children by Mrs. Farrer, in the presence of their parents.

The Vicar, at the commencement of the proceedings, welcomed those parents who had attended, and only wished more could have been there to see the scholars carry away their prizes. He wished strongly to emphasize the fact that the co-operation of the parents was of the greatest importance. Children will never be really educated simply by Act of Parliament. Whatever laws are passed, still the parent must be responsible for the child's education. Home teaching was as much needed as school teaching, and the two should go hand in hand together. Looking back over the past years, he felt all, parents, teachers, scholars alike, might be well pleased that the school had won the best report received since he came to the village. But having won such commendation, they must now keep it up. It would never do to go backwards. The great railway town of Crewe, in which his last parish was situated, had chosen as its motto "Never behind," and he would urge them to take it as their watchword for the coming twelve months.

School songs were then sung by the children under the guidance of Miss Butterfield, Infants' mistress, and Mr. Clark, head master, who also, before reading out the list of prize-winners, stated, that though the children had done well, they were not even up to the Leeds standard of attendance, and he felt sure that with the steady and self-denying support of the parents, even better results might yet be attained. The scholars in conclusion, gave a hearty cheer to Mrs. Farrer for so kindly coming to give away the prizes.

The list of prize-winners will be published next week.

THE DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION.

The election of District Councillors is on us almost before we are aware, and it is now clear that the nominations must be in by Thursday, the 9th of this month, and the polling will take place on Saturday the 25th. The places of polling will be as usual, and the first ballot paper may be deposited at twelve o'clock.

The burgess roll, to be obtained at the County Council Offices, will be the sole guide of qualification, and one member is required for each ward.

The retiring Councillors are:—

NORTH WARD,	Mr.	JOHN ABBISHAW
SOUTH	"	J. W. BULMER
STOURTON	"	TOM CHAPMAN
LOFTHOUSE	"	P. G. MILNER
CARLTON	"	G. ARMITAGE

So far as we know all the above are seeking re-election, but we have not yet heard of any additional except in the Stourton Ward. At a meeting of the Ratepayers' Association, a few days ago, this body unanimously resolved to support Mr. Henry Nicholls, a former member of the Local Board, and a gentleman well qualified for the position.

HEARD IN THE STREETS.

CONTRIBUTED.

THAT at a recent meeting of a Council Committee two prominent members—ex-chairmen—did not hit it very well.

THAT if it had been Councillor Bulmer and Harrison, nobody would have been surprised.

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THAT one occasionally sees workmen under the Council, intoxicated during working hours.

THAT the Council should not tolerate such thirsty mortals.

That some of the Council's workmen spend most of their time walking about and leaning over the handles of the shovels.

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THAT the smoke from the waggonnette drivers' fire was a great nuisance last Saturday.

THAT the Council might do worse than provide a shelter for the drivers.

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THAT there will be a strange mixture of Parsons, Publicans and Sinners, and of Doctors, Scribes and Pharisees, at the forthcoming Billiard Handicap.

THAT the Billiard table has already arrived.

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THAT the Twentieth Century will undoubtedly see the Passenger Trains running into Rothwell

THAT it is not yet quite decided which end of the century it shall be.

THAT we are again promised at the Railway Meeting that it is to be at the end of the nineteenth century.

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THAT there was a big meeting of Methodists on Wednesday, when the folks went 'guinea' mad.

THAT there was *method* in the madness, and old Roddill will hold her own for over 300 guineas.

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THAT someone will have to break his neck before the Council will see the necessity for levelling the causeway in Commercial Street.

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THAT there will be a fight in three of the wards, this election.

THAT whoever wants to get in for the North Ward, will have to find a way to Churchfield voters, though a better road than Bailey Lane.

OULTON-WITH-WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Sir,

I cannot allow the concluding paragraph in your issue of the 24th. instant under the heading "Heard in the Streets," to pass without observation. No new instructions to voters were issued at either of the two elections referred to, as your readers might be led to suppose. The instructions to voters on each occasion were identically the same as have been in use for at least 12 years past, and the votes were counted in strict accordance with the instructions.

Yours obediently,
FRED W. MEE,
Returning Officer.

Hunslet,
March 1st., 1899.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

WEST YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION CUP.

ROTHWELL WHITE ROSE V. PONTEFRACT GARRISON.

The replayed match in the above Competition was witnessed on the Rothwell enclosure on Saturday afternoon last, by about 400 spectators. After having played a draw at Pontefract, considerable interest was manifested in the encounter, and the majority of spectators expected that the home club would prove successful, although they were somewhat handicapped by Illingworth and Baber being on the sick list. The vacancies were filled by T. Whitehead and E Dobson. Rothwell winning the toss, decided to defend the Park goal, and Pontefract set the ball in motion, the homesters returning play into their opponents' quarters, when Dobson was deliberately fouled, and a penalty kick awarded to Rothwell; the ball being placed for Bridges, he sent in a clinging shot which easily beat the visitors' custodian, thus adding a goal for Rothwell before the game had been in progress many minutes. Rothwell were again bombarding the visitors, when T. Whitehead's shot went wide. The soldiers retaliated, and found the home back division plenty of work calling on Cripps to clear his citadel. Pontefract followed with a corner kick the ball eventually going behind. The home forwards went up the field grandly with a combined rush, and Wright was successful in putting the ball into the net. From the centre kick, Rothwell looked as if they were going to give a repetition of the previous performance, when they brought the ball straight up the field, but this time it was kicked just outside the coveted goal. This infused life into the homesters, Page having a good shot which the custodian frustrated. The venue of the game was now changed into the home territory, and play became rather relaxing, Pontefract soon found an opening, and sent in a close shot Cripps failing to hold the ball, and the first goal was thus scored by the visitors. Half-time was shortly afterwards called. After changing ends, Rothwell re-started the game, both sides attacking in turns for a long time Pontefract assuming the aggressive, Rothwell again let them in by appealing for off-side, the out-side left shot hitting the post and going out of play. This was a lucky escape. Rothwell found a footing in the visitors territory, when Dobson's shot was returned by the custodian, and Page sent it flying back, the goalman this time clearing at the expense of a corner. Pontefract now got clear, and found the homesters plenty of work compelling them to act on the defensive; although the bombardment was kept up for a long period, they however failed to penetrate the home defence, Cripps saving splendidly whilst R. Whitehead and Beckwith defended like trojans. The home front rank again got away, and from a grand centre by Dobson, Page headed over. Bridges followed with another good shot which went behind, whilst Wright when he had a good opening was found napping. Pontefract again forced a couple of corners, and attacking strongly caused the home supporters plenty of uneasiness. Dacre again got off down the field with a fine rush, the ball eventually going behind. Rothwell still pressing Whitehead had a good shot which Couch saved at the expense of a corner. From the corner kick, Pontefract got a footing in the home half, and sending in a long shot, Cripps cleared splendidly. The game was very evenly contested and at call of time Rothwell were declared winners by 2 goals to Garrison 1 goal. The Rothwell team are to be complimented on the energy and dash which they infused into the game, the backs as previously mentioned got through a large amount of work, and as a rule their kicking was very clean and effective. Of the half-backs, Bridges and Berry were the pick, both feeding their forwards well, whilst Smith, although working hard was very erratic and feeble with his kicking. In the front rank Page and Dacre worked like old war-horses, the former giving one of his best exhibition seen at Rothwell; Wright, although he made two or three good runs was not playing up to form, and no doubt felt the absence of Illingworth, although T. Whitehead, his partner, did very well in the vacancy, they lacked combination. E. Dobson on the left wing, during the first half made continual blunders, and was out of his position in the front rank. Cripps, with the exception of the first goal, gave a splendid exhibition, using considerable judgement with some of the shots. The Garrison team were never fairly organised, the play being mainly due to individual efforts, they were, however, unfortunate at times in not having a better reward. On the game throughout Rothwell deserved the victory, which they had struggled so hard to obtain. Rothwell will meet Huddersfield tomorrow, at Hunslet, in the semi-final

OULTON ST. JOHN'S V. NORMANTON DODSWORTH.

The above teams met on Oulton Green, on Saturday afternoon last, to play their Second West Yorkshire League fixture. Both clubs played under their full strength. The visitors played down hill first half but made little headway considering they had the advantage of the slope. In fact it was soon seen that the home team were pressing hardest, and it was not long ere a goal was placed in Oultons' favour. The home team counted again before call of half-time, the visitors at that time having a blank sheet. In the second half Oulton frequently bombarded the low goal, and but for frequent off-side play would have put on a bigger score. The whole of the second half, however, only produced one goal, that being in Oulton's favour from the foot of B Higgins, and a one sided game ended with the score—Oulton 3 Dodsworth *nil*.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

RUGBY.

At Featherstone—Featherstone v Rothwell.

ROTHWELL TEAM—Full back, B Cromack; three-quarter backs, O Taylor, J Morrell, H Hemsworth, B Kelly; half-backs, B Morrell, E Robinson; forwards, J Ward, W Shaw, J Parkinson, F Parkinson, W Sanders, N Westmoreland, G Bulmer, W Speight, A Gillings.

ASSOCIATION.

At Hunslet—Huddersfield v Rothwell W R (Cup)

WHITE ROSE TEAM—Goal, A Cripps; backs, J Beckwith, R Whitehead; half-backs, J Smith, T Bridges, J Berry; forwards, T Whitehead, T Page, Hy Dacre, H Illingworth, A E Wright; Reserves, E Dobson.

At Rothwell—Rothwell W R 'A' v Redshaw Albion.

WHITE ROSE 'A' TEAM—Goal, W Cromack; backs S Baber, A Field; half-backs, C Fox, E Fox, G Tiffany; forwards, H Hirst, T Gibson, A Cromack, A Gibson, A N Other

At Oulton—Dewsbury v Oulton.

OULTON TEAM—Goal, Corp. E Harris; backs, W Inman, F Bradley; half-backs, D Raybould, O Inman F Bell; forwards, E A Higgins, W Hutchinson, J E Taylor, A T Murtland, H W Higgins; Reserves, J T Morrison, C Hullah.

At Oulton—Oulton 'A' v Hunslet New Connexion

OULTON 'A' TEAM—Goal, C Higgins; backs, H Butterick, A Higgins; half-backs, S Lockwood, P Higgins, P Inman; forwards, C Hullah (capt), W Killingbeck, T Hurdus, F Arundel, H Hammond; Reserve, F Armitage.

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STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

On Sunday afternoon last, Mr. A. Paul presided over the above meeting. After an instrumental march by the band, an excellent address was given by Mr. L. Harris, of Rothwell, whose subject was "Charity, or something worth telling." The soloist was Miss Fanny Howarth, who gave effective renderings of "The Life Line" and "Holy City." Mr. Smith ably accompanied.

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ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE CHAPEL.

The above place of worship was crowded on Sunday evening, when the Rev. J. A. Alderson preached an excellent and interesting sermon on "The lost piece of silver." No doubt a great attraction was the fact that Miss Beaumont, who sang so brilliantly on Monday week, had promised to give two sacred songs during the service. Her first selection was "The better Land" in which she greatly delighted those present; the second selection was exactly her style, and those well qualified to judge state that "Rejoice greatly" was simply magnificent, and has never been so effectively rendered in Rothwell. Mr. John Young ably accompanied the young lady on the organ, and the proceedings altogether were most successful.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB.

The members of the above club, along with their wives and a number of friends, met at the Rosebud Inn, on Saturday last, on the occasion of their annual knife and fork tea. The host and hostess placed on the tables a repast which reflected great credit on the house and was highly spoken of by those of the rod and line. A short speech was made by the president in which he eulogised the abilities of the host and hostess as pattern caterers. The evening was spent in games, dancing, etc.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A.

The great Wesleyan Methodist Twentieth Century Fund, was the theme of Mr. Denton's address on Sunday afternoon last, (Mr Pickles, of Leeds, not being able to fulfil his engagement). The movement was explained and recommended to all present, who were also urged to see that their names appear on the National Historic Roll. Mr. John Blackburn rendered two solos from the *Christian Choir*, which were much appreciated and enjoyed. Mr. Denton read the Bible lesson, and Mr. John Nunns presided over the proceedings.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL A.B.C.

Mr. W. Blackburn, of Astley, was the speaker at the above on Sunday last, subject "A shepherd lad." He handled his subject in an attractive manner, and pointed out many lessons which may be learnt from the life of David. Miss Keightley, of Carlton, was the soloist, her choice being "Abide with me," and "Sometime we'll understand." Mr Harriman occupied the chair, and Mr. Alfred Naylor read the Bible lesson to a good gathering.

THE MAN OUT AHEAD.

The man with oil and smut on his palms, and perhaps a touch of it on his nose; the man who never rides first-class, but always rides first—a class all of himself: if, when starting out on a railway journey you have any thoughts or prayers not immediately required for your own use, invest them in him.

For although the passengers on the train may be plentifully punctuated with princes and dukes, capitalists, promoters, M.P.'s, bishops, and other clergy, plus liberal spoonfuls of the very cream of society, nevertheless the man with the grease and coal dust on him is far and away the most important fellow on board.

When the present writer sinks back into the soft embrace of a seat in a coach of a fast express for Liverpool, and sees, as he lights his pipe, the platforms of Euston station swim away, he never fails to take a mental snap-shot at the Man on the Machine; for whether we run into the big shed at Lime Street, or into the bigger shed of Eternity, depends largely on him. Sober he will be. May he also be healthy and hearty, clear-eyed, cool, and steady. For in the hollow of his grimy hand he holds us all.

One of these men, Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, is—and for many years has been—in the employ of the L. and N.W. Railway. He is (almost needless to say) competent and fortunate. Otherwise he could not have retained his position. The line has suffered no serious calamity for which he could be held responsible. Sometimes he would be laid up for a few days, but that was *his* bad luck—not that of the company or of the public.

For, look you! important as it is that engine-drivers should be sound men, they are not necessarily so. If it were a hard and fast rule that men who run locomotives should never be ill, especially when on duty, the volume of traffic would fall off materially. As men do other kinds of work while half ill, so they are obliged to drive the iron horse in the same condition. Pilots of steam-boats and wheelsmen on ships have dropped dead at their posts; and the faithful chaps on the reeling steam waggons are not exempt from the common fate.

"For over 26 years," says Mr. Wilkinson, "I was at no time a really well man. I had frequent spells of giddiness and pain in the back of the head. I had also a bad taste in the mouth, a poor appetite, and after eating my food often 'repeated,' or came up in my throat. There was much pain at my chest and stomach, as though what I ate stopped there, like a train shunted off the main line.

"What was particularly bad for me was loss of sleep, more or less, at night; so that I felt tired and out of condition in the morning. In the course of time I got weak and found it hard to get on with my duty. However, I struggled on as I could, and came through all right, but the strain was all I wanted to stand up under.

"Sometimes when I reached home after a day's run I was so worn out and exhausted that I was glad to settle down anywhere."

"I consulted doctors and took many different medicines, but only got ease for the time. Then the complaint came on again, bad as ever. So it was with me—up and down, but never well or right.

"I had often heard of Mother Seigel's Syrup as a sure remedy for indigestion and chronic dyspepsia, but up to this time had not enough faith in it to try it. In November, 1895, I read about it; I mean cases it had cured, some worse than mine.

"On this I bought a bottle from Mr. F. W. Hughes, The Ince Drug Stores, Spring View, Lower Ince, and it did me a lot of good. I kept on taking it, and it wasn't long before I enjoyed my meals and everything agreed with me. The pain in the head and the giddiness troubled me no more, and I was another man. I only regretted not having known of Mother Seigel's Syrup twenty years before. I tried Mother Seigel's Soothing Plasters for pain in the side and back, and they relieved me instantly.

"I tell all my friends about how I was cured, and you may feel at liberty to publish my hasty letter if you think it may prove useful. I will reply to any inquiries." (Signed) THOMAS WILKINSON, 258, Warrington Road, Lower Ince, Near Wigan, Lancs, Nov. 11th, 1898.

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ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE HALL.

"Driven from Home," was the title of a service of song given in the Rothwell Temperance Hall on Sunday evening last. The music was given by the Society's choir, Mr. Blackburn being conductor, Mr. S. Bedford accompanist, whilst Miss Sidebottom read the story, which was illustrated by limelight views. There was a good attendance, and a collection was made.

TEMPERANCE MEETING AT ROTHWELL.

On Wednesday night last, a large audience assembled in the Rothwell Temperance Hall, to hear an address given by Mr. Pearson, agent of the United Kingdom Alliance. The chair was occupied by Mr. C. Ineson. Mr. Pearson's subject was "Local Veto," which he fully advocated as one of the best means of dealing with the liquor traffic. Questions were asked at the close and a collection taken.

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A BOGUS BARONET.

A theft, small in proportion, but amusingly ingenious in its conception, took place a short time ago at the Grand Hotel, Paris.

An elegant-looking gentleman, lodging at that well-known establishment, and giving his name as Sir James X., Bart, went into a fashionable bootmaker's shop on the Boulevard des Capucines, and ordered a pair of the very handsomest boots that could be made; no expense was to be spared, and the boots were to be sent home on a certain day by ten o'clock, as the purchaser was to leave for Marseilles by the 12.40 train.

After that, he went to another bootmaker on the Boulevard des Italiens, and ordered a second pair of boots precisely similar to the first, which were to be sent home on the same day as the others, but at three o'clock, as he was to leave for Brussels at five. Punctually at the appointed hour, bootmaker No 1 appeared with his boots.

Sir James tried them on, and found them splendid, admirable, not in the least dear, but the left boot hurt him a little. Would not the bootmaker take it home, put it on the last, and stretch it slightly? He could bring it back the next morning, as Sir James was obliged to delay his departure for twenty-four hours, owing to pressing business. Of course the obliging tradesman complied with the wishes of his aristocratic customer, and walked off with his solitary boot.

In the afternoon bootmaker No. 2 entered, and the same process was repeated, only this time it was the right boot of which the customer complained, and which the bootmaker carried off to stretch.

The next morning the two luckless tradesmen met face to face, each having but one boot, their charming and aristocratic customer having taken his departure by the night train for London with the other pair.

THEY WISHED THEY HADN'T BEEN BORN.

The danger of preaching purchased sermons has had a very remarkable and curious illustration recently in a small town in Yorkshire.

The curate had been absent for a week or so taking his holidays.

The first Sunday after his return he took the morning service, while the rector officiated for a friend in a neighbouring church; but the rector was present in the evening to preach after the curate had read prayers.

The sermon in the morning was considered so good that the congregation congratulated themselves upon the effects which the change of air had had on the preacher's style and power generally.

In the evening the rector ascended the pulpit and gave out the same text which had formed the subject of the curate's discourse in the morning. Very soon, however, those who were there in the forenoon found that it was not only the same text, but the same sermon, and their faces assumed a variety of expressions. There were not many placid countenances in the whole church, with the exception of the preacher's, who went on quite unconsciously. There was one face that bore upon it a painful expression, and that was the curate's.

The more he tried to appear severe and indifferent the more he looked abashed and intensely horrified. In short, the two worthy personages had, unknown to each other, purchased a copy of the same sermon, and they had the ill luck to deliver it without communication with each other.

Nothing, it is said, has come of this little misadventure beyond a harmless joke or two. How the rector and curate got on is not stated, but the villagers are good-natured people; and the sexton—of course a regular attendant at church—declares that the oftener he hears a sermon the better he likes it.

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ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 64,708 assuring the sum of £6,420,580, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £353,113.

The Premiums received during the year were £2,967,501, being an increase of £193,237 over the year 1897.

The Claims of the year amounted to £975,012. The number of deaths was 5,191, and 2,535 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 534,138.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £4,960,756, being an increase of £167,165.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,891,039. The number of Deaths was 198,308, and 2,181 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing, who desired to discontinue their payments, was 66,379, the number in force being 604,564. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 12,281.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 12,949,679; their average duration exceeds eight and a half years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shewn in the Balance Sheet, are £33,599,708, being an increase of £3,161,371 over those of 1897.

Public attention having been for some time past directed to questions of thrift and provision for old age, the Directors have had under consideration how they can further assist those Policyholders who from age and diminished earnings find some difficulty in maintaining the payment of Premiums on their Policies, and they have therefore made provision for all Policyholders in the Industrial Branch who have been assured for twenty-five years to be free from the payment of further Premiums as they attain the age of 75. This alteration takes effect at once, and has of course necessitated a considerable addition to the Reserves.

The Shareholders will be glad to learn that the Staff Provident Fund, which was established last year on the occasion of the celebration of the Company's Jubilee, has been heartily appreciated by the outdoor Staff for whose benefit it was founded, and a large proportion have become contributors. The total amount standing to the credit of the Fund at the end of the year was £58,212 18s. and the number of the contributors was 7,160.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1898.

LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.
Shareholders' capital	1,000,000	0	0
Ordinary Branch Fund	17,156,951	11	8
Industrial Branch fund	14,538,952	13	5
Reserve fund	750,000	0	0
Claims under life policies admitted	153,804	0	11
	£33,599,708	6	0

ASSETS	£	s.	d.
British Government Securities (£3,155,000 Consols)	3,153,583	5	11
Indian and Colonial Government Securities	3,300,877	4	5
Railway and other Debentures and Debenture Stocks	2,176,498	18	1
Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	6,246,917	12	3
Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	2,830,469	8	8
Freehold and leasehold property	1,934,411	16	10
Mortgages	4,143,948	16	6
Railway, gas and water stocks	5,669,891	3	4
Suez Canal Shares	168,489	5	8
Telegraph and other shares	72,532	8	3
Metropolitan Consolidated stock, and City of London bonds	358,645	12	6
Bank of England stock	200,559	18	6
Foreign Government securities	996,694	1	3
Reversions and Life Interests	57,104	1	6
Loans on the Company's Policies	690,268	13	3
Rent charges	148,164	0	1
Outstanding premiums	360,525	9	10
Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents' balances	49,475	9	10
Outstanding interest and rents	241,243	17	0
Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	281,407	2	4
	£33,599,708	6	0

THOMAS C. DEWEY, WILLIAM HUGHES, FREDERICK FISHER, *Joint General Managers.*
EDGAR HORNE, *Chairman.* HENRY HARBEN, W. T. PUGH, *Directors.*
W. J. LANCASTER, *Secretary.*

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts and Payments, affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1898, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1898.

14th February, 1899. DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & Co.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Superintendent, MR. BUCKLEY, Carlton Chambers, Carlton Street, Castleford; Assistant Superintendent, MR. H. KINDER, 6, Trinity Terrace, Rothwell; Agents:—MR. J. MORTON, Prospect Terrace, Rothwell; MR. S. MORTON Prospect Terrace, Rothwell; MR. T. W. NAYLOR, Trinity Terrace, Rothwell; MR. J. FRANKS, John O'Gaunts, Rothwell; MR. J. W. CRAISE, Elmwood Terrace, Oulton; MR. W. ADDEY, Boat Staith, Methley; MR. J. HARDING, New Street, Kippax.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

COMING EVENTS REGISTER.

The proprietors of this journal propose opening a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

Apr. 3, 4 & 5—Public Luncheon and Grand National Bazaar in Board Schools for Primitive Methodist Trust Funds.
April 13 & 14—Rothwell Mechanics Institute. Re-opening Ceremonies Receptions & Dances
April 29, 1899—Woodlesford Jumble Sale
May 24 & 25, 1899—Woodlesford Board Schools, Bazaar in aid of the Parish Room Fund.

DEATHS.

WILD—March 6th, aged 15 months, Elsie, daughter of Asa Wild, Wood Lane, Rothwell.
WATSON—March 8th, aged 5 years, Enoch, son of the late Joseph Watson, Carlton Lane, Rothwell.

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TENDERS.

ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TO FARMERS AND MARKET GARDENERS.

THE COUNCIL is prepared to receive Tenders for the Removal of Night Soil during the 12 months ending March 31st, 1900.

Full particulars of the boundaries of each district with specification and form of Tender, may be had on application to Robert R. Jones, Sanitary Inspector, Rothwell.

Sealed tenders endorsed "Nightsoil District No—" to be delivered to me the undersigned at the Council Offices, Rothwell, not later than 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, March 18th.

J. B. WIMBUSH,
Clerk to the Council.

ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TENDERS are invited for the supply and delivery of the best White Rose Petroleum at Lemonroyd Sewage Works for the year ending March 31st, 1900.

The approximate quantity required is about 40 gallons per week.

Further particulars and forms of Tender may be obtained on application to the Surveyor at the Council Offices.

Tenders endorsed "Lemonroyd" to be sent to me on or before Saturday, the 18th March, 1899.

J. B. WIMBUSH,
Clerk to the Council.
Council Offices,
Rothwell, Nr. Leeds,
March 9th, 1899.

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TO TRADESMEN.

TENDERS WANTED for the supply of Butcher's Meat, Flour, Groceries, Tea, Yeast, Potatoes, &c., Coal, Leather, &c., Drapery, and Coffins for the Workhouse at Hunslet, and the Children's Homes at Rothwell Haigh, for six months from the 29th March instant. Also Milk for twelve months from the same date. Forms and particulars may be obtained at the Offices, 41, Glasshouse Street, Hunslet.

APPLICATIONS INVITED for Bricklayer's, Joiner's, Plumber's, Ironmonger's, Hairdresser's and Cab Proprietor's work for the Workhouse and Homes. Also for Printing and Stationery, the carting of Linen to and from the Workhouse and Homes, and supply of Drugs for the same period

Tenders and Applications to be delivered at the Union Offices by noon on Tuesday, the 21st March, 1899.

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Friday, March 10, 1899.

ROTHWELL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

An adjourned meeting of the above Board was held at Stourton on Friday evening, present Messrs. A. Batty (chairman), T. Park, J. Butterick, J. Elstob, B. Richardson, W. Lunn, and Rev. J. A. Alderson, with the clerk (Mr. Marshall), and attendance officer (Mr. Denton).

NEW INFANTS' SCHOOL.

Mr. W. E. Richardson, architect, attended to make certain enquiries as to the proposed new infants' school, of which plans are being prepared. It is intended to extend the present Central Hall, so as to include the covered way, and thus provide entrance to the two class-rooms looking into Windmill Lane; and also to enlarge the accommodation in the mixed school by permanently including the former infants' rooms, (now used) for about 100 older children. The infants' school will be built nearly square, in the piece of land now used as the master's garden, the building coming quite up to the road. The school will consist of one large room, two class-rooms, and cloak room with lavatory, giving accommodation for 228 scholars. It was further agreed that the new rooms be lined with white glazed bricks to the height of four feet from the floor.

FEDERATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS.

Notice had been received of the first meeting of the above body, to be held at Bradford on the 18th. inst., together with a list of representatives from the various Boards, and a form in which to insert a list of gentlemen suitable for positions on the Executive Committee. It was agreed that Mr. Claridge, of Bradford, be nominated as president; Mr. J. J. Briggs, of Keighley, as treasurer; and Messrs. A. Chappell (Barnsley), Rev. A. J. Irvin (Woodlesford), and W. Lunn, Jun. (Rothwell), as vice-presidents. The selection of the other members of committee and officers was left to the delegates, Mr. Lunn and Mr. Marshall, both of whom were selected as candidates on the Committee.

SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

The Chairman read a letter he had received from the Clerk respecting the remuneration received from the Board, and pointing out the inadequacy of his salary as compared with other Boards. A list had been compiled by the Clerk, shewing the replies of other similar Boards in regard to the work usually done by the clerks, and the salary paid; and it was held by the Clerk that a readjustment of the salary was necessary, so as to make it something like that of other School Board clerks. After several questions had been put and answered, the Clerk retired from the room, and a lengthy discussion ensued in Committee. On being recalled, the Chairman informed Mr. Marshall that a resolution had been carried fixing his salary as Clerk at £50 per annum, this to include all work considered necessary by the Board; proposed by Rev. J. A. Alderson, seconded by Mr. Butterick.

An amendment was proposed by Mr. Elstob, to increase the present salary by £5 (£41) and that the individual payment of teachers' salaries be relegated to the head of each department; this was not seconded.

A further amendment was moved by Mr. Lunn, "that we ask Mr. Marshall and Mr. Denton to send in their resignations, as Clerk and Attendance Officer to the Board respectively, with a view to appointing one person permanently to the two positions;" this was not seconded.

An application for an advance of salary was also made by Mr. Denton, the Attendance Officer, when it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Butterick, seconded by the Rev. J. A. Alderson, that Mr. Denton's salary be increased by £5 (£30).

Mr. Marshall and Mr. Denton suitably replied, heartily thanking the Board for their consideration, in increasing the salaries, and assuring the members of their desire, in every way to further the best interests of the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It was agreed that Messrs. Batty, Park, and the Clerk select certain furniture, etc, required to complete the apparatus in the two schools.

Tenders for conveying the Teacher of the Cookery classes to and from Thwaite Gate, were opened, and that of Mr. Stead accepted, at 1s 3d per journey, and as required.

Some questions of attendance were also gone into.

RETIREMENT OF MR. THOMAS HARGREAVES.

We understand that this gentleman, who is so widely known in this district in connection with colliery interests, is shortly retiring from his position as commercial agent to the well known firm of Messrs. J. & J. Charlesworth, Ltd. Mr. Hargreaves has been connected with the above firm for over 40 years, and has enjoyed the confidence and regard of principals, staff and employees alike, and the news of his impending retirement has been received with regret by the many busines, friends who have enjoyed his acquaintances both in the West Riding of Yorkshire and other parts of the country. It will be within the recollection of our readers that Mr. Hargreaves was an old and valued servant in the district where he so long resided, serving on the Lofthouse-with-Carlton School Board, the Wakefield Board of Guardians, and as Chairman of the first District Council of Rothwell. We are sure all good wishes go out to him in his retirement and earnestly hope that he may long be spared to enjoy it.

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OULTON & WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD.

The first meeting of the newly-formed Board was held in the Woodlesford Board School, on Monday evening last. There were present:—Rev. A. J. E. Irvin, Messrs. H. Trinder, W. H. Newsome, T. Batt, J. T. Lygo, and the clerk (Mr. R. J. Smith).

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

The Clerk as temporary chairman, read the result of the poll, and asked some member to propose a chairman.

The Rev. A. J. Irvin, after referring to the responsibilities attached to the office, proposed Mr. Trinder as chairman, as he thought he was a most eligible person to study and carry out the interests of the children and the ratepayers, and would fill the position with credit.

Mr. Newsome seconded, and Mr. Batt supported.

Mr. Lygo said it was his intention to propose Mr. Batt, as he had rendered good service during the last three years, and was a capable person to occupy the position.

Mr. Trinder, having been duly elected, thanked the Board for the honour they had done him, by putting him in the chair.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said he did know whether he was in order in getting on his feet so early, but as these positions were going round, he proposed Mr. Newsome for the vice-chair, seeing he had been on the Board for nine years, and was deserving of the honour.

Mr. Irvin, after reciprocating the remarks made by the chairman, seconded the resolution.

Mr. Batt said he would have been pleased if the election of chairman had been carried out in previous years on the same lines as had been proposed that evening.

Mr. Irvin said he must object to some remarks made by Mr. Batt, as he had on several occasions been wishful to give way, and he had been pressed into the office, as the most likely person with the available time at his disposal. If they found a good chairman, he thought they ought to keep him in the position if possible, and he would have liked it better if Mr. Batt had left his remarks out, as he had not intended taking office it he had been proposed this time.

Mr. Batt said his remarks were in reference to what the chairman had said as to the honour going round; he had had the chance of ousting Mr. Irvin out of the chair when he was first elected on the Board, as two of the members wished to appoint him (Mr. Batt) as chairman on purpose to oust Mr. Irvin, but he refused to be a party to such a contract.

Mr. Newsome was appointed unanimously, and thanked the members for their kindness.

The minutes of last meeting were then read and approved.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Clerk said the balance brought forward was £279 12s 3d, whilst the Education Department had remitted £40 12s 6d as school grant. The accounts for payment were, Public Works Loan Board, repayment and interest, £150 12s 7d; F. W. Mee, election expenses, £15 1s 11d; school cleaner, £3 0s 0d; and subscription to Federation of School Boards, 7s 6d.

On the proposition of Mr. Batt and Mr. Irvin, the accounts were passed for payment.

TEACHING STAFF.

The Clerk reported that Mr. J. E. Lockwood gave notice that his services as assistant master terminate on the 31st. March; Mr. J. Jowitt had made an application for an increase of £10; Mr. Irvin had given notice that a female teacher be appointed for the boys' school.

Mr. Irvin said his proposition had nothing to do with Mr. Lockwood's resignation, but seeing that Mr. Wheelhouse had resigned his position before Christmas, and that the vacancy had not been filled, Mr. Parkin had to take the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh standards, besides taking the supervision of the school. He considered that the master was not able to carry out his duties, and by appointing a female ex-pupil teacher for the first standard at £50 per year, it would relieve the case. He did not suppose they could get one at a less figure, as the day for cheap teachers had now passed; to advertise at a less figure, would be simply throwing money away, and at the same time to appoint an ex-pupil teacher instead of securing another assistant master would be saving money.

Mr. Newsome seconded the proposition.

Mr. Lygo: How will this affect the staff.

The Chairman said it would replace the vacancy caused by Mr. Wheelhouse who had had £50.

Mr. Lygo: Do you think you could get one for £50?

Mr. Batt: Would it be advisable to get a female teacher instead of a male teacher.

The Chairman said Mr. Parkin thought so, as it would prove more beneficial for the first standard.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

In reference to Mr. Jowitt's application for an advance of salary from £60 to £70, on the motion of Mr. Newsome and Mr. Lygo, the question was deferred for a month.

Mr. Lockwood's resignation was accepted, and it was decided on the proposition of Mr. Newsome and Mr. Irvin to advertise for a successor, at a salary to commence with £65 a year; carried unanimously.

DELEGATES.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Lygo seconded, that Mr. Irvin and Mr. Batt be the representatives to the Federation of School Boards.

Proposed by Mr. Lygo and seconded by Mr. Irvin, that Mr. Trinder be the representative to the Association of School Boards.

Mr. Trinder said he went to London last year, and was willing to give way for any other member.

Mr. Batt: Is it necessary to send a representative at all.

The Chairman: It is most advisable, seeing we are members of the Association, and there is a great amount of valuable information to be got by attending such a gathering.

Mr. Batt proposed Mr. Lygo, but the latter gentleman objected, as the Chairman was the proper person to go seeing he was at the head of affairs, and providing Mr. Trinder could not make it convenient, then the vice-chairman should represent the Board.

OULTON AND WOODLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held in the Oulton Institute on Monday evening last. The members present were—Messrs. H. Parkin (chairman), T. B[...], W. H. Newsome, T. D. Jackson, E. Boothroyd, J. Campsall, T. Murtland, B. W. Higgins, with the clerk (Mr. Cockerham).

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

ACCOUNTS.

The Clerk reported a balance in the bank of £19 19s, out of which the following items had to be paid:—

	£	s.	d.
Hadden Best & Co.	0	1	6
W. B. Pindar	0	12	0
Audit Stamp	0	5	0
Use of Board-school room	0	5	0
,, Institute room	0	4	0
Parish Meeting	1	3	6
Postage	0	2	6
J. E. Cockerham	5	0	0

Which left a balance of £12 5s 6d.

The above accounts were passed to be paid on the motion of Mr. Newsome and [...] Batt.

The Clerk reported that Mr. W. B. Pindar had sent copies of the Medical Officer's Report of the Hunslet District Council for the perusal of the members; he also [...] notification that if his services were required he would conduct an election.

Proposed by Mr. Campsall, seconded by Mr. Batt, that a new declaration book be purchased for the Clerk.

Proposed by Mr. Batt, seconded by [...] Jackson, that the first meeting of the [...] Parish Council be fixed for Tuesday, A[pril] 18th.

The annual parish meeting for the election of Parish Councillors took place in the sa[me] room, and on the proposition of Mr. Park[in] seconded by Mr. Batt, Mr. H. Trinder w[as] appointed chairman. Besides the members present at the Council meeting there w[ere] only three ratepayers attending.

The Chairman read out the nominations and the voting resulted as follows:—Messrs. E. Boothroyd, B. W. Higgins, 10 each; [T.] D. Jackson, W. H. Newsome, H. Parkin, [...] each; T. Batt, J. Campsall, T. Murtland, [...] each; J. Earnshaw, R. Rhodes, 7 each; [...] Poole, 6; these gentlemen were declared elected. The other candidates voted on w[ere] Messrs. J. Snell 5, T. A. Coope and J. D[...]inson 3 votes each.

Mr. Trinder having asked if any gentleman demanded a poll, and there being [no] response, declared the gentlemen above-mentioned, as the Parish Councillors for [the] ensuing year.

CHARITIES.

Mr. B. W. Higgins read the following particulars in reference to Webster's Charity:—

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Balance due from bankers	117	5	2
One third of one year's dividend on £8,000 Consols	73	6	8
Interest	1	0	0
	£191	11	10

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Apprenticeship Account	47	1	[illegible]
Clerk's salary	10	0	[illegible]
Balance from bankers	134	10	[illegible]
	£191	11	[illegible]

INCOME.—ANNUITY ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from bankers	34	17	[illegible]
One year's dividend on £8,000 Consols	146	13	[illegible]
Interest allowed	0	13	[illegible]
	£182	[illegible]	[illegible]

EXPENDITURE.—ANNUITY ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Cash distributed amongst 7 females at £15 each	105	0	[illegible]
Female annuitants at 26s each	42	18	[illegible]
Balance from bankers	34	5	[illegible]
	£182	3	[illegible]

Mr. Cockerham read the following [...] from Crabtree's Charity:—

	£	s.	d.
Balance in Bank	7	1	6
Dividend on Consols	25	10	6
,, Great Northern Railway Stock (3 per cent. preference)	28	15	8
	£61	7	8

Which had been disbursed as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
To Oulton Schools	5	[illegible]	[illegible]
,, Rothwell ,,	5	[illegible]	[illegible]
,, Barwick ,,	5	0	[illegible]
,, Widows and Orphans	45	0	[illegible]
,, Balance	1	7	8
	£61	7	8

Mr. Cockerham asked the reason wh[y the] money in consols had been changed [to] Great Northern Railway stock.

Mr. Higgins in explanation said that consols had been reduced in percentage, [and] the trustees had applied to the Charity Com[missioners] for the transference of the m[oney] and permission had been granted, seeing it would prove more beneficial.

LAMPS.

Mr. Higgins said he had been info[rmed] that the Rothwell Gas Light Company [was] prepared to bring lamps from Rothw[ell to] join with the public lamps at Woodle[sford] and if that was the case, he thought tha[t] Woodlesford people ought to have the [same] benefit as the Oulton people.

The Chairman thought it was a qu[estion] for the Hunslet District Council and Rothwell Council.

It was eventually proposed by Mr. [Hig]gins and seconded by Mr. Jackson, that [the] Clerk write to the Hunslet District Co[uncil] asking if there was any prospect of [lamps] being put down so as to join the Rot[hwell] boundary.

On the proposition of Mr. Batt, seco[nded] by Mr. Boothroyd, the thanks of the me[eting] were accorded to Mr. Trinder for presid[ing] which compliment the chairman su[itably] acknowledged.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A.

An excellent address was given on Su[nday] afternoon by Mr Thompson, of Leeds, "The Model Man." Mr W Foster pres[ided] and Mr Hedley Goldthorpe read the le[sson]. Two sacred selections were sung by Mr Blackburn, whose presence on such an o[cca]sion gave great pleasure to all who wish[...] well

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HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting of the above Board was held at the offices, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon last, Mr. J. Banks presiding. There were also in attendance Dr. Hawkyard, (vice chairman), Mrs. Woodcock, Rev. M. J. Dillon, Messrs. Hirst, Butterick, Robb, Edwards, Charlesworth, Fryer, Nicholson, Hargreaves, with the clerk (Mr. Mee) and assistant clerk (Mr. Ward).

The number of vagrants relieved was reported at 242, against 283 during the corresponding period last year; 230 men against 266; 11 women against 12; and 1 child against 5.

WORKHOUSE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Dr. Wainman, medical officer, attended the meeting of the above Committee, by request, and conferred with the members as to the serving of food in the Infirmary, the allowance of fish occasionally, the provision of a mincing machine, and an alteration in the hour for tea, or the allowance of something between dinner and tea.

Resolved that the medical officer and the clerk be requested to confer on the matter, and endeavour to draw up a new dietary table for submission to the Committee at its next meeting.

It was resolved that the clerk be requested to prepare a set of regulations for nurses, and submit it to the Committee for approval.

The letter from the Ladies Committee with reference to the remarks passed upon them at the meeting of the Guardians on the 25th January last, was considered, on a reference from the Board. It was proposed by Mr. Banks that the Guardians be recommended to instruct the clerk to state in reply, that they find they have been misinformed in the matter, and that they continue to have every confidence in the Ladies' Committee. Seconded by Mr. Seddon and carried.

The advisability of further defining the duties of the Ladies' Committee was considered, and it was resolved that it is not expedient to make any alteration in the duties, but that the Guardians be recommended to add to No. 1 of the regulations, the following words:—"The appointment of President be forthwith reported to the Guardians," and to substitute in No. 4 for the words "on the days of their meeting" the following words "for the purposes of their fortnightly meetings."

A letter was received from Mr. H. Boden, of 101, Meadow Lane, offering to give a concert at the Workhouse, on some suitable Thursday evening. Resolved that permission be given for Thursday, in Easter week.

Mrs. Dickenson asked permission for the old women to attend a tea and entertainment at Stourton, on the 18th inst, or thereabouts.

It was proposed by Mr. Robb, seconded by Mr. Seddon and carried, that permission be given.

The Ladies' Committee reported that some of the inmates complained of not getting their full allowance of dry tea and sugar; ordered that the Ladies' Committee be asked where the complaint as to tea and sugar arises.

Attention was called to the fact of two parties being in the habit of coming and singing in the Infirmary and other wards of the Workhouse, on Sunday afternoons.

It was proposed by Mrs. Dickinson, that the clerk write informing the visitors of a resolution of the Committee, requiring bedside ministration only, and stating that singing cannot in consequence be allowed in the Infirmary, and that ladies must not go into the male Infirmary wards. Seconded by Mr. Banks and carried.

Mr. Robb proposed the confirmation of the minutes, and in doing so referred to the question of singing in the Infirmary wards, upon which matter the Guardians desired to have a clear understanding.

The Leeds town missioners had been requested to discontinue their services, but it appeared other persons were in the habit of singing in the wards, and the Committee wanted to know definitely if such was to be allowed.

The Chairman: The inspector, I think, complained about these services, and the Board decided that they should be discontinued.

Mr Butterick said that if this resolution was passed, he supposed the inmates would be altogether deprived of the pleasure of listening to a little singing. It was only the Inspector's idea that it was objectionable, and he (the Inspector) had not got all the ideas in the world. He thought they should not take every bit of pleasure out of the place.

The Chairman: To those very ill, singing is not a pleasure.

Dr Hawkyard said he had seen a great deal of nonsense in respect of these services in the infirmary; there was too much of it; every person who was wanting to do some good appeared to fix on the workhouse, and the place swarmed with them. Every care was taken to have a minimum of noise in the Infirmary wards, and he thought the Committee was taking a right step in stopping the singing.

Mr Hargreaves failed to see why they should seek to gratify 20 inmates, if by so doing they did an injustice to a solitary patient. The less noise there was in a sick room and the better, this he could state from personal experience, as the noise in the streets and the striking of the Town Hall clock had been more than he cared to hear. Whilst on his feet he said he would like to ask the Chairman of the Committee how they came to be misinformed in regard to charges against the Ladies' Committee.

Mr. Robb said it didn't make any difference to him; the statements were made by the vice-chairman of the Board, which caused the resolution to be passed, and the matter referred to the House Committee. The House committee put the matter off for a month, in order that Dr. Hawkyard might be present to substantiate the statement but he did not attend; the resolution before them was the outcome of the committee's consideration of the matter.

Dr. Hawkyard: I am much obliged to Mr. Robb for his lucid explanation; how the committee came to the conclusion that they were misinformed I would like to know.

The Chairman: There was no one present to prove the case.

Mr. Robb: The House committee dealt with the matter from information it had before them. The letter from the Ladies' Committee was read, and the Committee dealt with the matter to the best of its ability, and they took it that there was not sufficient evidence to prove the statements made by the doctor. The matron was only in the room as a matter of courtesy during the latter part of the signing of the report, but had never gone round with them as Dr. Hawkyard had alleged.

Dr. Hawkyard said he was astonished at what Mr. Robb had said. He just took up one little point and ignored the principal allegations. But that was not the crux of the matter at all. What he said was that the Ladies' Committee had not the courage of their convictions, they had not put down in the book what they saw, and he brought two instances. On one occasion the lady writing the report out—

Mr. Robb: I object; it isn't fair to allow a statement to be made in this room which has no reference to this Board.

Dr. Hawkyard said he was prepared to repeat the instances. Why did not the Committee follow out their investigation to a logical conclusion instead of passing such a ridiculous resolution. He (Dr. Hawkyard) had been under the impression that the Matron went round with the Ladies' Committee, he was wrong and he apologised to the Matron, but not to the Ladies' Committee.

The Chairman: The ladies' letter was read.

Dr. Hawkyard: I admire their courage in reading it (laughter). The letter of the ladies was no answer to what I said, and the Committee had no right to pass such a resolution.

The Chairman: You agree you were misinformed?

Dr Hawkyard: I agree that the Matron does not go round with the Committee, but the main point is that they have not the courage of their convictions.

After further conversation, Dr Hawkyard said he should move that the recommendation of the Committee be not confirmed. If it was carried he should move at the proper time that the Ladies be not re-appointed.

Mrs. Woodcock said the Committee had the ladies' letter before them, which was just as good evidence on the one side as Dr Hawkyard's statement on the other.

Mr Charlesworth: Have they got that lock on the book?

The Chairman: Yes.

Dr Hawkyard: The Ladies' Committee screamed out for a book a month ago, and now that they have got it they are dissatisfied. What he wanted was that the resolution be deleted.

Mr Butterick proposed that the minute in question be referred back to the Committee, and that Dr Hawkyard be asked to meet them.

Mr Hargreaves seconded.

Dr Hawkyard: I shall move afterwards that the Ladies' Committee be not re-appointed.

The motion referring the minute back was put and carried by 6 votes to 1.

As to the singing in the Infirmary wards, it was agreed that singing in the Infirmary only be allowed on an assurance being given by the nurse-in-charge that there was no case sufficiently bad that harm would be done by singing.

HOMES FOR WORKING BOYS.

Mr Robb reported that the Committee appointed by the Board had waited upon the Ladies' Committee to ask their co-operation in regard to the movement for establishing homes for boys apprenticed to outdoor employment. The Ladies' Committee had fallen in with the suggestion, and had appointed representatives.

THE NEW WORKHOUSE PLANS.

A letter had been read from the Local Government Board stating that they had caused the plans for the new workhouse to be examined, and they were of opinion that it would be desirable that a conference with a Committee of the Guardians should take place on the matter.

TENDERS FOR PROVISIONS.

It was decided to call a special meeting of the Board to consider the tenders for provisions. Mr Butterick proposed as an amendment that they be considered on the same day as the next Board meeting, urging that the Board ought to consider the convenience of the out-township members, but only three voted for it.

ANOTHER RESIGNATION.

Miss Elizabeth MacCartney wrote resigning her post of Superintendent Nurse. The clerk announced that no suitable application had been received for the vacant office of night nurse.

VACCINATION RETURNS.

The Vaccination Officer's returns for the half-year, January to June, 1898, were presented, the per centages being as follows:—Hunslet 72.85, Rothwell 88, Whitkirk 86.17; average per centage 74.31. The supplementary returns for 1897 showed the per centage to have been—Hunslet 77, Rothwell 84.39, Whitkirk 91; average 78.63.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

In connection with the above service on Sunday afternoon last, Mr. Isaac Smith presided, when an interesting address was given by the Rev. John Judge, of Hunslet, on the subject "The greatest book in the World." Mr. Judge made special references to the opinions of such poets as Scott, Byron, and others with all their good works, and they themselves acknowledge that there is only one book that gives life and gladness to dying men; he also refered to the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society, who issued millions of copies of the New Testement at the low cost of one penny as a memento of the Jubilee year. He advised his hearers not to use their Bible as flower stands and ornaments, but to feed upon the matter therein contained. Mr. Wm. Robinson, violinist, of Stourton, was the soloist, and gave renderings of the solos "Largo" *(Handel)* and "Air Varie" *(Mozart)*. Mr. Crossland, Belle Isle, accompanied.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady who has been cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by means of Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent 1,000 to his Institute, in order that those deaf people who have not the means to procure the Ear Drums may have them free of charge. Apply by letter to Branch A. K. U. of the Nicholson Aural Institute, Ealing Dean London, W.

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.]

I am pleased to hear that a very strong committee hold sway at the present time over the affairs of the Rothwell Mechanics' Institute. The extensive alterations to the interior of the building and enlargement of the floor space, with additional rooms are nearing completion. Everyone visiting the Institute must admit the effect is quite a transformation. I wonder where the money is to come from to pay the architect, brick-layers, slaters, plasterers, carpenters, plumbers, painters, and other trades and professions who have effected this transformation? It is time a subscription list was opened and some money raised that way—but much more will be needed to pay for the improvements. I believe it is now settled that the premises in their altered condition will be re-opened the second week in April, by a reception and dance.

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If I am rightly informed there will be two nights devoted to receptions. The first night, it is hoped, the president of the Institute, Mr. Calverley, of Oulton Hall, may be at liberty to take the leading part at the function. The second night, perhaps, Mr. J. R. Seanor, our local Justice of the Peace, and an old and generous friend of the Institute may be induced to perform that duty. In everything the order of proceedings on the second night will be the same as the first, except perhaps in the matter of attire. There are two committees appointed, and already they are known as the "first night" Committee, and "second night" Committee, so I expect there will be rivalry between them as to which shall produce the most agreeable and happiest night. The "first night" Committee are resolved to make their function a full dress affair. But the "second night" Committee declare they will provide a happy time for their patrons without "swallow-tail coats." It is hoped by these receptions and dances to put into the building a considerable sum of money, especially as the cash to pay for the provisions and decorations has been privately subscribed by members and friends.

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The Rothwell Amateur Dramatic Society may be counted upon as a certainty, to redeem their promise to give an entertainment in the Mechanics' Hall, for the benefit of the building fund sometime in April.

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A report is abroad that the Dramatic Society is at sixs and sevens with itself. Not at all. The members differ on points of detail, as all societies do, but that is merely an evidence of vigour. Societies may be said to have arrived at the senile or decrepit stage of existence when there is no evidence of opposing views.

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What about that billiard tournament at the Mechanics' Institute of which one hears so much? I wish some one in the know would explain what it all means.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

The above Society held its usual weekly meeting in the Board School, on Monday evening, and a good attendance assembled to hear the president, Mr. A L. Parker, give his lecture on "Wild animals in captivity, or a walk in the Zoo." Mrs. C. Brears occupied the chair, and in a very appropriate speech called upon the lecturer to proceed with the subject he had chosen, and one which she was sure would be of interest to all present. Mr. Parker, at once called upon his esteemed friend (Mr. W. Hill) to put upon the sheet a scene taken from the frontispiece of the Natural History Works of the Rev. J. G. Wood. This at once arrested the attention of the audience by the splendid grouping of the various animals represented, and the worthy President was soon in his element, describing in eloquent language each noble animal. After this introduction to his subject, came 60 various animals, each of which received due consideration. The first was the "Dromedary," the racehorse of the desert, the Arabian camel; the next was the "Bactrian Camel," which, having two humps, is the true "Ship of the Desert," or the camel which carrys the merchandise across the sandy plains of eastern lands The advantages these animals have over the horse were fully described and pointed out in detail. The beautiful "Guanaco," was next shewn, closely followed in quick succession by animals typical of the various species inhabiting the different continents of the whole world, from the arctic to the antarctic regions, from the mountains of Thibet to the plains of Australia, and from the jungles of India to the prairies of America. Animals of lovely and perfect form, and others most grotesque and ugly; some familiar to all, and others of which only a few specimens exist. Time passed only too rapidly, and for two hours the audience were kept interested and amused. At the end of the lecture Mrs. Brears expressed her appreciation, and felt sure all present would agree that they had had a treat. The rules of the Society forbade a formal vote of thanks, but she asked all those who thought Mr. Parker and Mr. Hill deserved thanks to express the same by show of hands, the acclamation which followed shewing how much the audience had appreciated the lecture.

ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE HALL.

In continuation of the series of services of song being given in the Rothwell Temperance Hall on Sunday evenings, the Society's choir rendered the composition entitled, "Almost wrecked," on Sunday evening last. The story was illustrated by powerful limelight views, but early in the service the gas gave out, and the views were consequently abruptly stopped. The choir under Mr. Blackburn, and accompanied by Mr. S. Bedford did well, whilst Miss Sidebottom read the connective readings in her usual entertaining manner. There was a large attendance and a collection was taken.

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INDUSTRIAL PEACE.

CONFERENCE IN LEEDS.

A conference held under the joint auspices of the general Board of directors and the Educational Committee of the Leeds Industrial Co-operative Society and convened by the Lancashire and Yorkshire centre of the "Labour Association for Promoting Co-operative production based on the co-partnership of the worker," was held in the People's Hall, Leeds, on Saturday last. Mr. Thomas Burt, M. P. presided, and there was a large gathering of trades union representatives, co-operative officials, ministers of religion, trade councils and others.

The Chairman said they had been fortunate in the selection of the exponents of the two principles to be discussed, namely, those of "Conciliation and Arbitration," and "Labour Co-partnership" (Applasue). Sir David Dale had had a very long and varied, and in some respects unique experience in connection with conciliation and arbitration. He had had the rare honour more than once—although himself a large employer of labour, and closely associated with great industrial affairs—of having been selected by employers and workmen jointly as arbitrator to settle pending differences between large industrial bodies in the kingdom. More unusual still, he had managed in all these cases to settle the differences to the general—if not the universal—satisfaction of all parties concerned. (Applause.) The question of labour co-partnership represented a much broader and more debateable subject. They had not met merely or mainly with the object of settling differences, but if possible to adopt a better industrial scheme, as far as this country and the world were concerned. (Hear, hear.) It was rather a big question to tackle. He himself, as a member of a Co-operative Society for more than thirty years, had always looked to co-operation as the key that in one shape or another would ultimately solve this great industrial problem. (Applause). He did not expect it would come immediately. It was a question of time, and largely a question of education, but looking at the magnificent success of co-operative shop-keeping, he most fervently believed that behind this movement was the key which would ultimately bring about not only more effective, but also harmonious industry than existed at the present time. (Applause).

Sir David Dale then read a well prepared and lucid paper on "Thirty years' Experience of Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration." This was followed by discussion, and a paper on "Labour Co-patnership" by Dr. Bonar.

In the evening, the delegates assembled in the People's Hall, where also was a crowded attendance of the general public. The Bishop of Rochester (Dr. Talbot) occupied the chair, and was accompanied on the platform by Earl Grey, Sir James Kitson, Bart., M.P., the Vicar of Leeds (the Rev. Dr. Gibson), the Rev. Charles Hargrove, and many of the representatives of labour and co-operative societies. Except for some interruptions by workmen of apparently extreme views at the back of the hall, the proceedings were of an orderly character.

The Right Rev. Chairman said it was always a pleasure to find himself in his old town. (Hear, hear.) He had a thoroughly good reason for his presence on this occasion. The subject which brought so large a gathering together was the better organisation of that which affected the interests of labour. (Hear, hear.) They would hear from those who had a right to speak something of what the labour of co-partnership was. If he was rightly instructed, more people in Leeds and the West Riding would take up this matter and carry it forward. Co-partnership, in the first place, gave to labour a share in profits, and with it a share in the control and management of industry. (Hear, hear.) It was, in fact, a means whereby labour entered into passive sense. And when they had said so much it was no drawback if they could not go on and give any very exact description, for the reason that co-partnership could take a number of different forms. Upon his mind it brought a great claim when he saw two notes very prominently in it; the note of service and the note of self-sacrifice. If one looked into the history of attempts to work out this principle of giving to labour the share he had indicated, one would find that it was a history of good and loyal service, and self-sacrificing effort on the part of the men and women who had indentified themselves with it and believed in it. Applause).

Earl Grey in a telling speech moved a vote of thanks to the readers of the papers, and an expression of the meeting's deep sense of the importance of promoting the practical application throughout the industries of the country, of the principles of conciliation and labour co-partnership.

Mr. G. Harwood seconded, and Mr. O'Connellan supported.

The resolution was then agreed to, though amidst some disorder on the part of several men at the back of the room, one of whom, it was understood, endeavoured to move an amendment.

On the proposition of the Rev. C. Hargrove, seconded by Mr. J. Tetley (President of the Leeds Co-operative Society), a vote of thanks was passed to the speakers. Mr. Tetley was interrupted once or twice by persons who complained that they had not had an opportunity of having their say, but the speaker told them their opportunity was to go and help to form Boards of Conciliation.

Mr. Joseph Greenwood moved, and Mr. R. Halstead seconded, an acknowledgment of the Bishop's services in the chair. With this resolution, the meeting terminated.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending March 4th., 1899, is £374; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £235, thus showing increase of £139. For the 9 weeks ending March 4th., the return is £3090, against £2180 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £910.

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THAT stress of news and advertisements has prevented the usual varied dish in this column.

THAT some choice bits are in store for next week when it will be found that all that is heard in the streets is not on one side.

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THAT there is a contest in the South and Stourton Wards and that some folks are very sorry there is no contest in the other three.

DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION.

The Returning Officer yesterday accepted the following nominations for the seats to be vacated this month:—North Ward—Mr John Abbishaw, engine wright, Windmill Yard, Rothwell Haigh; Carlton Ward—Mr George Armitage, stone merchant, West Field, Carlton; Lofthouse and Thorpe Ward—Mr Peter Gill Milner, grocer, Lofthouse. These three gentlemen, the present members, are therefore safe and may be considered elected.

In the South Ward, Mr. Abraham Barraclough, market gardener, Springfield Street, Rothwell, comes out against Mr J W Bulmer, waggonette proprietor, Holmes Square, Rothwell, the retiring member.

At Stourton, also, the present councillor, Mr Tom Chapman, miner, 28, Prospect Street, Stourton, has a strong opponent in Mr Henry Nichols, market gardener, Fern Villa, Stourton.

The polling will take place on the 25th. inst.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

Through the efforts of several of the members of the committee of the above, a very enjoyable evening's programme was produced at the weekly meeting of the Society on Friday night last, and was fairly well attended. A small band consisting of Miss Jessie Ward, (piano), Miss Clara Ward (violin), Mr. C. Stainer (flute), Mr. Louis C. Ward (clarinet), and Mr. T. Hampson ('cello), rendered in very good style two tasteful compositions, "Cycle Parade" and "Zarabanda," for the first of which they were accorded a most pronounced encore, and repeated the latter part of the selection. "The Reef Bell" and "Big Ben," were Mr. J. Varley's selections, both being well given and much enjoyed, though the latter showed off his exceptionally deep range to great advantage, and an encore was demanded. Miss Mina Marshall sang "Killarney" sweetly and creditably, and received a well deserved encore. A very amusing change was provided by Mr. G. W. Batty, in his recital of a part of "The Charity Dinner," in which the idiosyncrasies of the English language, and the ludicrous and laughable errors which it is possible for a learner of the language to fall into, were admirably portrayed; the applause which followed were tantamount to an encore, but it was not responded to. "Edinburgh Quadrilles," was the title of a skillfully rendered pianoforte duet by Miss Batty and Miss Jessie Ward, forming a very agreeable finish to the musical programme. The beauty of the various items was greatly enhanced by the accompaniments of Miss Jessie Ward, who efficiently fulfilled the arduous duties at the piano. A hearty vote of thanks to the performers was carried with acclamation, on the motion of Mr. C. Turner. Mr. Kale presided, in the absence of the Rev. J. B. Maltby. A coffee supper was afterwards provided, and concluded a most enjoyable and entertaining evening.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL A.B.C.

Mr Arthur Lax, Leeds, was the speaker on Sunday afternoon his subject being "A wasted life." Miss Moorby, Beeston, was the soloist, and her selections were "The Better Land" and "The last milestone." Mr E Ward ably fulfilled the duties of chairman. Master C Hirst read the Bible lesson to a good congregation.

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

We have again pleasure in drawing the attention of our readers to the abstract, report and balance sheet of the above Company as appearing in our advertisement columns. The sound financial position of the Company continues to attract investors, notwithstanding its many competitors, as the increase in the respective branches goes to show.

The fiftieth Annual General Meeting was held yesterday week, at the Chief Offices, Holborn Bars, London, E.C. There was a large attendance, Mr. Edgar Horne (the Chairman) presided.

Mr. W.J. Lancaster (the Secretary) having read the notice convening the meeting, the Report and Accounts were taken as read.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet, said he would like to remind them of one or two matters contained in the report of last year, when, they might remember, they were celebrating their jubilee, and devised a scheme for giving to that celebration a twofold character, the the first consisting of the disposition of the two sums of £50 000 each, set aside for the purpose in 1897 and 1898 to be apportioned amongst their outdoor and indoor staff, as a recognition of the esteem in which their services were held by the Company; and, secondly, by the establishment of a permanent Provident Fund, towards which the Superintendents and Agents were to be invited to place a certain percentage of their earnings, the company offering to add 50 per cent to the sums so placed and to allow interest on the combined amounts. With regard to the first, he need hardly tell them that the distribution of the £100,000 was thankfully accepted by 15,000 recipients not so much for the money value of the gift as for the feeling of pleasure that they were not forgotten in their jubilee year, and that the company appreciated the energy and loyality they had, one and all, displayed. (Hear, hear.) And, as regards the permanent form which the directors adopted for marking the jubilee year they would see it stated in the report that the out-door Staff Provident Fund has been heartily appreciated, and the number of contributors for the first year has amounted to 7,160, and the amount to the credit of the fund stands at £58,212. (Applause) After dealing with the principal figures of the balance sheet and remarking on the increase of business during the year he proposed the adoption of the report and balance sheet.

This was seconded by Mr. Henry Harben, and carried.

In the Castleford district (which includes Rothwell and surrounding villages) £1,704 2s 11d has been paid during the year in claims on 423 policies, which amount has assisted many struggling families in their time of sorest need. Local business, through the energetic efforts of Mr. Kinder, the assistant superintendent, and the staff of agents continues to develope, and to those contemplating an investment of this description we could not recommend a better Company.

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FOOTBALL.

A lengthy account of the Cup Tie Football Match and other subjects of interest will be found in the last page. ED.

ASSOCIATION.

OULTON V. DEWSBURY.

In cold and unsettled weather these teams met on Oulton Green on Saturday afternoon last, before a poor attendance. The visitors played down hill first half, the game opening with even play. Both teams attacked in turn, but at close quarters failed to put on the finishing touches, the backs getting the ball safely away. At half-time neither side had counted. Playing down hill Oulton held an advantage for some-time, but the Dewsburyites kept making dangerous rushes for the Oulton goal. As a result of good play on the part of Murtland, Taylor, Hutchinson and H. W. Higgins Oulton at last counted, the latter forward putting it into the net. The home custodian soon afterwards made a serious mistake in letting an easy shot go through and before time was called, the visitors counted what proved to be the winning goal, the score at the close being:—Dewsbury 2 Oulton 1.

OULTON ST. JOHN'S 'A' V HUNSLET NEW CONNEXION.

On the Methley lane enclosure the above teams met on Saturday afternoon last, and played what turned out to be a one sided game. The visitors ran up a score of 5 goals to the home team 2.

RUGBY.

FEATHERSTONE V. ROTHWELL.

This match was decided at Featherstone, the game being played in a snowstorm, before a handful of spectators, Rothwell as usual being very poorly represented. Ward first scored for Featherstone after passing between Taylor and Johnson, and the latter improved. Dixon next scored for the home team, Ward scored, running down the field alone, and Dixon repeated the performance. Ward once more scored between the posts. Half time score was Featherstone 2 goals 5 tries; to Rothwell nil. Though Rothwell showed better form McDermott placed another try against them and Ward improved. The home captain, Johnson, also scored, and Ward again landed a goal Randall put up another try, and Taylor secured both a try and a goal. Brady scored another try, and the game which had been a mere farce, ended in Featherstone scoring 5 goals, 11 tries (43 points) to Rothwell *nil*.

SOLD!

A wag went to one of the stations of the Metropolitan one evening last week, and, finding the best seats all taken, opened the door of a carriage and said:

"Why, the train isn't going."

A general stampede ensued, and the wag took the coveted seat in the corner.

In the midst of the general indignation he was asked:

"Why did you say the train wasn't going?"

"Well, it wasn't then," replied the wag "but it is now."

HE WANTED THAT HIMSELF.

Mrs. Morton (angrily): "Tommy Horton, what made you hit my little Jimmy?"

Tommy Horton: "He struck me with a brick."

Mrs. Morton (more angrily): "Well, never let me hear of your hitting him again. If he hits you, you come and tell me."

T. H. (sneeringly): "What would you do?"

Mrs. M.: "I'd whip him."

T. H.: "What! he hit me with a brick, and you have the fun of lickin' him for it? Not much!"

A DOUBTFUL COMPLIMENT.

A promising young merchant recently presented his better half with a handsome piano lamp on her birthday anniversary. He was much flattered when she told him she intended to give it his name, until he asked her reasons for so peculiar a proceeding. "Well," said she, "you know, dear, it has a good deal of brass about it, it is handsome to look at, requires a good deal of attention, is remarkably brilliant, is sometimes unsteady on its legs, liable to explode when only half full, flares up occasionally, it is always out at bedtime, and is bound to smoke."

QUITE ENOUGH.

When the late Rev. Dr. Lawrie, of London was examining a few of his parishioners in a country district, he asked John Anderson, a stolid farmer, to repeat the Tenth Commandment. John stumbled on as far as "thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house," and then stopped.

"Come on," said the doctor; "thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife."

"Na, na," said John, "nane o' that, doctor. I hae eneuch to dae wi' oor Tinnie at hame to want ony man's wife."

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Apr. 3, 4 & 5—Public Luncheon and Grand National Bazaar in Board Schools for Primitive Methodist Trust Funds.
April 13 & 14—Rothwell Mechanics Institute. Re-opening Ceremonies Receptions & Dances
April 29, 1899—Woodlesford Jumble Sale
May 24 & 25, 1899—Woodlesford Board Schools, Bazaar in aid of the Parish Room Fund.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A. SOCIETY.
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TENDERS.

ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
TO FARMERS AND MARKET GARDENERS.

THE COUNCIL is prepared to receive Tenders for the Removal of Night Soil during the 12 months ending March 31st, 1900.
Full particulars of the boundaries of each district with specification and form of Tender, may be had on application to Robert R. Jones, Sanitary Inspector, Rothwell.
Sealed tenders endorsed "Nightsoil District No—" to be delivered to me the undersigned at the Council Offices, Rothwell, not later than 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, March 18th.
J. B. WIMBUSH,
Clerk to the Council.

ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
TENDERS are invited for the supply and delivery of the best White Rose Petroleum at Lemonroyd Sewage Works for the year ending March 31st, 1900.
The approximate quantity required is about 40 gallons per week.
Further particulars and forms of Tender may be obtained on application to the Surveyor at the Council Offices.
Tenders endorsed "Lemonroyd" to be sent to me on or before Saturday, the 18th March, 1899.
J. B. WIMBUSH,
Council Offices, Clerk to the Council.
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March 9th, 1899.

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Friday, March 17, 1899.

THE ELECTIONS.

There was no small amount of consternation last Friday, when it became known that Mr. George Armitage, the sitting Councillor for the Carlton Ward, had been nominated in such a manner as to cause his election to be seriously imperilled; in fact, had he not been the present holder of the seat, any person nominated in opposition to him, would have been declared elected. It appears that the gentleman nominating Mr. Armitage has a voting qualification both in Carlton and Lo'thouse, and as an elector in the same district is not permitted to vote in more than one ward, this gentleman had decided to vote in the Lofthouse Ward; practically, therefore, he was not a voter in the Carlton Ward, and could neither nominate nor vote. This shews the importance of candidates seeking election, taking good care that there are two or three nomination papers sent in, so that if one fails, another may be correct. A special bill, has, however, been issued by the Returning Officer, declaring that being the retiring Councillor, Mr. Armitage is deemed to be elected.

A declaration has also been issued as regards the North Ward and Lofthouse Ward, stating that the two present Councillors, Mr. Abbishaw and Mr. Milner, retain their seats, there being no opposition, and therefore, no poll.

At Stourton there is considerable activity in both camps. Mr. Henry Nichols, who has already sat on the Local Board, is being taken up vigorously, and both he and his influential Committee are using their best efforts to win the seat, feeling that the Ratepayers' Association and the majority of the Stourton and Rothwell Haigh electors should have a representative with some stake on the Council. Meanwhile Councillor Chapman is leaving no stone unturned to continue his occupancy of the chair he has filled these years, and no one can deny that he has been most regular in his attendance, although he may not have added very much to the debates of the Council.

Things are very quiet indeed in the South Ward, but there are occasional evidences that quiet work is being done by the Committee of the two candidates. The retiring councillor, Mr. J. W. Bulmer, just managed in last time, when there were three candidates, both of whom ran him very near. As Mr. Barraclough is his only opponent this time, it seems likely that there will be a very tough struggle, and certainly a larger number of votes for each party. Mr. Barraclough is a large ratepayer, conducts a successful business, and is supported by a responsible committee.

The Returning Officer, Mr. Wimbush, although happily recovering from his severe illness, has gone to sunnier climes, where our best wishes follow him He has appointed Mr. A. T. Perkins his deputy, and this gentleman has got everything well in hand. The poll will open to-morrow week, at twelve o'clock, at Stourton Board School and at the Rothwell Council Offices respectively, and the result will be declared the same night at Rothwell.

RELIANCE LODGE.

TEA AND SOCIAL.

The annual tea and social in connection with the above lodge, took place on Saturday last, and was a decided success throughout.

Tea was provided by Mrs. Blackburn, in the Mechanics' Hall, and was largely attended, the good things placed on the tables by the caterer being much enjoyed. Messrs. Bentley, of the Brewery, Woodlesford, kindly subscribed £1 1s towards the expenses. The trayholders were Mrs. Joseph Palfreyman, Mrs. John Elliott, Mrs. Thos. Priestley, Mrs. Wm Varley, Mrs John Dacre, Mrs. Mark Goodall, Mrs. Thos. Ward, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Edward Rowley, Mrs. Thos. Lunn, Mrs. Wm. Lunn, Mrs. Alf. Smith, Mrs. W. Bedford, Mrs. Thos. Wilcock. After tea a varied programme of entertainment took place in the hall, the proceedings being presided over by Mr. W. Varley. The programme included the glees "Brightly dawns our wedding day," "Regular Royal Queen," "Laughter," and "Good Evening," by Madame Whittaker, Miss French, Mr. T. Morgan, and Mr. Whittaker; songs, "In old Madrid" and "The Cavalier's Toast," by Mr. G. Whittaker; "Queen of the Earth" and "Somebody's Pride," Madame Whittaker; "Flight of Ages" and "Dolly's Revenge," Miss S. French; duet, "Excelsior," Messrs. Morgan and Whittaker; song, "Good Company," Mr. Morgan; and comic songs, "Different styles of singing," "Grandfather's Clock," and "Rather too old for it now," by Mr. Walter Brook. Professor A. Richardson accompanied. During a short interval Mr. J. Elliott read the general secretary's report, which shows that the Society commenced the year with a balance in hand of £1,084 16s 4d. In connection with the sick and funeral fund £373 16s 8d had been received in contributions, with £21 8s 1d income as interest. Under this head £223 16s 8d had been expended, £160 9s 2d having been paid to sick members. The profit on the year's working is £77 5s 6d, so that the total worth of the Society is increased to £1,162 1s 10d. £1,129 18s 7d of this amount is invested in the Post Office Savings Bank, £20 4s in the Yorkshire Penny Bank, £11 19s 3d being cash in the hands of the treasurer. The total number of benefit members at the beginning of the year was 243, members admitted during the year 20, total 263, two members have died, and 8 have been expelled, total number of benefit members at the end of the year 253. There are on the books at present 268 members, 15 of whom have been added during the year. This satisfactory statement was received with general approval.

At the Central Hall, Carlton Lane, the younger members and those whose inclinations were that way inclined, joined in a programme of dances, to music supplied by Mr. G. H. Clarkson, Mr. Joshua Ward, and Mr. Harry Gibson acting as M.C's.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

Mr. Amos Coles, of Hunslet, gave an interesting address at the above meeting, on Sunday afternoon last Mr. A. Paul presiding. His subject was "Charity" and of this virtue he spoke forcibly, and gave telling instances of men in ancient history and of the present, who have given their lives and money for the good of others, and in many ways exemplified the great virtue on which Jesus Christ laid such special emphasis. Mr. Wm Thompson, of Rothwell, was the soloist and rendered "Flight of Ages" and "The Toilers" in a most pleasing style. Mr. G. W. Smith accompanied.

EPPS'S COCOAINE.—Cocoa-Nib Extract. (Tea-like).—The choicest roasted nibs (broken up beans) of the natural Cocoa, on being subjected to powerful hydraulic pressure, give forth their excess of oil, leaving for use a finely flavoured powder—"Cocoaine," a product, which, when prepared with boiling water, has the consistence of tea, of which it is now, with many, beneficially taking the place. Its active principle being a gentle nerve stimulant, supplies the needed energy without unduly exciting the system. Sold only in labelled tins. If unable to obtain it of your tradesman, a tin will be sent post free for 9 stamps.—James Epps and Co., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London

HEARD IN THE STREETS.

CONTRIBUTED.

THAT great dissatisfaction was felt last week at the absence of a fair number of "Town Talk" paragraphs.

THAT short chatty bits of news are more easily digested than long accounts of meetings.

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THAT the School Board officials have waited long for their advance, and the Board has done right in paying them at a similar rate to others in the same position and having the same work.

THAT Rothwell folks believe in paying a fair day's wage for a fair day's work, either to one class of worker on another; and no sweating.

THAT the proposition of the I.L.P. member of the School Board regarding the resignations suggested, was ridiculously insane.

THAT this is only another instance of the many inconsistencies which characterise the public representatives of this party.

THAT the genuine working man is getting tired of the want of fairness and consideration manifested by these men, and should show it on Saturday week.

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THAT the question of lamps between Rothwell and Woodlesford is well worth considering, and would be greatly appreciated

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THAT the legal objection to Mr. Armitage's nomination as a Councillor, shews the importance of having more than one "string to the bow."

THAT if a second person had been nominated for the ward, Mr. Armitage would have lost his seat, and his opponent had a "walk over."

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THAT one of our public men recently lost himself in a fog, etc., in the vicinity of Stourton Hotel.

THAT the *etc.* resulted in a loss of time.

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THAT a certain Councillor at the last meeting showed a very disinterested demeanour when he proposed that the public be charged 10s for use of water and waggonette proprietors only 8s.

THAT such unselfishness is characteristic of the party to which he belongs.

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THAT some of the members will be sorry if Councillor Bulmer is thrown.

THAT the Council meeting would not be worth going to as there would be no sport.

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THAT the emphatic manner in which a gentleman recently brought his fist down on the Council table, demanding why he should be summoned, was exceedingly dramatic.

THAT the Dramatic Society may now have a splendid acquisition to their ranks.

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THAT Dr. Stevenson and others are most assiduous in their endeavours to secure the comfort of the members of the Mechanics' Institute.

THAT if the members would only pay up their arrears, it would materially help the Committee.

THAT the young people of Rothwell should not be slow in availing themselves of the many advantages the Mechanics' now offers at a very nominal figure.

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THAT there has been some very 'Steady' play on the Mechanics' Billiard Table this week.

THAT already one wife has fetched her husband away from the table.

That other players should be careful or they may subject themselves to a like experience.

THAT 'White' breaks have been much in evidence.

THAT energetic amateurs are already providing themselves with private cues.

THAT cues are very often chalked after a bad stroke.

THAT one amateur was advised to chalk his boots.

THAT one big break was made on Monday and might have been a 'record' one if all had been counted.

THAT the biggest break was made when the marker snapped the 'rest.'

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THAT our Sanitary Inspector may be insulted if he ventures to visit the house in Butcher Lane, reported at the last Council meeting for overcrowding.

THAT Inspector Jones can be trusted to hold his corner.

THAT other cases of flagrant overcrowding need investigating.

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THAT the boom on wooden buildings is dying down.

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THAT brisk trade in the matrimonial market is expected this Easter.

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THAT a long-needed improvement will have been carried out when the paviors have finished their work in Holmes Square, where operations under the Private Streets Works Act have been commenced this week.

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THAT the Ladies of the Wesleyan Sewing Committee have this week promised the Sunday School Building Committee a sum of not less than £100.

That their plucky promise is an example worthy of being studied by those of the sterner sex.

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THAT progress *can* be reported in the making of the new road into Commercial Street.

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To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Sir,

Whoever it was that told it in the streets of Roddill last week, about the roadmen always leaning over their shovels, wants to keep his mouth closed until he can speak the truth. Does he want a man to always have his back bent from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m because they give the enormous sum of £1 per week. The men employed as roadmen are not of the 'Weary Willie and Tired Tim' stamp, here to-day and gone to-morrow coves; but are truly settled honest industrious citizens, bred and born amongst us, who give an equivalent for what they receive. That it does not make a person honest by saying that another person is dishonest, nor does it make one a hard working man by saying another is idle, nor will it make the Roddill roadmen work any harder by throwing out nasty insinuations about them behind their backs. That the roads between Bell Hill and Thwaite Gate, are cleaner and better now, and has been all winter, than they have been for the last 20 years.

ROTHWELL GAS LIGHT COMPANY.

The half-yearly ordinary meeting was held on Monday, the 13th. inst., at Rothwell. Mr. H. P. Newsome (chairman) presided, supported by Messrs. Jas. Baines, Geo. Armitage, and John Hirst. There was a fair attendance of shareholders. The accounts for the half-year ended 31st. December, 1898, were submitted They showed a profit of £999 5s 8d. making available for dividend £1663 14s. After paying interest on loans and the maximum dividend, and making provision for the reserve fund, the amount carried forward is £807 18s 3d. The sales of gas were the highest recorded by the Company amounting to £2064 on the half year. The leakage was a serious item as usual, being 18.47 per cent. on the make. The manufacture of gas as registered by stationed meter, had been 13,988,200. The sales of gas to private consumers and under contract was 11,319,950, consumed at works 83,000, unaccounted for 2,855,000. The yield of gas from the ton of coal carbonised is 9,294 cubic feet. These results were from (in proportion) 17 tons of common coal to 1 ton of cannel. The quality of the gas had been maintained at a high standard, but occasionally complaints of the quality and pressure were made by consumers, but the chairman pointed out that as a rule the gas fittings inside the dwelling house were neglected, the joints and elbows of the fittings and brackets got fouled by small particles of dust and the burners were often past service and required the attention of the plumber. Before making complaints about the quality of the gas consumers were advised to look at the street lamps after they are lit, and select not a dingy lamp, but the one giving a brilliant light. The dingy lamp needed the attention of the plumber, but the most brilliant light in the cleanest lamp represents the quality of the gas passing through the street mains, and which can be had by anybody, if the fittings in the house are kept clean.

The new gas holder had been taken over from the contractors, Messrs. Clayton, Son, & Co., gas engineers, Hunslet, and is now in use. It is a three-lift gas holder, calculated to store 160,000 cubic feet. The contract price was £3058. The "extras" add to that figure £80 £35 of these is for a steel bottom for the tank in concrete, instead of a brick bottom in concrete, and £45 for 12 inch iron socket pipes from the new holder to the purifying shed.

The Chairman announced that at an early meeting of the Board of Directors, he intended to introduce a proposal to give a little extra discount to the small consumers, and to those taking gas through the slot meters. The total number of consumers of gas is 1031, of these 711 burn through ordinary meters, and 320 through the slot or prepayment meter. The revenue from meter rents was £70 15s 1d. The outlay by the Company on new meters, repairs, and renewals during the last six half-years averaged £128 10s per half-year. The average meter rents for the same period was £66 per half year. At this rate the Company spend on meter account on an average each half year more by £62 than is received back in meter rents.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Geo Armitage, the accounts were carried unanimously, as also the declaration of the maximum dividend. The retiring directors were Mr. H. P. Newsome and Mr. Geo. Armitage, who were both re-elected. Mr. Joseph Killburn, the retiring auditor, was also re-elected.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

There was a good attendance at this meeting on Friday evening, the Rev. J. B. Maltby presiding, the essayist being Miss H. M. Stead, who made a most successful *debut*, this being her first attempt at speaking in public. The paper dealt with the life and character of "Joan of Arc," the heroic French maiden, who, in the 15th. century, roused the despondent spirits of her countrymen, and, after much difficulty obtained the consent of the king to her placing herself at the head of the army. Victory attended her efforts for a while, but, falling into the hands of her enemies, she was condemned as a witch, and burnt at the stake, with a martyr's prayer on her lips. The "Maid of Orleans," as she was called, was of humble parentage, trained to an honest, laborous, and religious life. The home was at Domrémy, a village on the eastern boundary of France, between Champagne and Lorraine, just outside the great woods of Vosges. More than once had the family been surprised by the sudden appearance of warlike men, who ruthlessly turned them out, plundered their goods, and burned their home. More than once had this reserved country girl tended the wounded soldiers of her own nation, and gladly given up her own comfort for those who had dire need of sleep and rest. The woes of her own people, the traditions of rural life, the old prophecy respecting a Maid of Lorraine saving her country, her natural religious emotional character all tended to promote in her a gradually absorbing passion that she must give herself to her country and endeavour to save it from the hands of the English invader. Several interesting incidents were given, and the paper was excellent in every respect, evincing careful study, suitable expression, and attractive dressing of historic facts on the part of the essayist. A hearty vote of thanks was passed on the motion of Mrs. Maltby, seconded by Mr. Shurmer, and supported by Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. A. Ward, Messrs. T. Kale and A. J. Goldthorpe. Miss Stead suitably acknowledge the vote and replied to sundry questions.

ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE HALL.

A change from the usual service of song programme took place at the meeting in the above hall, on Sunday evening last, when a poem was read by Miss Sidebottom, entitled "Mother's last words." The story was illustrated by magic lantern pictures and a collection was taken. There was a good attendance.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady, cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent £1,000 to his Institute so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Apply by letter to:—H. S. I. RICHARDSON, 9, Great Russell Street, London, W.C

THE WHITE ROSES.

The greatest Dumas, Dumas of the "Musketeers," particularly loved white roses, and this is a tale told about him and them:

One day a stout gentleman, dressed in black, came in to him carrying a fine bunch of white roses, which he offered on the plea of being an "admirateur de votre genie" ("an admirer of your genius"). Before Dumas could say a word the man had vanished.

A month later "Monte Cristo" was out, and again the same visitor appeared with an enormous bouquet of white roses. "Votre roman est un purchef-d' œuvre" ("your novel is a perfect masterpiece"), he said, put the roses down and vanished.

Another fortnight passed, and "Antony" created a sensation on the stage. For the third time the man appeared with some magnificent white roses for the dramatist, because "Votre drame est une merveille" ("your play is a wonder").

"But who are you?" gasped Dumas, determined not to let the mystery-man escape as before.

"Oh, nobody; I am as obscure as you are illustrious," was the reply, "and my name is M. Auguste."

After this the man was seen no more, but the sequel of the affair was explained three weeks later, when Dumas noticed above the shop of a Paris florist a signboard bearing the inscription:

AUGUSTE.
Marchand de Fleurs.
Fournisseur particulier d'Alexandre Dumas.

i.e., flower merchant; purveyor by appointment to Alexander Dumas.

"What would you have, dear master?" explained the owner of the shop. "I have been installed here for three years, and never took a penny, but since I have taken you on my signboard the guineas are rolling in."

HE PAUSED.

"It had been a mighty tough winter," said old Applebee, a queer specimen of the genus cray-fish, as he jabbed his ell-spear into the snow-crust, "and I was bluer than a whetstone. It froze so hard that I had to give up clamming —I had to—and eels was scarce as white blackbirds. Purty soon my credit for rum gave out, and then I was clean discouraged—no clams, no rum—few eels—short terbacker. One day, when the cold claws of a blizzard was felt in the air, I cut a big eel-hole, and stood back to jump in. But just then I thought, 'Hold on there, Uncle Applebee, don't you know good men are scarce?' Then I recollected they was, and I have held on ever since."

MISSED FIRE.

The world is full of fatalists. It is an easy and comfortable belief. I have been told a peculiar anecdote on the subject. At a frontier post in India the officers' mess was engaged in an ardent discussion.

Wine had been freely partaken of, and, by one of the strange caprices of intoxication, it was philosophy at the bottom of the glass. The Mahometan religion was the subject of argument. Mussulmans believe in fate.

For them, a man's destiny is written, and the time of his death is set, and nothing can advance or hinder it. Everyone had something to advance or relate in *pro* or *con* argument.

In answer to one of the officers, who demanded to know what use and to what purpose is reason and its controlling power if we were born with the tag of our destiny attached, another, a newcomer—arose and said:

"Gentlemen, what is the use of discussing? Make a practical test of the question. Take me as the subject. Can a man wilfully dispose of his life, or is the fatal moment chosen by a higher power? Try the question on me! Who will conduct the experiment?"

No one answered. Then someone proposed a wager.

"Done!" was the answer.

The subject drew a pistol, showed that it was loaded, and held it to his temple.

"Twenty pounds, I believe? Who wins if I lose?"

He pulled the trigger, and luckily for the foolish boaster the pistol missed fire.

"A joke!" cried the crowd.

The fatalist smiled. He recocked the pistol, and with a steady hand aimed at the clock on the wall. He fired, and the bullet went right through the centre of the dial.

"Apologise, now," said he. "I have won the bet. I always did believe in fate."

THE CHOICE.

A Quaker, residing at Paris, was waited on by four workmen to make their compliments, and ask for their usual New Year's gifts.

"Well, my friends," said the Quaker, "here are your gifts; choose fifteen francs or the Bible."

"I don't know how to read," said the first, "so I take the fifteen francs."

"I can read," said the second, "but I have pressing wants."

He took the fifteen francs.

The third also made the same choice.

He came to the fourth, a lad about fourteen. The Quaker looked at him with an air of kindness.

"Will you, too, take these three five-franc pieces; which you may obtain at any time by your labour and industry?"

"As you say the book is good, I will take it and read it to my mother," replied the boy.

He took the Bible, opened it, and found between the leaves a gold piece of forty francs.

The others hung down their heads, and the Quaker told them he was sorry they had not made a better choice.

HE MEANT WELL.

At a fashionable dinner-party a young Danish banker happened to be present, the only son, a youth of universal good nature, who prided himself not a little on his happy knack for paying compliments. He sat next to the beautiful Mrs. L——, who observing that her neighbour seemed unable to do justice to the repast, said kindly:

"You do not appear to have any appetite; I hope you are not feeling unwell?"

"Ah, madame," replied the Dane gallantly, "when you are present one naturally loses one's appetite!"

This reply was considered charmingly appropriate by his own countrymen, but poor Mrs. L—— did not find it equally happy.

PRIVATE JOKES ON THE STAGE.

Actors and actresses have a good deal of fun among themselves on the stage, though "guying" is strongly discountenanced by managers. Generally the fun is impromptu, but sometimes a joke is carefully planned beforehand.

In a performance of *The Lady of the Lake* one of the principal actors—Roderick Dhu—was known to be in pecuniary difficulties.

When Roderick gave the line: "I am Roderick Dhu," Fitz-James responded: "Yes, and your rent's due too."

On the production of a piece called the Spy, its early acts showed that it was going to be a failure. "So, when at a certain point a character had to rush on and shout: "Five hundred pounds for the spy!" the author, who was concealed behind a rock, arose and cried: "It's yours—copyright, manuscript, and all!" That was the end of the performance.

When eating takes place on the stage the temptations to play tricks with the food are naturally great. In *Henry V.* the leek which Pistol has to eat is usually made from apple. But on one never-to-be-forgotten occasion the Fluellen of the evening gave him a real leek, and he had no choice but to struggle through it, though the tears coursed down his fat cheeks.

"That's a fine building," said the stranger. "You bet it is," said Tope. "I was fined for it and costs there myself once."

"How polished are my lays!" mused the poet.—"Yes," cackled the hen, "but I can't get a shilling a dozen for 'em."

"You should never take anything that doesn't agree with you," the physician told him. "If I'd always followed that rule, Maria," he remarked to his wife, "where would you be?"

Cumso (reading): "Professor Huxley was an agnostic."—Mrs. Cumso: "What a lot of diseases that man has! I read the other day he was a dyspeptic."

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FACTS AND FANCIES.

ANOTHER SCORE FOR PAT.

As Pat an odd joker, and Yankee more sly,
Riding together, a gibbet passed by;
Said the Yankee to Pat: "If I don't make too free,
Give that gallows its due, and pray where would you be?"
"Why, honey," said Pat, "faith, that's easily shown,
I'd be walking to town by myself all alone."

THE ONLY ONE.

When the lecturer inquired dramatically: "Can any one in this room tell me of a perfect man?" there was a dead silence.

"Has any one," he continued, "heard of a perfect woman?"

Then a patient-looking little woman in a black dress rose up at the back of the auditorium and answered:

"There was one—I've often heard of her, but she's dead now. She was my husband's first wife."

TO TRAMCAR AND OMNIBUS RIDERS.

Never tell the conductor you wish to get off. Of course he is supposed to know.

If you have three or four bundles, lay them on the seat beside you, especially if the car is crowded; you will not be so crowded yourself.

Make a practice of whistling in the cars. Your travelling companions will be obliged to hear it, and they may possibly delight in listening.

Cross your legs so that they will occupy the full width of the space before you. This will afford additional exercise in stepping over them to the conductor, who is badly in need of it.

AGAINST ORDERS.

Orders are strictly obeyed in the British navy; but the results are sometimes disconcerting to the civilian mind as a young lady once discovered, much to her astonishment.

The officers of a certain vessel were entertaining their friends with a grand dinner, and the attendants were some typical British Jack tars.

A young lady, wanting some bread, looked behind her chair at one of the sailors in waiting and asked him to bring what she wanted, but he drew himself up stiff, stern, and to attention, and to her amazement replied:

"Can't do it, miss; I'm told off for taters."

TO NON-ADVERTISING TRADESMEN.

A few days ago a Liverpool man cut into a pound of butter, which he had purchased of a grocer who does not advertise, and found therein a small tin box, which contained a piece of paper bearing the following written in a neat feminine hand:

"I am a girl of eighteen years of age, good-looking, and an excellent housekeeper. Should this be found by some unmarried Christian gentleman, will he write to the following address?" &c.

The finder, being a bachelor, decided to unravel the affair, and succeeded, only to destroy the romance. The girl who had written the note died years ago, leaving an aged husband, and a grown family.

SELLING OFF.

A shopkeeper finding that ladies were most ready to enter where sales were going on, struck his windows all over with the announcement:

"Selling off. No reasonable offer refused. Must close on Saturday."

On one occasion he was questioned by a creditor as to his threatened departure.

"You are about to remove, are you not?"

"No, sir."

"Why, you wrote up "Selling off" on your shop!"

"Yes. Every shopkeeper is selling off."

"You say, 'No reasonable offer refused.'"

"Well, I should be very unreasonable if I refuse such offers."

"But you say, 'Must close on Saturday.'"

"To be sure. You would not have me open on Sunday, would you?"

POLICE.

The shades of night were falling fast, when the mistress undertook to inculcate a few moral lessons in the mind of the new hired girl. The dinner dishes had been removed from the table, and the fragments of china swept from the floor.

"Mary!"

The domestic raised her large, expressive eyes. "Mary, what is dearer to you than gold or silver?"

Even in the failing light it was apparent that the servant was getting red in the face.

"Mary"—the sweet, sympathetic voice was like music to the ear unused to kindness—"what is it?"

"Copper."

There was a rustle of skirts, the sound of hurried footsteps, and the mistress was alone.

JUST LIKE THE SEX.

"Did I ever love any other girl?" repeated a prospective bridegroom, in answer to a tearful query of his intended.

"Why, darling, of course not. How could you ask such a question? You are my first, my only love! This heart knew no waking until the sunshine of your love streamed in, and woke it to ecstacy!"

And then he kissed her tenderly, and went home, and said to himself, "I must hurry these things out of her way right off, or there'll be a row."

And he collected a great pile of letters, written in all kinds of feminine hand, with lots of faded flowers, and photographs, and locks of hair, and bits of faded ribbon, and other things; and when the whole collection had been crammed into the kitchen grate he drew a long sigh, and said to himself:

"There goes all that is left of fourteen undying loves—let 'em flicker!"

ALIVE! ALIVE!!

The other day an unrehearsed comedy was acted in one of our rural post-offices.

A rather portly individual stood by the counter preparing for post a number of circulars.

He had moistened a couple of stamps, when they fluttered from his fingers to the floor.

The owner looked after them in disgust, and then, as well as his corpulence would allow, stooped to pick them up.

But before he could secure them they commenced walking deliberately away from him along the floor.

The man rubbed his eyes as if persuaded he had made a mistake, but there was no doubt about the onward movement, and soon the stamps had reached the end of the room and were ascending the wall.

Such an extraordinary sight had never before greeted his vision, and for a moment the poor fellow thought that his senses must have taken leave of him.

The stamps had now risen half-way to the ceiling, and were still ascending.

But, luckily, they now turned, and gliding downwards, were soon within reach of the man's hand.

The whole mystery was then fully cleared up.

The moistened stamps had simply found their way on to the back of a big fly, and had adhered to the insect, which immediately had marched off with its adornments.

"So your wife has been to the cooking school?" said one man to another.

"Yes, and I'm glad of it."

An incredulous look came over the face of the first speaker.

"Did it improve your dinners?" he asked.

"No. It convinced her that she doesn't know how to cook, and she has quit trying."

ROTHWELL NATIONAL SCHOOL.

LIST OF PRIZE-WINNERS.

MIXED SCHOOL.

TOTAL POSSIBLE 432—Annie Harrison, F Blackburn, Robert Heaton, Fred Moss, Norman Parker, W Charlesworth, John Goldthorpe, W Illingworth, H Lord, Gerty Gibson, Hetty Rowley, Jane Wilkinson, Florrie Butterfield, Dolly Chadwick, Norah Hodgkinson, Jane Sunderland, Edith Worth, James Dobson, Edward Dacre, George Ely, John Garfit, W Higgins, Albert Pickersgill, Jennie Furze, Sarah A Lord, Martha Young, Jack Blythe, Edgar Edwards, Clifford Taylor, John Haigh, Percy Higgins, G Lunn, H Nickols, John Bulmer, Ann Garfit, Jessie Moss, S E Pawson, H Benton, Edward Fulthorpe, A Gregory, Samuel Parker, Albert Ward.

95 PER CENT OR UPWARDS—Clara Blacker, Ellen Batty, Ann Hodgkinson, Althea Chadwick, Fanny Fowler, Harriet Lunn, Mabel Cockersham, Mabel Parker, Mabel Stead, Mary A Sykes, Hannah Smith, Nellie Varley, Sefton Fowler, Thomas Sykes, Charles Taylor, Clifford Heaton, Chris Barker, Horace Dacre, George Drew, Ernest Elsworth, Herbert Smith, Ben Walker, Fanny Blythe, Jessie Chadwick, Alice Coulson, Minnie Dacre, Clara Higgins, Annie Jackson, Gerty Kinder, Lily Smith, Edith Taylor, Ethel Wrather, Joe Brook, Robert Clapham, Richard Durham, G A Durham, G H Furze, Norman Gregory, Harold Hartley, Luke Ineson, J W Lunn, H Smith, Burton Smith, Arthur Taylor, H Tiffany, Luther Taylor, F Woodhead, Stuart Ward, Sarah J Benton, Rosinda Blakey, Gerty Furze, S Garfit, Nellie Higgins Ethel Howarth, Pollie Lock, Ann Lock, Gerty Rowley, Edith Smith, Albert Abbishaw, Willie Cockerham H Dickenson, Sydney Edwards, Thomas Groves, Albert Gibson, G Ghorst, G Wiles, Martha Baines, Lottie Chadwick, Ethel Flowers, Ada Holt, Doris Harrison, Mabel Trueman, Maude Taylor, Annie Walker, Hubert Brown, Albert Cockerham, Charles Fulthorpe, E Heaton, Walter Hammill, Ben Pickersgill, Walter Smith, Ralph Thompson, Nellie Brook, Rose Brook, Annie Hutchinson, Nancy Todd, Kate Varley, Eliza Woodhead, Effie Wiles, Alice Lunn, Emily Smith, Nellie Whitehead, Ed Wrather, Walter Copley, Ernest Dunwell, J W Dobson, Bert Fowler, James Fox, Joe Fox, John Garfit, Arthur Higgins, William Higgins, William Haigh, Norman Hirst, Thomas Smith, Harry Smith, Thomas Whitehead.

INFANTS.

NEVER MISSED (431 times)—Irene Young, John Lord, James Parker, Herbert Parker, Edward Lunn.

Wm Benton, Nancy Sidebottom, Clarice Wilkinson, Alfred Lunn 430, Mary Pickersgill, Lily Furze, Bertie Chadwick 429, Hilda Furze, Frank Hirst, Joseph Dobson 428, James Walker, Laura Sunderland, Ellis Brook 427, Letitia Charlesworth 425, Minnie Fulthorpe 424, Joseph Copley 422, Dorothy Locke 420, Clifford Edwards 419, Herbert Ely 418, C Hayward, Selwin Judson, C Sykes 417, Harold Abbishaw 416, Armitage Bedford, Wm Thompson, Ernest Parker 414, J A Durham 413, John Walker 412, Myrtle Edwards 410, Albert Dobson 409, Thos Sunderland, Albert Todd 408, Clara Bulmer 407, Susanna Fowler 406, Emily Judson 405, Maurice Savage 404, Ben Woodcock, H Hodgkinson, Ethel Hammill 401, J W Taylor, Alice Pickersgill 400.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT OULTON.

A large congregation assembled in the Oulton St John's Church, on Monday evening last, to join in the annual confirmation service for the surrounding parishes. The service was conducted by the Lord Bishop of Richmond, candidates being presented for confirmation from Oulton, Woodlesford, Rothwell, Lofthouse, Middleton and Stourton. The clergy of the respective parishes were all present, at the head of their complement of those seeking admission into the Church.

The Bishop's address was based on the hymn commencing "Soldiers of Christ arise, and put your armour on," from the words of which he spoke pointedly of the Christian soldier's life, its temptations, and trials, the putting on of the armour of prayer, and the determination and help of the Holy Spirit, required in fighting and overcoming the wiles of the wicked one.

The candidates solemnly took upon themselves the responsibilities of church membership, the imposition of hands by the Bishop taking place after the singing of an appropriate confirmation hymn.

The service throughout was a most impressive one, and was very thoughtfully and solemnly joined in both by candidates and congregation.

STOURTON WESLEYAN BAND OF HOPE CONCERT.

This annual gathering took place in the Wesleyan school room on Monday, before a full audience. The proceeds were on behalf of the Band of Hope funds, and the items were well rendered, especially those by Miss Fanny Howarth and Miss Clara Backhouse. The following is the programme:—melody, "The Deadly Upas Tree," members; song, "The Holy City," Miss F. Howarth; recitation, "Policeman's Story," Miss A. Farrar; pianoforte solo, Miss L. Fitzjohn; action song, "Oh Rain! where have you come from," six girls; dialogue "Supper Beer," three boys; song "By the Fountain," Miss C. Backhouse; recitation, "Dad's old Breeches," Miss E. Gibson; song and chorus, "Poor old Joe," Master E. Nash; song, "The banks of Allan Water," Miss R. Gomersall; melody, "Men for the Times," members; action song, "Eight little Mothers," eight little girls; dialogue, "Dolly Medicine," Misses Powell; song, "My darling Dolly," Miss E. Dyson; dialogue, "Whiskey Serpent," eight girls; recitation, "Little Dog," Miss Todd; action song "Little Joiners," six boys, song, "Carrier Dove," Miss C. Backhouse; dialogue, "Sign the Pledge," thirteen girls; song, "Killarney," Miss F. Howarth; song, "Froggie's Party," Master W. Bird. The concert was repeated on Tuesday night in connection with Bower Road, New Connexion school, and was again a great success. Mr. I. Smith ably conducted on both occasions.

FOR BOYS AND MEN.—A very able booklet of inestimable value to those who would be Manly Boys and Noble Men, should be in the hands of all Men and Boys. 3d. post free, from F. C. Richardson, 9, Gt. Russell St., London W.C.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL A.B.C.

There was a moderate attendance at the meeting of the above on Sunday afternoon last. Mr. J. H. Greaves, Castleford, was the speaker, his subject being "Peace." Mr. J. Varley sang "The psalm of Life," and Mr. J. Blackburn "The roll call." These vocalists also joined in the duet "Open their eyes." Mr. Greaves also gave two recitations "Trouble in the Amen Corner" and "Saving of St Michael's spire." Mr. J. W. Harriman presided.

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HE EYED HIM.

The eccentricity of the late Mr. Herbert, the artist, of talking in "broken English" was not his only peculiarity; he also rather fancied the power of his eye over the animal creation.

Some years ago Mr. Herbert lived opposite to Landseer, and early one morning he called on Sir Edwin to beg the loan of a mastiff as a model. Landseer said he would lend him willingly, but he did not like to take the responsibility, as the brute was somewhat savage.

"Ah, my dear friend," cried Mr. Herbert, "I fear him not! I can subdue him; he shall obey my will!"

"All right, then," said the great painter; "take him and welcome."

He took him. At about four o'clock in the afternoon Mrs. Herbert came over to inquire if her husband was there, as she had seen nothing of him, and, most unusually for him, he had not been in to lunch.

"Isn't he in his studio?" asked Sir Edwin. Mrs. Herbert replied that she had been to see, but he was not there. Landseer, not a little alarmed, accompanied Mrs. Herbert back to the house, and began a search. At last, in an upper room, they found the missing painter seated on the top of an oak wardrobe, "like patience on a monument, smiling at"—the mastiff, which was seated, immovable watching Mr. Herbert with hungry eyes.

"Ah, my friends," said the latter, in exhausted tones, "I am glad you are come; for six hours have I waited here, and no one has listened to my cries!"

It is said that the artist did not attempt beast-quelling any more.

HOW TO BE HEATHY AND WEALTHY.

"Seek peace and pursue it."

Be cheerful. "A light heart lives long."

"Work like a man, but don't be worked to death."

Never despair. "Lost hope is a fatal disease."

Spend less nervous energy each day than you make.

Don't hurry. "Too swift arrives as tardy as too slow."

Sleep and rest abundantly. Sleep is nature's benediction.

Avoid passion and excitement. A moment's anger may be fatal.

Associate with healthy people. Health is contagious as well as disease.

Don't overeat. Don't starve. "Let your moderation be known to all men."

Court the fresh air day and night. Oh, if you knew what was in the air!"

Think only healthful thoughts. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

NOT WHAT HE EXPECTED.

The inventor of a fire-extinguishing hand grenade went down to a provincial town to give a demonstration of its working, to which most of the leading townspeople were invited to be present. After a preliminary dissertation on the nature of his invention and the marvellous results he was going to show the spectators, a fire of shavings and tarred wood was made up, and when it was well alight Mr. C—— advanced with a self-confident smile irradiating his countenance and flung a grenade into the centre of the fire.

Great was his surprise, however, on seeing that the grenade, instead of checking the fire, only made it worse. Another grenade was flung into the blazing mass, and the flames leapt higher and higher.

Amazed and furious, the frantic fire-queller picked up all the remaining grenades and went for that conflagration, pitching them in one after the other like a demon bowler. Under cover of the confusion caused by the terrific outburst of flame and smoke which ensued, and which would have made Etna in full working order take a back seat, the discomfited and savage inventor fled from the scene, while several of the terrified onlookers rushed for the fire engines.

It afterwards transpired that some very funny man at the hotel where the inventor was staying had gained access to the hand-grenades, and, after extracting the chemicals, had filled them up with *paraffin oil*.

THE SHYNESS OF GREAT MEN.

The late Prince Albert, one of the gentlest and most amiable, was also one of the most shy and retiring of men. Theodore Martin, in explaining its causes, says: "It was the shyness of a very delicate nature, that is not sure it will please, and is without the confidence and the vanity which often go to form characters that are outwardly more genial."

Charles Mathews, who entertained crowded houses night after night, was naturally one of the shyest of men. He would even make long circuits (lame though he was) along the byelanes of London to avoid recognition. His wife says of him, that he looked "sheepish" and confused if recognised, and that his eyes would fall, and his colour would mount, if he heard his name even whispered in passing along the streets.

It is related of Garrick that when subpœnaed on Barreti's trial, and required to give his evidence before the court—though he had been accustomed for thirty years to act with the greatest self-possession in the presence of thousands—he became so perplexed and confused that he was actually sent from the witness-box by the judge, as a man from whom no evidence could be obtained.

Archbishop Whately, in the early part of his life, was painfully oppressed by the sense of shyness. When at Oxford, his white, rough coat and white hat obtained for him the *soubriquet* of "The White Bear"; and his manners, according to his own account of himself, corresponded with the appellation. He was directed, by way of remedy, to copy the example of the best-mannered men he met in society; but the attempt to do this only increased his shyness, and he failed.

It is not usual to find Americans who are really shy; but Nathaniel Hawthorne was shy to the extent of morbidity. He has been observed, when a stranger entered the room where he was, to turn his back for the purpose of avoiding recognition. And yet, when the crust of his shyness was broken, no man could be more cordial and genial than Hawthorne It is supposed that Emerson had Nathaniel Hawthorne in his mind when writing the following passage in his "Society and Solitude": "The most agreeable compliment you could pay him was to imply that you had not observed him in a house or a street where you had met him. Whilst he suffered at being seen where he was, he consoled himself with the delicious thought of the inconceivable number of places where he was not. All he wished of his tailor was to provide that sober mean of colour and cut which would never detain the eye for a moment

HE LACKED SENSE.

A handsomely-dressed young woman entered a crowded street-car. A long-whiskered old fellow, wearing a dingy slouch-hat and a suit of homespun clothes, got up and said:

"Miss, take my seat. I don't look as well as these here gentlemen," nodding to several men "but I've diskivered that I've got more politeness."

The young woman sat down without thanking the old fellow.

"Miss," said the old fellow with a smile, "I b'lieve I left my pocket-book there on the seat. Will you please get up?"

The young woman got up. The old fellow sat down, and stroking his whiskers, remarked: B'lieve I'll jest keep on settin' here miss. I've got a little more politeness than these here gentlemen, but I have diskivered that I ain't got nigh so much sense."

Cora: "Doesn't it make you feel nice for people to remark how well you are getting on?"—Merritt: "Yes, unless they add, 'they can't understand it.'"

Visitor (at the Zoo): "I wonder if animals really think?"—Young but Cruel Wife: "Well, if they think at all, they really think. They don't go around and pretend to think, like some old fools I know."

For many natures it is as much a duty of cleanliness to change opinions as to change clothes.

AFFRAY WITH GAMEKEEPERS AT TEMPLENEWSAM.

At the Leeds Town Hall, on Wednesday, before Mr. Justice Ridley, George Fox, alias John Thomas Hemingway (45), labourer, and Thomas Kite (47), were indicted for night poaching, being armed, on land in the occupation of John Kirkbright, for the purpose of taking game at Templenewsam, and assaulting John Pullan and Wm. Day on December 21. Mr. Harold Thomas and Mr Brock prosecuted; Mr. Earnshaw defended Fox. Shortly after two o'clock on the morning in question William Day, head keeper for the Hon. Mrs. Meynell Ingram, was with six other assistants watching near Pontefract Old Lane, and saw in a field in the occupation of Mr. Kirkbright, the two prisoners and about a dozen other men. Two nets had already been set, and the poachers were in the act of setting a third. The keepers on approaching them were received with a shower of stones. The poachers then separated into two lots. William Day was struck by Kite a violent blow on the head with a stick. Day then knocked Kite down, and the latter was secured by Fred Day. John Pullan, another keeper, was struck with a stick by Fox, but Andrew Rhodes knocked the stick out of Fox's hand, and the man was arrested. The other poachers escaped. There were found on the field four nets and a quantity of whipping cord, and four bags, in one of which were three hares, and in another was one hare. The prisoners were found guilty, and were sentenced to six months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

SERVICE OF SONG.

The Rothwell Wesleyan School room was well filled on Wednesday evening to hear a service of song entitled "Theo," given by the Band of Hope choir. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. Butterick, who opened the proceedings in the usual manner, and made a short speech, commending the Temperance movement in all its organisations. Miss Eliza Priestley gave the connective readings, the story being a very pathetic one, shewing the evils of intemperance, but concluding with a very happy change. This part of the service was very pleasingly performed, and was a credit to the reader. Mr W. Varley had had the heavy work of teaching the children the songs, which were sung very nicely. Solos were given by Miss Lizzie Gibson, Master John Kale, and Mr. John Blackburn; a duet by Misses A. and E. Sheldon, and a quartette by Misses F. and E. Gibson, Messrs. Idle and Dobson. Mr. T. Idle accompanied throughout, and sustained the singing with care and correctness. A number of views, illustrating the story, were successfully thrown on a screen by Mr. A. W. Seanor, greatly enhancing thereby the effect of the reading. A collection was taken for the funds, after which hearty thanks were passed to those taking a prominent part in the service, on the motion of Mr. Goodall and Mr. Ellis.

A WORD TO WOMEN.

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EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending March 11th., 1899, is £371; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £220, thus showing increase of £151. For the 10 weeks ending March 11th., the return is £3461, against £2400 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £1061.

NORTHERN UNION

DRAW FOR THE CUP.

The draw for the Cup Competition next season was made as follows:—

QUALIFYING ROUND.

Wath Brow v Dalton
Workington v Ambleside
Askham v Millom
Ulverston v Lancaster
Maryport v Brookland Rovers
Fletcher, Russell & Co., a bye
Runcorn Hornets v Warrington St Mary's
Walkden v Latchford Rangers
Altrincham v Leigh Shamrocks
Runcorn Recreation v Hasel Grove
Birkenhead Wanderers v Lostock Gralam
Waterhead Hornets a bye
Rochdale Rangers a bye
Rochdale Athletic v Pendleton
Salford St Bartholomew's v Oldham Juniors
Smallbridge v Radcliffe
Saddleworth Rangers v Lees
Werneth v Abbey Hills
Barton v Whitworth
Blackpool v Fleetwood
Elland v Pudsey
Idle v Eastmoor
Todmorden v Dewsbury
Bowling v Morley
Birstal v Luddendenfoot
Groves United a bye
Featherstone a bye
Pontefract v Goole
Hull Marlborough v Normanton
Hull Stoneferry v Outwood Church
Rothwell v Ripon City
York v Kinsley

FIRST ROUND.

Brighouse Rangers v Stockport
Warrington v Barrow
Leeds Parish Church v Idle or Eastmoor
Salford v Birstal or Luddendenfoot
Saddleworth Rangers or Lees v Huddersfield
Todmorden or Dewsbury v Tildesley
Waterhead Hornets v Heckmondwike
Hull Stoneferry or Outwood Church v Altrincham or Leigh Shamrocks
Widnes v Blackpool or Fleetwood
Holbeck v Birkenhead Wanderers or Lostock Gralam
Leigh v Bramley
Elland or Pudsey v Warrington or Ambleside
Askham or Millom v Ulverston or Lancaster
Bradford v Wakefield Trinity
Morecambe v Walkden or Latchford Rovers
Batley v Rochdale Athletic or Pendleton
Hull Kingston Rovers v Manningham
Pontefract or Goole v Oldham
Runcorn Recreation or Hasle Grove v Runcorn
Broughton Rangers v Rothwell or Ripon City
Smallbridge or Radcliffe v Hull Marlborough or Normanton
Swinton v Fletcher, Russell & Co
Hull v Featherstone
Liversedge v York or Kinsley
Hunslet v Maryport or Brookland Rovers
Rochdale Rangers v Leeds
Bowling or Morley v Runcorn Hornets or Warrington St Marys
St Helens v Barton or Whitworth
Rochdale Hornets v Wath Brow or Dalton
Salford St Bartholomew's or Oldham Juniors v Werneth or Abbey Hills
Castleford v Halifax
Grove United v Wigan

SECOND ROUND.

A—Castleford or Halifax v Brighouse Rangers or Stockport
B—Smallbridge, Radcliffe, Hull Marlborough, or Normanton v Holbeck, Birkenhead Wanderers or Lostock Gralam
C—Leigh, or Bramley v Runcorn Recreation, Hasle Grove, or Runcorn
D—Batley, Rochdale Athletic, or Pendleton v Liversedge, York, or Kinsley
E—Rochdale Rangers or Leeds v Groves United or Wigan
F—Hull or Featherstone v Askham, Millom, Ulverston, or Lancaster
G—Broughton Rangers, Rothwell, or Ripon City v Hull Kingston Rovers or Manningham
H—Elland, Pudsey, Workington or Ambleside v Bowling, Morley, Runcorn Hornets, or Warrington S Mary's
I—Bradford, or Wakefield Trinity v Rochdale Hornets, Wath Bros, or Dalton
J—Widnes, Blackpool or Fleetwood v Todmorden, Dewsbury, or Tildesley
K—Saddleworth Rangers, or Huddersfield v Waterhead Hornets or Heckmondwike
L—Hull Stoneferry, Outwood Church, Altrincham or Leigh Shamrocks v Leeds Parish Church, Idle or Eastmoor
M—Salford, Birstal, or Luddendenfoot v Salford St Bartholomew's, Oldham Juniors, Werneth, or Abbey Hills
N—Pontefract, Goole, or Oldham v Warrington or Barrow
O—Swinton, Fletcher, Russell & Co, v Hunslet, Maryport, or Brookland Rovers
P—St Helen's, Barton, or Whitworth v Morecambe, Walkden, or Latchford Rangers.

THIRD ROUND.

Q—Winner of Round I v winner of Round N
R—Winner of Round G v winner of Round L
S—Winner of Round C v winner of Round D
T—Winner of Round K v winner of Round B
U—Winner of Round J v winner of Round E
V—Winner of Round M v winner of Round P
W—Winner of Round O v winner of Round A
X—Winner of Round H v winner of Round F

FOURTH ROUND.

AA—Winner of Round V v winner of Round T
BB—Winner of Round W v winner of Round X
CC—Winner of Round R v winner of Round S
DD—Winner of Round Q v winner of Round U

SEMI-FINALS.

EE—Winner of Round CC v winner of Round DD
FF—Winner of Round AA v winner of Round BB

FINAL.

Winner of Round EE v winner of Round FF

All the Lancashire and Yorkshire First Senior Competition clubs were exempted from the qualifying round, as were Hull Kingstone Rovers and Barrow.

The dates of the rounds are:—Qualifying Round, March 4. First Round, March 18. Second Round, March 25. Third Round, April 1. Fourth Round, April 8. Semi-finals, April 15. Final, April 29.

The semi-finals and final to be played on neutral ground. Other rounds on the ground of the first-named clubs.

It was ruled that under Section B, Rule 1 of the Professional Laws, all clubs members of the Union shall be entitled to register for next season all players who received payments during the past season.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A.

Mr. Pegg, of Dewsbury, was the speaker at the meeting of the above on Sunday afternoon last, and gave a capital address on "Time." Mr. G. Holt read the Bible lesson, and Mr. Pegg besides giving the address, also contributed the musical items, which consisted of two solos with banjo accompaniments; and recited the pathetic poem "The way to Heaven." There was a good attendance, and a collection was taken for expenses.

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FOOTBALL.

HUDDERSFIELD V ROTHWELL WHITE ROSE.

WEST YORKSHIRE CUP—SEMI-FINAL.

On the Bradford enclosure on Saturday afternoon last, the replayed semi-final contest between the above teams was witnessed by a small number of spectators, most of whom were followers of our local club. There appeared to have been some mismanagement on the part of the executive Committee, as no bills could be seen announcing the fixture, and little attention had been paid to the appointment of gatemen and other necessary officials. It will be remembered that the Rose men on the previous Saturday played a draw with their opponents on the Hunslet ground, having previously beaten the Pontefract Garrison eleven. Rudge started, and the game rested at the centre for some time. Huddersfield were the first to attack, Thompson and Rudge being responsible for some nice running and passing. Rothwell transferred the game with some good forward work, Huddersfield had a free kick in front of the Rothwell goal, but the kick was unsuccessful. Half-time score was Rothwell White Rose nil to Huddersfield nil. In the second half, the referee's decisions were evidently not well received by the Rothwell followers, and bad language was indulged in. The players, too, in some instances acted in an ill advised manner towards the referee, and had to leave the field. The latter part of the game was nothing short of a farce, several of the Rothwell players being ordered off the field, whilst the names of others were taken for future reference. The game was eventually awarded to Huddersfield, who scored 3 goals to Rothwell *nil*.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

RUGBY.

At Broughton—Broughton Rangers v Rothwell.

ROTHWELL TEAM—Full back, B Cromack; three-quarter backs, O Taylor, J Morrell, H Hemsworth, B Kelly; half-backs, B Morrell, E Robinson; forwards, J Ward, W Shaw, J Parkinson, E Parkinson, W Sanders, N Westmoreland, G Bulmer, W Speight, A Gillings, E Amber.

ASSOCIATION.

At Rothwell—Ossett v Rothwell W R

WHITE ROSE TEAM—Goal, A Cripps; backs, J Beckwith, R Whitehead; half-backs, J Smith, T Bridges, T Whitehead; forwards, J Berry, T Page, H Dacre, H Illingworth, A E Wright; Reserves, E Dobson.

At Stourton—Rothwell W R 'A' v Stourton United.

WHITE ROSE 'A' TEAM—Goal, B Hirst; backs, S Baber, C Jeffries; half-backs, C Fox, A Field, G Tiffany; forwards, E Fox, C Ward, C Tiffany, A W Sidebottom, T Gibson.

At Oulton—Leeds Roseville v Oulton.

OULTON TEAM—Goal, C Higgins; backs, W Inman F Bradley; half backs, D Raybould, O Inman, F Bell; forwards, C Hullah, E A Higgins, H W Higgins, W Hutchinson, A T Murtland; Reserves, C Weddall, J T Morrison.

At Leeds—Oulton 'A' v Leeds Roseville 'A.'

OULTON 'A' TEAM—Goal, F Arundel; backs, A Higgins, J T Morrison; half-backs, S Lockwood, P C Higgins, P Inman; forwards, T Hurdus, H Hammond, W Killingbeck, T Maundrill, L Lockwood; Reserves, H Butterick, F Armitage.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

DIDN'T CARE FOR THEM.

Overheard at a Sunday-school treat.

Teacher (to little boy): "You don't seem to be getting on very well with the pork pies, Johnny."

Johnny (hesitatingly): "No, mum."

Teacher: "Have you had sufficient then, Johnny?"

Johnny: "Well it ain't exactly that mum, but you see I works where they makes 'em."

IT SOUNDS AWFUL.

Landlady (of London lodging-house, bawling from bottom of stairs): "Mary have you finished sweeping Mr. Simpson, yet?"

Mary (over bannisters): "Yes, m'm."

Landlady: "Have you dusted Mr. Briggs and cleaned out Mr. Taylor?"

Mary: "Yes, m'm."

Landlady: "Well, then, blacklead Mr. Jenkins first, and then come down here and give the Frenchman a good scrubbing as soon as the sweeps go."

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TO LET.
TO LET, for one Crop only, the 3 closes of land in Wood Lane, Rothwell Haigh, belonging to the Guardians of the Hunslet Union, and containing about 18½ acres. Possession can be given at once, and the Crop must be got off by 30th September, 1899. Tenders to be sent by 31st March, to Mr. Fred W. Mee, Clerk to Guardians, Hunslet.

WANTED.
WANTED—Man for general farm work, married or single.—'Times' Office, Rothwell.

COMING EVENTS REGISTER.
The proprietors of this journal propose opening a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at one be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

Apr. 3, 4 & 5—Public Luncheon and Grand National Bazaar in Board Schools for Primitive Methodist Trust Funds.
April 13 & 14—Rothwell Mechanics Institute, Re-opening Ceremonies Receptions & Dances
April 29, 1899—Woodlesford Jumble Sale
May 24 & 25, 1899—Woodlesford Board Schools, Bazaar in aid of the Parish Room Fund.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley
Friday, March 24, 1899.

TOMORROW is the polling day, commencing at *eight* o'clock in the morning and closing at eight at night. All persons on the burgess list are eligible to vote in their stated ward only, and only those whose names are on that list. The polling station for the South Ward is the Council Offices, Mr. Bulmer and Mr. Barraclough being the candidates. The station at Stourton is at the Board School, Mr. T. Chapman and Mr. H. Nicholls being the opposing parties. The result will be made known at the Council Offices the same evening.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A meeting of the above Council was held on Wednesday night, in the Council Chamber, Councillor T. Oliver (chairman), presiding. There were also present Councillors J. Abbishaw (vice-chairman), J. Hargreaves, G. Armitage, J. Oliver, J. W. Bulmer, P. G. Milner, J. Stead, B. Taylor, W. W. Harrison, J. Smith, J. Armitage, C. Sykes, T. Chapman, with the acting clerk (Mr. Wilkinson), medical officer (Dr. Stevenson), surveyor (Mr. J. T. Pears), and the nuisance inspector (Mr. Jones).

HIGHWAYS.

The Highways Committee at a meeting held on the 17th. inst. recommended the Finance Committee to negotiate a loan for £4,522, for purposes of private streets repair; the Committee also recommended the Council to erect a bridge over the beck in Meynell Avenue; that 5,000 tons of granite, dross, and whinstone, be purchased by the Council; that J. Smith, one of the road foremen, be not reinstated, and that A. Bulmer's wage be advanced 1s per week.

Mr. J. Hargreaves, in proposing the confirmation of the minutes, said the bridge over the beck on the new road into Commercial Street would likely cost £100, roughly speaking, and if the authority of the Council was obtained, plans would be made out and estimates obtained.

Mr. J. Oliver seconded the resolution, which was carried.

SANITARY MINUTES.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Committee, held on the 20th. inst. it was decided that Messrs. C. Ward & Sons' tender for oil for Lemonroyd be accepted, if sample is satisfactory. A cheque for £194 18s 1d was ordered to be passed for Messrs Braithwaite & Co., the contractors for the work at Lemonroyd, being the final payment with the exception of the £200, retention money. Mr. J. Wilkinson's tender for cropping the land at Lemonroyd was accepted, the figure being £4.

The minutes were approved.

HEALTH REPORT.

The medical officer reported that during the past three weeks there were 27 births (13 males and 14 females), 10 in Rothwell (5 males and 5 females), and 17 in Lofthouse and Carlton (8 males and 9 females.) During the same period there had been 9 deaths (3 males and 6 females), 8 in Rothwell (3 males and 5 females) and 1 in Lofthouse and Carlton, a female. With the exception of a case of diphtheria, now convalescent, there was a clean bill of health. (Hear, hear.)

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee recommended the Council to pass a number of accounts.

Mr. Taylor, in proposing the confirmation of the minutes, said the Committee was in a nice position for paying its debts They were wanting to clear all up to the end of the year; the Committee had consented to pass an item of 9s 5d. for telephonic messages outside the district. Nothing had been paid up to date on this account, and the Committee thought that in future any member who used the telephone outside the district should pay for it himself, if it was in connection with his own private business; in order that an account of these messages might be kept, it was proposed that all out-district messages be put down in a book. The Council stood nicely at the bank just now, and at the end of the year would have a balance of about £1371 in hand.

Mr. Sykes seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

NEW BUILDINGS.

The Council, on the recommendation of the Building Committee, approved of the following plans:—addition to house at Churchfield, by Mr. J. R. Seanor, on condition that bedrooms be made 9 feet high. Addition to house at Churchfield belonging to Mr. W. Andrews; trough closets for Rothwell National Schools. The plans for 13 houses by Mr. Joseph Newton were disapproved, not being in conformity with the Bye-laws.

WATERWORKS.

It was reported to the Waterworks Committee that the average consumption of water for the past three weeks was 4,000 gallons less than the preceding period. The new water regulations and additional charges were ordered to be submitted to the Local Government Board for approval.

The additional per annum charges include bandspinners, 10s; bakehouses and confectioners, 10s; blacksmiths, 6s; butchers stalls and shops, 6s; donkeys, 2s; fireplugs, 5s; fried fish and chipped potato shops, 12s; gas engines, 2s; pigs when more than 2 and under 10 are kept, 6s; printing offices, 8s; surgeries, 8s; hair dressers, 2s; slaughterhouses, 10s; cows, 3s per head; wheelwrights 4s; tripe-dressers, 8s; 7s 6d per hour for ush of hydrant: building and plasterers' work 5s per £100 of contract.

The minutes of the Committee were proposed for confirmation by Mr. Jas. Armitage.

Mr. Jas. Hargreaves asked if the levels and pressure of water at Jaw Bones could be given to him in writing, as the Hunslet Board of Guardians intended meeting representatives of the Local Government Board respecting their new workhouse, and would be expected to give several assurances, amongst them being no doubt one for a satisfactory water supply.

Mr. Jas Armitage said the Council, he thought, would have no objection to these particulars being given. From the Leeds supply from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. there was no pressure whatever; at 11 p.m. there was a 10 lbs pressure which would rise to a height of 23 feet. In the 3 inch Morley mains, he thought there was sufficient pressure to supply all the requirements of the new workhouse, at 10 o'clock in the morning, the pressure being 120 lbs, equal to a height of 278 feet; at 2 o'clock 110; at 6 o'clock 120, and at 11 o'clock at night 130 lbs, equal to a rise of 300 feet. If they could not get a supply from Leeds, he had no doubt that a supply would be laid on from the Morley main.

Another matter he would like to bring before the Waterworks Committee, Mr. Hargreaves said, was the insufficient supply of water to the houses at John O'Gaunt's; these houses were served out of the Oulton main, and could get very little, if any, water throughout the day.

Mr. J. Armitage: We can relieve the place, but at a great cost to the Council. If they get the water morning and night, I think they might make arrangements to have a supply during the day.

Mr. Harrison: But they havn't it always morning and night, and if there is a place badly supplied with water, it is John O'Gaunt's. I cannot see that it would be a great cost to take a main across from Rothwell Haigh.

Mr. Chapman: When is the Committee going to complete the work at Stourton, commenced nearly two years ago, by putting water valves down, so that the whole of the district is not cut off at once. The work was ordered to be done nearly two years ago, but the valves were left throwing about, and at last were taken away from the district.

Mr. J. Armitage: I will have a word with the Surveyor about it, but I think you have been neglecting your duty in not mentioning the matter before, if it was ordered to be executed two years ago. (Laughter.)

Mr. J. Hargreaves: They had only one member at Stourton then, and he has been nearly two years in bringing this matter forward, there will be two members after Saturday though. Under the circumstances, I think Mr. J. Armitage should apologise to the Stourton people.

Mr. J. Armitage: We will see that it is attended to.

Mr. G. Armitage: Yes, before Saturday.

Mr. Jas. Hargreaves: Before the public meeting, just promise it shall be done and then he can go with authority.

In answer to a question by Mr. J. Oliver, Mr. J. Armitage said he didn't know that anybody had been refused a water meter who had applied for one.

Mr. Taylor: Supposing a man wanted to supply say six houses with water through a meter, could he have one?

Mr. J. Armitage: I don't think the Council have allowed such a supply or would allow it.

The minutes of the Committee were then confirmed.

LAMPS AND GAS.

A meeting of the above Committee was held on the 21st. inst., at which the charges for gas were considered, and the Chairman and Surveyor instructed to see the gas directors with a view to getting the account reduced, as there had been serious escapes in the meter lamps.

In proposing the confirmation of the minutes, Mr Harrison said that on account of these escapes they had been overcharged to the extent of £9 18s; whilst the Committee were prepared to pay for the escaped gas in the meter lamp, they did not think they should be charged at the same rate for all the other lamps regulated by that particular meter.

Mr. J. Hargreaves: If it is the fault of this Council, how can we get out of it. The lamps are in our custody.

After discussion in Committee, it was decided to pay an amount on account, the difference to be afterwards settled between the two parties.

APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS.

On the motion of Messrs. Stead and G. Armitage, all the overseers in the Council's district were re-appointed.

ADOPTION OF ANOTHER ACT.

In the absence of Mr. Walter Hargreaves, Mr. J. Armitage proposed the adoption of Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890.

Mr. Chapman seconded and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

SUGGESTED LEGISLATION AS TO RATING AUTHORITY AND COLLECTION OF RATES.

Mr. Taylor brought to the Council's attention, a circular that had been received from the Hornsea District Council, which suggests certain alteration in the law as to rating authorities and the collection of rates. Some public bodies were in favour of the Guardians being made the authority for assessing and collecting all rates required for a district, whilst others were in favour of District Councils being created the rating authority, and collecting all the rates, precepts to be served upon them by the other public bodies requiring funds.

On the motion of Mr. Taylor and Mr. J. Oliver, it was decided to support the Hornsea Council in their efforts in favour of District Councils being made the rating authority, and being responsible for the collection of the whole of the rates of the district.

This concluded the business.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

On Sunday afternoon last, Stainer's sacred oratoria, "The Crucifixion," was rendered in the above church, by the St. Andrew's choir. The Rev. G. H. Clark said in opening the proceedings, that the work was being given entirely by their own choir, there being no paid vocalists whatever, so that the congregation would be able to judge of the choristers' abilities, who in selecting the above work had shown both pluck and enterprise. There was a large congregation. The composition opened with a recit for a tenor vocalist, which was taken by Mr. A. Smith, the conductor, and is followed by a bass solo, "The Agony," by Mr. A. Phillips, in both of which the beauty of the composition is indicated. Mr Fred Ellison then took the tenor solo in the chorus "Processional to Calvary," which was as a whole well maintained. In the next item, a recitative, Mr. R. Gill had plenty of scope for his fine deep bass voice, and this is followed by an appropriate hymn in which the congregation join. After another recit by Mr. Gill, "The majesty of the divine humiliation," a solo for the tenor vocalist, is sweetly given by Mr. F. Ellison, whose effort was greatly appreciated. A recitative by Mr. Jas Goldthorpe introduced a capital chorus, which piece was well harmonised, after which came the hymn "Litany of the passion." Mr. F. Ellison sang the next recit, the succeeding duett by Mr. Frank Sheldon and Mr. A. Phillips being ably rendered. The remaining individual pieces included recits for tenor and bass by Mr. Jas Goldthorpe and Mr. R. Gill, a similar item by Mr. Ellison and Mr. Gill, recit by Mr. Phillips, and tenor solo by Mr. Ellison. It is rather singular that in the work there are no treble or alto solos, the tenor and bass evidently finding most favour with the composer. The rendering of the musical items was a credit to the choir, and to Mr. A. Smith, the choirmaster, who in attempting such a difficult work must have felt some trepidation at the outset, but who could not but be well satisfied with the work of his forces on Sunday last. Mr. H. Roberts ably presided at the organ; a collection was taken in support of church expenses.

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ROTHWELL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the above Board was held on Friday last at Rothwell; present, Messrs. A. Batty (chairman), J. Elstob, J. Butterick, W. Lunn, B. Richardson, and Rev. J.A. Alderson, with the clerk (Mr. Marshall) and attendance officer (Mr. Denton).

The minutes of the various meetings having been read, were confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Technical Committee of the Mechanics' Institute having applied for the use of the double class-room for several Saturday afternoons, the Board agreed.

Letters from Mr. Nicholson and Mr. White were referred to the Management Committee.

An application from the women and girls in the Evening Classes for the free use of rooms, for a party, was granted, on the same terms as the teachers.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

In reference to a letter from Mr. Martin, as regards his salary, on which no resolution had been passed at last meeting, the Rev. J. A. Alderson gave notice, without committing himself to any financial responsibility, that he would introduce the question of the Head Master's salary at next meeting.

Applications having also been made by both the caretakers for further allowances, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Richardson and Mr. Lunn, that the subject be gone into next meeting.

WOOD LANE SCHOOL.

As per notice given a month ago, Mr. Butterick said he did not think there was any need to again go over the arguments in favour of the Board erecting a school in the neighbourhood of Wood Lane. The large population in this district called for school accommodation within a reasonable distance, and his object in introducing the question now, was so that the Board might at least endeavour to ascertain what suitable sites there are in this locality on which a school might be built.

Mr. Lunn had pleasure in seconding the motion, feeling that some consideration should be given to the 143 persons who had signed the petition recently presented to the Board, and also to put a stop to the long procession of little children tramping so long a distance in all weathers.

Rev. J. A. Alderson expressed his pleasure in heartily supporting the resolution.

Mr. Elstob said he had not much to add to what he had already said; and he had not yet heard anything to lead him to alter his opinion. He recalled what Mr. Alderson said at the first meeting of the Board, as to their each representing different classes of people; but he believed they were all there to look after the interests of the ratepayers. They had had a deputation, a deputation with sincere motives; but he would remark that although the gentleman who introduced the deputation said it was a non-political, non-religious question, the composition of the deputation included four nonconformists out of the five, and the fifth he could not place. He thought they might have included at least one churchman. He did not agree on the necessity for the Board to look out for a site. He would move as an amendment that the consideration of a school in Wood Lane be postponed for twelve months. When a school had to be placed there, he hoped the cost of it would not have to come out of the rates.

Mr. Richardson seconded.

The Chairman said he presumed he would not be charged with inconsistency, if he opposed Mr. Butterick's motion. Notwithstanding the arguments used, and the important deputation which had waited upon them he did not consider that the time was opportune. They should consider both sides of the question; they were just about building a new Infants' School at Rothwell; there was the cost of paving the streets at Stourton, and other expenses, and he was convinced that it would not be wise at present to undertake anything further.

Mr. Butterick here interposed an objection to Mr. Elstob's amendment, as being out of order, and contrary to the Board's Byelaws, (No. 8) "After any subject has been moved before a meeting of the Board and rejected, and the minutes affecting that question have been confirmed and any notice of recision voted upon at the next subsequent meeting, it shall not be competent to bring the same motion again before the Board for consideration until the expiration of three clear monthly meetings, after the meeting at which the same minute of rejection is confirmed. If any motion is re-introduced and rejected a second time, it shall not be introduced again until the expiration of six clear monthly meetings after the meeting at which the minute of rejection was confirmed." He would like to ask the Clerk, through the Chairman, what was his opinion.

The Clerk stated that in his opinion such an amendment did over-ride the bye-laws, and took away from a member the rights he obtained of introducing a rejected motion after six months had elapsed, and making the period twelve months instead; Mr. Elstob's amendment also attempted a greater advantage on his side (without giving notice) than Mr. Butterick's resolution gained by giving the necessary month's notice. He felt satisfied that the amendment was out of order.

After some further conversation, during which it was evident Mr. Butterick's resolution would be lost, Mr. Elstob agreed to withdraw his amendment on the suggestion of the Chairman; and on the resolution to ask for sites in Wood Lane district being put, Messrs. Butterick, Lunn, and Alderson, voted in favour, and Messrs. Elstob, Richardson, and the Chairman against, the chairman giving his casting vote against.

The question cannot therefore be again introduced for over six months.

FINANCIAL.

It was agreed that the advanced salaries of the Clerk and Attendance Officer commence from March 17th.

On the motion of the Rev. J. A. Alderson, seconded by Mr. Richardson, it was agreed to sign cheques for the following amounts:—

	£	s.	d.
Rothwell Haigh salaries	72	14	0
Rothwell school salaries	76	4	10
Rothwell Gas Light Company	8	14	6
S. T. Woodhouse	1	11	6
Barraclough and Co.	0	10	6
A. Marshall, salary	9	6	0
W. Denton, ,,	6	7	6

The Treasurer reported having received £315 15s since last meeting. The balance now in hand is £359 14s 2d.

EXEMPTION AGE.

Mr. Lunn drew attention to the proposal now before Parliament and moved, "That we ask the Government to give facilities this session for the discussion, and, if possible carrying into law, of the bill introduced by Mr. Robson on March 1st., for the raising of the age from 11 to 12 at which children should leave school." Copies to be sent to the Prime Minister, Sir John Gorst, Mr Robson, Q.C., and Mr. Pickard, M.P.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following tradespeople were appointed:—draper, Mrs. Tuley; builders, Mr. W. Chapman and Mr. W. Sewell; joiners, Mr. F. Copley and Mr. H. Lockwood; grocers Miss Halliday and Mr. Spencer; plumbers Mr. Wilson and Mr. Parker; stationer, Mr. Ineson; printer, Mr. Harrison.

The various wants were ordered to be supplied.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The usual meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Banks presided, and there were present Mrs. Dickinson, Mrs. Woodcock, Rev. A. J. Lewis, Father Dillon, Dr. Hawkyard, Messrs. Butterick, Robb, Hirst, Houghton, Knight, Seddon, Edwards, Fryer, Charlesworth, with the clerk (Mr. Mee).

Miss C. C. Turner, who had at one time been a probationer at the Leeds Union Infirmary, was appointed superintendent nurse at the Workhouse Infirmary. There were three applications for the post of relief foster mother at the Children's Homes, namely:—Miss Annie Wilson, 33, Leeds; Mrs. A. W. Curtis, 30. Leeds; and Miss Jane Pedley, 27, The Cottages, Menston Hall. After the applicants had been before the Board, Mr. Butterick proposed Miss Wilson, seconded by Mr. Houghton; Mr. Charlesworth proposed Mrs. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Robb; and Mr. Fryer, proposed Miss Pedley; Mr. Knight, who came in late, seconded, remarking that although he had not seen the lady he believed in what Mr. Fryer said (great laughter.) On a vote being taken, Mrs. Curtis was declared elected.

In the course of the discussion, Mr. Fryer criticised the regulations which the superintendent nurse would be required to observe. They were, he said, the most ridiculous things he knew; they were requiring the nurse to give four or five hours in writing. She would require a clerk to attend to those duties.

Mr. Butterick: Does he mean a male or female clerk (laughter).

Subsequently Mr. Fryer returned to the subject, and said that the rules were a disgrace to the Board.

The Clerk submitted the half-yearly estimate, a total of £8435 10s 2d., for which the call on Rothwell was £1703 16s 1d, and on Oulton-with-Woodlesford £663 3s 6d. Mr. Hirst, in moving the adoption of the minutes of the Finance Committee, said the apportionments were a little less than last half-year.

From the minutes of the Sites and Building Committee, it appeared that the Leeds Corporation had purchased from the Board land near Hunslet Moor for £4,000 for depot purposes, and it was stated that an effort would be made to secure the sanction of the Local Government for applying this money to providing electric lighting at the new workhouse, and for other matters in connection therewith.

A deputation was appointed to wait upon the Local Government Board, to discuss various questions in connection with the new Workhouse.

It was decided to borrow £2,000 from the Public Works Loan Commissioners at 2¾ per cent for alterations to the offices in Glasshouse Street.

A petition forwarded by the Land Law Reform Association in favour of the rating of ground values was adopted.

It appeared that at a meeting of the Workhouse Visiting Committee the Ladies' Committee reported that the complaint as to the allowance of dry tea and sugar emanated from the workhouse; that some of the Infirmary inmates complained of the bread being rather heavy. It appeared that Sarah Crockett is allowed Benger's food, etc., and the bread and butter was placed by her side in mistake. It is proposed by Mr. Hirst that the Clerk inform the Ladies' Committee the Guardians have been round and made individual inquires, but cannot find any ground for the complaint as to allowance of dry tea and sugar. Seconded by Father Dillon, and carried unanimously. It is proposed by Mrs. Woodcock that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Ladies' Committee pointing out that they have no authority to take visitors round the House without permission; and that it be left to the matron to instruct the cook as to visitors going into the kitchen. Seconded by Mrs. Dickinson, and carried nem con.—These minutes were adopted without discussion.

The vagrants relieved were:—men 201, women, 16. children 0, total, 217; compared with in 1898, men 246, women 18, children 3, total 267.

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ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE HALL.

There was a large attendance at the Rothwell Temperance Hall, on Sunday night last, to hear the service of song given by the Society's choir. The composition was entitled "The lost purse," was well rendered, and illustrated by magic lantern views thrown on the sheet by Mr. Wright Stead. Mr. T. Blackburn was the conductor, Mr. Sidney Bedford accompanist, and Miss Sidebottom reader. A collection was taken on behalf of the society's expenses.

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EASTER.

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LECTURE ON WILLIAM DAWSON.

The body of the Rothwell Wesleyan chapel was filled on Wednesday night last, to listen to a lecture given by Moses Atkinson, Esq. of Leeds, on "William Dawson, the Yorkshire Farmer and popular preacher."

The Rev. J. B. Maltby conducted the opening of the meeting, and called upon Mr. Jas. Hargreaves to preside.

Mr Hargreaves, in a short speech extended a hearty welcome to the lecturer, on behalf of the Rothwell people, who fully appreciated Mr. Atkinson's efforts both on the platform and in the pulpit, and would very much like that his visits were more frequent. He had pleasure in calling upon him to deliver his popular lecture.

Mr. Atkinson, referring to the subject of his lecture, said that William Dawson, or 'Billy' Dawson as he was familiarly called, but which name he and his parents very much resented, was born at Garforth; the early years of the famous preacher were closely associated with farm and colliery work, under the Gascoignes, of Parlington Park, Dawson's father renting one of their farms in the parish of Barwick-in-Elmet. As a youth Dawson was closely associated with and strongly attached to the Church of England, in connection with which he made his first attempts at preaching. He afterwards became acquainted with young men of the Methodist Society, and eventually became a Methodist in spite of education, early training, and parental influences. At the colliery, and in the cottages of the peasantry of the district, he used to preach and hold services; he was possessed of wonderful humour, and unequalled dramatic power, and his services became a great attraction. In connection with the building of Barwick chapel, which has done good service for Methodism for 100 years, he acted as architect and clerk of works, and was the principal worker in the collection of the necessary funds. After being accepted by the Wesleyan ministry he attained great popularity, preaching to congregations of thousands of people, some of whom would walk forty miles to hear a sermon. Many remarkable instances connected with Mr. Dawson's preaching were given, showing the power of his sermons, the conviction carried to the hearts of many of his hearers, the enthusiasm he aroused, and the reformation effected in the lives and characters of his hearers. In connection with his appointment as agent of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, he did valuable work, and travelled many hundreds of miles by stage coach in the execution of the duties thereby involved. He was in great request for the opening of chapels, and took part in the opening ceremony of Brunswick chapel, Leeds, in 1825, and many other local places of worship, besides others in far distant counties. It was whilst on a journey to Colne, in Lancashire, that he was taken by sudden illness, the seizure proving fatal shortly afterwards. There were remarkable scenes at his funeral, the presence of the thousands of people who lined the streets, as his body was conveyed from Leeds to the scenes of his early life, being but a faint testimony of the love and respect of a stricken people. The old and ill-conditioned chapel at Barwick, Mr. Atkinson said, is shortly to be replaced by a new chapel in the gothic style of architecture, as a memorial to the popular and powerful preacher, the stone-laying ceremony for which is to take place this Easter, so that though late, the village in which Dawson's early life was spent will have a fitting memorial to one of her most able sons.

The lecturer was frequently applauded; he aroused the emotions of his hearers by his graphic and feeling descriptions of scenes from the great preacher's life, and traced his history as only one deeply interested in his subject can do.

At the close of the lecture a collection was taken on behalf of circuit expenses, and a vote of thanks accorded the lecturer and chairman, on the motion of Mr. Lygo and Mr. Marshall.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A.

A good attendance was present at the above service on Sunday afternoon last, presided over by Mr. Bell. Miss Annie Hodgkinson rendered two solos, "The golden pathway" and "Dream of Paradise," both being much appreciated. Mr. Lees, of Normanton, was the speaker, and took for his subject "Little big men," from which he gave a very instructive address. After dealing with men who appeared big but were really little, he went on to eulogise the possibilities of usefulness open to those who thought themselves useless, little, and insignificant, and showed that they could do a great deal in a quiet way that would perhaps be more lasting than some more open and conspicuous labour in the cause of the Master, Jesus Christ. In conclusion, he urged all to use their talents, even though they could only work in an obscure sphere, for they could not tell how much good they were able to do by their everyday actions. The speaker and soloist were heartily thanked for their services at the close.

FOR BOYS AND MEN.—A very able booklet of inestimable value to those who would be Manly Boys and Noble Men, should be in the hands of all Men and Boys. 3d. post free, from F. C. Richardson, 9, Gt. Russell St., London W.C.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

In the absence of Mr. W. Denton, Mr. A. J. Goldthorpe gave an instructive and well-written essay on "Success." There was a good attendance and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the essayist.

OLD FALSE TEETH BOUGHT.
Many ladies and gentlemen have by them old or disused false teeth, which might as well be turned into money. Messrs. R. D. & J. B. Fraser, of Princes Street, Ipswich, (established since 1833), buy old false teeth. If you send your teeth to them they will remit you by return post the utmost value; or, if preferred, they will make you the best offer, and hold the teeth over for your reply. If reference necessary, apply to Messrs Bacon & Co., Bankers, Ipswich.

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.]

Will you allow me as a reader of your newspaper, a short space in the "Letter Box" to refer to—and pass a few comments upon—some short paragraphs which appeared in last week's issue, under the head line "Heard in the streets."

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One of the offending pars I take home and is personal to myself, which runs as follows:—"Already one wife has fetched her husband away from the billiard table." Yes! that is quite true; but she did not drag me through the streets by the hair of the head to be jeered at by your street loafer. And I was not wanted at home because the "Bums" were in possession. Nothing of the sort It was downright wicked of you to allow your man at the street corner to lead your readers to suppose anything of the sort.

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The fact is my Aunt Selina, now over eighty, from whom I have considerable expectations, had sent for me, not through the post, but post haste, which is quite a different thing altogether. She was very ill, having caught the influenza, and wanted to see me. When the messenger arrived on a Motor Car, what more natural than for my wife to seek me up, and after finding me just in the act of chalking, to find me quite a different and a much more important cue—get me home and pack me off as quickly as possible.

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And again, to quote from "Heard in the streets" why should "Other players be careful lest they have like experience." They are not likely to have Aunt Selinas falling ill, and commanding their favourite nephews to hurry to their bedside to see the "last will and testament" properly signed, sealed, and delivered, their "Dot" secured by the document in bold letters of faultless caligraphy.

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But what in the name of Paul Pry has your man in the street to do with it at all, at all. Again the street man says "That one amateur was advised to chalk his boots." The said amateur responds by advising your street loafer to wipe his nose.

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"That certain breaks have been in evidence." Yes! and more will come along; amongst the number, he of the street with a broken head.

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The Rothwell Billiard table is semi-private, the same as at a club, for the use of the Institute. The name of Paul Pry is not on the register of membership, and if it were it would be caddish to tattle in a newspaper of legitimate private play by amateurs, in an hour of leisure during the daytime.

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The committee of the Mechanics' Institute have worked disinterestedly to provide a place of meeting and entertainment for its members, and have succeeded admirably. The bold innovation of a billiard board bids fair to prove a conspicuous success. I sincerely hope that local Paul Pry masquerading in the uncouth, shabby character of the mannikin of the street, in his endeavour to ridicule the play and the players on the green cloth, will receive instead of applause vigorous "kicks"

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Well, now, having done with the ridiculous impertinent loafer of the street—let me advise the respectable miner, the artisan, the tradesman, the man of leisure, the shy philosopher, to spend an hour occasionally during the day time at the Mechanics' billiard room. Here he may sit and watch the skill at play, talk, laugh and make merry over the points gained or lost by the players, and himself take a hand at the game. The exercise will aid digestion, clear the brain of mental cobwebs, and help him to realise that "all work and no play, made John a dull boy."

WESLEYAN QUARTERLY MEETING.

The quarterly gathering of the principal officials in the Rothwell Circuit was held on Wednesday evening, after partaking of an excellent meat tea.

The Rev. J. B. Maltby presided, and there were present the Rev. J. T. Tyreman (Normanton), Mr. J. R. Seanor, J.P., and Mr. McAdoo (circuit stewards) and about 35 other ladies and gentlemen.

After the minutes had been read and signed, the chairman pleasantly congratulated Mr. John Walker, of Oulton, on the long term of 61 years which he had completed in the service of God and of Methodism. Mr. Maltby stated that there are 513 members, with 29 on trial, and 86 young people in junior classes. This is an increase on last quarter.

The stewards presented their accounts, from which it appeared that the income had been somewhat larger than the expenditure, and it is hoped this will shortly right itself. The stewards anticipate being able to attend the Synod, and Mr. Marland was elected as special representative, with them.

As the two ministers at present in this circuit will be leaving next August, very hearty invitations were accorded to the Rev. S. Arnold, of Loughborough, and the Rev. W. Salisbury, of Grantham, to come to this circuit after Conference; and these ministers have provisionally accepted the call; both are very highly spoken of. On the nomination of the Chairman, one of our young men, Mr. Adam J. Goldthorpe, was very heartily accepted by the meeting, as a suitable candidate for the Wesleyan ministry, and to be so recommended to the May Synod.

The meeting unanimously agreed to the spending of £1100 in the alteration and extension of the Sunday School premises at Rothwell, and it is now anticipated that the work will be at once pushed on. Arrangements were also made for reducing the debt on the Normanton house.

Mr. Stephenson, secretary Twentieth Century Fund, reported that the total number of promises towards this scheme, is just on 400 guineas. As local meetings have to be held yet in every place in the circuit, the total subscriptions will far surpass the 500 guineas promised at the District meeting.

A very hopeful tone pervaded the entire proceedings.

LOFTHOUSE-WITH-CARLTON SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Board was held at Robin Hood Board School on Wednesday evening last. The members present were:—Messrs. G. Armitage (chairman), J. Horner, W. Ridyard, J. Dobson, and Rev. G. H. Scott, with the clerk (Mr. Lee).

The minutes of the last meeting and a special meeting were read, and approved on the motion of Messrs Scott and Horner.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Clerk reported that he had received the following letter from the Rothwell School Board:—

Mr. J. H. Lee, 4th March, 1899.
Lofthouse-with-Carlton School Board.
Dear Sir,
I am in receipt of your reply to my letter of 26th January, and note your remarks—that you have plenty of room—although I also observe you are just about enlarging. However there are several children from your district, who are on our books, but who attend very badly. As you are aware we have no jurisdiction over them, and we strongly urge you to direct your Attendance Officer and your Board to this matter.
Yours truly,
A. MARSHALL.

ACCOUNTS.

On the proposition of Mr Dobson and Mr. Scott, the following accounts were approved and passed for payment:—

	£	s.	d.
Robin Hood salaries	35	0	2
Carlton ,,	36	9	2
Clerk	7	10	0
D Bell	1	13	4
F. Grimshaw, on account of Evening School	8	0	0
Rates	7	1	0

APPLICATION FOR ADVANCE.

Mr. Bell, the attendance officer, sent a letter making an application for an advance of salary, seeing that his area had increased by the new houses at Thorpe.

Mr. Scott: Is £20 sufficient remuneration for the work done by the Attendance Officer. If a man does his work properly he should be paid accordingly.

After a long conversation it was decided that the Clerk write to various Boards asking for several particulars, and that the application be adjourned till next meeting.

RESIGNATION.

Miss Burley sent in her resignation as assistant teacher at Carlton School, as she had a similiar appointment offered by the Woodlesford School Board at £50 per annum.

Mr. Scott proposed and Mr. Horner seconded, that her resignation be accepted.

Mr. Dobson proposed that a pupil teacher be appointed instead of an assistant, which was seconded by Mr. Armitage.

Mr. Scott as an amendment proposed that an assistant teacher be advertised for to fill the vacancy; seconded by Mr. Horner.

Mr. Ridyard asked if there was any means of working the two schools, by changing some teachers out of the Robin Hood School into the Carlton School.

It was decided to ask the advice of the head teachers on the question, who had an interview with the Board.

On the propositions being put to the meeting, Messrs. Scott and Horner voted for the amendment, and Messrs. Dobson and Armitage for the resolution; Mr. Ridyard being neutral The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the resolution.

Mr. Horner: I do not think much of a man who does not vote either way, because he was afraid of offending either party.

Mr. Ridyard strongly objected to Mr. Horner's insinuations, as he was quite as capable of carrying out the business of the Board as Mr. Horner, and he thought he was competent to use his discretionary powers, as he considered the case could be met by taking a teacher out of the Robin Hood School into the Carlton School.

HOLIDAYS.

Mr. Dobson proposed that the usual Easter holidays be granted, seconded by Mr. Scott; the schools to break up on Thursday next.

REQUIREMENTS.

The usual school requirements were sanctioned.

Mr. Dews, made an application for a new ladder, as the old one which had been in use nearly 20 years, was not quite safe. It was agreed that one be purchased from Mr. Wrigley.

TREAT TO THE AGED INMATES OF THE HUNSLET WORKHOUSE.

On Saturday last, a tea and entertainment were given to the old women of the Hunslet workhouse, in the Board School, Stourton. A splendid tea was provided, the tables being beautifully and artistically arranged with plants and flowers. The trays were presided over by Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. Mosley, and Miss Roberts, (assistant matron); assistance was given at the tables by Mrs Dickinson, Mrs. Beardshall, Mrs. Tempest, Mrs. A. Dickinson, and Mrs. Leathley.

After tea, the old people adjourned to the Central Hall, where the evening's entertainment was to be held; during the interval between tea and entertainment, the old people joined in games, dancing, &c., which they thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. Beardshall, of Bradford, gave a short but interesting address. The concert commenced at 7 o'clock, when Mr. James Hargreaves (Guardian), occupied the chair. The following artistes gave their services—Mr. G. Smith, accompanist; song, "Maid of the Mill" Mrs. Beardshall; "Kerry Dance" Mrs. Smith; duet, "O mayest thou dream of Me," Miss Smith and Mrs. Keveley; concertina solo, duet (concertina and piano) Mr. D. Ellis; song, "The stammering sweetheart" Mr. Albert Butterfield; song, "Needles and Pins" Mrs. Alderson; recitation (in character dress) "Ninety and Three" Mrs. Dickenson; duet, "A.B.C." Mrs Smith and Mr. Albert Butterfield; song, "In the sweet May time," Miss Jessie Seanor; song, "Queen of the earth," Mr. Albert Butterfield; duet, Miss Isabelle Seanor, and Miss Jessie Seanor; song, "May Morn," Miss Isabelle Seanor; Mr. S. Yates kindly gave each old lady present a small sum of money, which was received with many thanks.

Votes of thanks were given to Mrs. Dickenson, (Guardian) the promoter of the tea and entertainment, and all those who so willingly assisted her in her noble endeavour, of trying to bring a little sunshine into the lives of these poor children of circumstance; her efforts were crowned with success, and long may she live to carry on her noble work.

One of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent by those present was brought to a close by a song from our talented local vocalist, Miss Jessie Seanor, who won the hearts of all present by her closing song, "On the Bonny, Bonny banks of Loch Lomond."

The following ladies and gentlemen who had been invited to meet the old people, were present:—Mr., Mrs. and Miss L. Hargreaves, Mrs. Alderson, Mr. and Mrs. Robb, Mr. John Seddon, Mr. and Mrs. S. Seanor, Miss Isobel and Miss Jessie Seanor, Mrs. Fatkin, Mrs. T. Stainer, Mr. and Mrs. Beardshall, Mrs. Tempest, Mrs. Rowley, Mrs. Firth (matron of the workhouse), Mrs. Roberts (assistant matron), who accompanied the old people. Mr. Firth (master of the workhouse), came in towards the close of the evening, and was most heartily greeted by the old people on his entrance into the room.

HEARD IN THE STREETS.

CONTRIBUTED.

THAT the effluvia arising from defective drainage in various parts of the district is becoming a serious matter.

THAT the Sanitary Inspector must be supplied with the most sensitive 'smeller' that money can buy, or else use his own olfactory powers.

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THAT the genial face and rotund corporation of our ex-Sergeant has 'moved on' to our big sister city.

THAT the Sergeant has become an 'orderly.'

THAT the 'orderly' business consists of 'chucking out' certain objectionable characters at a well-known establishment.

THAT he will let 'em know he's there.

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THAT our new Sergeant threatens to stop the bran tub business at Bazaars.

THAT he will have a tough job, if he does.

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THAT one player recently tried to shop the red, and swallow the cue,

THAT he failed in the attempt.

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THAT another player displayed his vigour by making the biggest 'break' on record, smashing the 'rest,' the window nearly ditto, demolishing his 'gun,' and sending his gig lamps out of their jurisdiction.

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THAT Mr. Sunderland does not cut hair any longer; perhaps Mr. Blakeley does.

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THAT some of our leading lights were parading the streets on Sunday afternoon, with cameras.

THAT their business was the photographing of wooden buildings.

THAT such a bare-faced desecration of the Sabbath is disgusting, and unworthy of those who are supposed to be everything that is good, and noble, and wise.

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THAT C. Ward & Sons have again succeeded in obtaining the contract (in competition) for supplying the Children's Homes for the next six months with tea. They are also the happy possessors of the order for providing six months' groceries to that institution.

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THAT the proprietors of the "Beehive" (S. Batty's) Drapery Establishment are the successful tenders for supplying clothing and drapery for the Children's Homes at Rothwell Haigh; and also for providing and laying linoleum for the billiard and other rooms at the Mechanics' Institute.

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THAT although no serious conflict arose between the Clerk to the School Board and Mr. Lunn on their journey to Bradford last Saturday, there was at least one *Batt* between them.

WEST RIDING ASSIZES.

HARGREAVES v. DEPLEDGE.

The fact that the above case was pending appears to have been little known here, and the account of the trial as reported in Wednesday's evening papers, no doubt came as a surprise to most of our readers. Probably the best explanation of this is, that the two principal persons concerned had had business and private transactions for some years, which had continued in an agreeable manner, and it was only the natural desire to preserve these relations that has sustained the hope that the questions in dispute might be amicably and honourably settled without coming into court. The case was tried, however, on Wednesday, before Mr Justice Ridley, Mr. Tindal Atkinson, Q.C., and Mr. Longstaffe, being counsel for Mr. Wm. Hargreaves, of Rothwell Haigh, and Mr. J Lawson Walton, Q C., and Mr. Compston for Mr. W. Depledge, timber merchant, of Stanley, from whom Mr. Hargreaves sought to recover various sums paid on account of Shares to be obtained for him in Australian Gold Mines, and amounted in the aggregate to nearly £4,000.

In opening the case, Mr. Atkinson said that one of the actions was to recover £625 which plaintiff paid for shares which he never got from the defendant, and the other action had reference to transactions in connection with five or six gold mines in which the plaintiff had been induced to take shares by the fraudulent misrepresentations of the defendant. In consequence of all these transactions the plaintiff had lost something approaching £4,000. The plaintiff knew very little about the mysteries of the Stock Exchange, or as to how matters were manipulated by promoters of companies. The defendant, though a timber merchant, apparently did not attend so much to his timber trade as he did to the promotion of companies. He was very largely concerned, with other people, in floating gold mines, many of them supposed to be in Australia. He first of all established confidence between himself and plaintiff by introducing him to some shares in the well-known Great Boulder Gold Mines, and in 1894 the plaintiff took shares in that mine. The shares, for which the £625 was paid, and which he never got, were in the Lefroy Gold Mines (Limited), Western Australia. This Company was registered on 18th. May, 1896. The vendor was Mr. G. P. Doolette. The prospectus was dated June 1st., 1896, and invited subscriptions for 20,000 shares of £1 each. The vendor took a very large proportion of the purchase-money in fully paid-up shares, and a comparatively small amount in cash. The defendant, for every one of these vendor's shares he got rid of he obtained a bonus share. This arrangement was entered into between Doolette and the defendant, and it was therefore the defendant's interest to get rid of as many as possible. The Lefroy Company was introduced to the plaintiff in June, 1896, at the Conservative Club. The defendant represented to the plaintiff that it was an exceedingly good company, and added that he was going to buy a large number of shares himself, and that they could not be obtained for less than 25s a share. Upon these statements the plaintiff agreed to take 500 shares. On June 11th, plaintiff sent a letter and a cheque for £625, dated June 12th. In his affidavit the defendant professed not to have known of plaintiff's application at the time he (defendant) made his arrangement with Doolette to obtain bonus shares for the vendor's shares he disposed of, and that after he ascertained that the Company was "no good," he did not apply for scrip, and had informed the plaintiff of this. The plaintiff, however, denied the truth of this statement. Having paid his money for the shares, he was constantly pressing the defendant for his certificate. He did not get it, however, and on January 4th., 1898, he wrote a letter to the defendant asking for it, and again on June 23rd., 1898. In reply to the first of these letters the defendant wrote, "As regards the Lefroy Gold Mining Company, I have not got this (the certificate) myself yet, but immediately I do you will get yours at the same time." In answer to the second letter, defendant wrote on June 24th., "In regard to Lefroy no certificates have been issued, as the company has gone into liquidation." It went into liquidation on May 26th., 1898. The liquidator, on being written to, said he knew nothing of the plaintiff. Since the liquidation the defendant said in his affidavit that he was then ready and willing to hand over to the plaintiff the transfer of the shares.

As regards the series of gold-mining transactions, in which it was alleged Mr. Depledge had fraudulently misrepresented the facts, and thereby induced Mr. Hargreaves to entrust him with money for the purchase of shares in such companies, it may be sufficient here to say that the Plaintiff got no dividend and in some cases, not even a certificate.

Mr. Hargreaves was then examined, and bore out these facts. Mr. Walter Hargreaves gave evidence in support of some of these statements at which he was present, and Mr. G. F. Ford, a member of the London Stock Exchange, said that none of the Companies, in which Plaintiff had lost money, were quoted on the list, and some of them he had never heard of.

After cross-examining the various witnesses, Mr. Walton addressed the jury on behalf of Mr. Depledge, stating that he could not conceive a more improbable course of conduct than that attributed to his client. It was incredible that the defendant should risk his friendship with the plaintiff, his business connection and his reputation by fraudulent transactions such as those which had been alleged against him. The companies were floated by the same people as had floated the great Boulder, and were in the same region as the successful company. The plaintiff had two successful investments out of the eight, and because the defendant had not insured for him success in all the eight he was now being charged with fraud.

On re-assembling on Thursday morning, it transpired that a consultation had been held between the parties, and after some strong remarks by the Judge on defendant's conduct, a juror was withdrawn, and the case is being settled out of Court.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

ROTHWELL WHITE ROSE V. OSSETT.

An ordinary fixture between the above clubs was witnessed on the Royds Lane enclosure on Saturday afternoon last. Rothwell won the toss and Ossett kicked off against a strong breeze and defended the town goal. Ossett were the first to assume the aggressive, and gained a corner, which, however, was ruled against them. Illingworth took the ball up the field, and from a pass by Wright, Dacre headed through. Rothwell still held the advantage, until the visitors gained a footing in the home half, when they were awarded a penalty for tripping, Thornton making a wretched attempt with the place kick. Callaghan had the goal at his mercy, but his shot went wide. Cripps was soon after called upon to clear his lines, which he did in a smart manner. Rothwell then took the ball to the other end of the field, and had a corner, which Wright kicked behind. Rothwell restarted after the usual interval, Wright kicking over from a pass by Illingworth. Ossett came up the field grandly, and the final shot was cleared by Cripps, at the expense of a corner, which on being taken, was fruitless. Rothwell attacked strongly, and the visitors defended well until the homesters were awarded a penalty for tripping from which Bridges planted nicely into the net. Ossett again found the homesters plenty of work, but could not penetrate the strong defence. The homesters taking the ball the length of the field, Wright scored the third goal after a good run. Rothwell again became dangerous, when Illingworth scored the fourth goal after a grand effort. Ossett now attacked, and Cripps running out of goal they had a clear course at their mercy; Berry, however, averted danger by kicking over his own line Ossett had two or three corners which were made bad use of, they however sent in a splendid shot and Cripps just tipped over the bar. Rothwell returning play into the visitors' quarters, Illingworth sent in a stinging shot which the custodian cleared with difficulty. Ossett again pressed, Cripps clearing at the expense of a corner. Time was eventually called with Rothwell the winners after a grand game by 4 goals to *nil*. Rothwell are to be complimented on the excellent game which they played, it being one of the best witnessed for a long time. Both sides were handicapped by having two or three good players away.

OULTON ST. JOHN'S v. LEEDS ROSEVILLE.

WEST YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.

On the Oulton Green enclosure, in fine though cold weather, this fixture was decided, on Saturday last, before a moderate attendance. The home team played up-hill first half against the breeze. After a few minutes even play, the home forwards made a rush, and took play well into the visitors' half, and Murtland taking a nice pass easily beat the Roseville custodian, putting the ball into the corner of the net. After this reverse, the Leeds men mended their lazy play and wakened up to an attack which was repulsed by the home forwards Bradley and Inman kicking well. They again came down the field, with a rush, and Gregson getting possession beat Higgins, in goal, with a slow sure shot. This equalised the score, and both teams settled down to some hard work, each attacking in turn. Hostilities were taken up to the Roseville goal whose full back momentarily relieved, but Bradley, who was playing well up, quick-returned the ball and E. Higgins put through, but the referee ruled the play off-side. Oulton were afterwards awarded a penalty kick, which was entrusted to Raybold, who easily found the net. Half-time was shortly afterwards called, with the score Oulton 2 goals, Leeds Roseville 1 goal. Playing downhill the home team made matters lively for the visitors, but several dangerous shots were successfully neutralised by the full-backs and goal man. A nice opening presented itself to Murtland but was let slip and the pressure relieved. The visitors attacked in turn and were several times within inches of scoring. The second half, however, produced no further points and the game ended in a close victory for Oulton who scored two goals to one goal.

RUGBY.

CHALLENGE CUP.—FIRST ROUND.

BROUGHTON RANGERS V. ROTHWELL.

At Wheater's Field. There would probably be 2,000 present. Evan James was the first to show up, with a smart pass to Jackson, but the latter was tackled smartly. The left winger, however, made amends a minute later by taking a pass from Nelson and racing over behind the posts, Nelson converting. Smart and Morrell pressed back the Rangers, but offside lost the Tykes a lot of ground. Quick passing by the James's opened out the game, and after Nelson and Barrett had handled the leather, Danson ran over at the corner, no goal accruing. The short and sharp passing of the Rangers' half-backs bewildered the Rothwell team, and Danson getting hold near the centre flag ran behind the visitors' posts, Nelson converting. Danson was again to the fore, and again ran behind the posts, Nelson adding the additional two points. Nelson was the next to score, and again the goal was kicked. At this period there would be 3,000 present, the majority of whom looked upon the match as a joke, and Danson ran in his fourth try. A kick from an opponent fell into the hands of Jackson, who from his own 25 outpaced his pursuers and placed the ball behind the posts. Nelson again doing the needful. At half-time the Rangers were leading by five goals and seven tries (31 points) to nothing. On change of ends the visitors showed a bold front, and had hard lines in not scoring, Blacklock forcing the leather dead. The Tykes kept up the pressure, and Kelly, with a dashing run, scored for Rothwell, Morrell only missing the goal by inches. Hemsworth next scored a try for the visitors, the same player converting. Nelson placed a goal from a catch by Jackson. Then Thompson scored a try, and Nelson placed another goal. Jackson was the next to cross, running from his own 25, Nelson converting. Still keeping up the pressure, David James was the next to score for the Rangers. Hereabouts Barrett left the field injured and took no further part in the game. Jackson was the next to score, and Nelson landed his ninth goal. Suckney was the next to cross, and then Jackson ran in his fifth try, and Nelson landed his tenth goal. The result was Broughton Rangers 10 goals 13 tries (59 points) to Rothwell 1 goal 2 tries (8 points.)

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THE BATH PROPRIETOR'S LITTLE DODGE.

Perlet, the French actor, was extraordinarily thin. At last he became such a skeleton that he consulted a physician, who recommended him to try some baths in the Pyrenees.

Having obtained leave of absence from his manager, he betook himself to the mineral springs, where he bathed unremittingly, but all in vain; he did not increase in size. "Patience," urged the doctor, "there is nothing like our baths for making people fat."

One day, as Perlet was waiting philosophically, in his bath for an *embonpoint* which never came, he heard a conversation in the next room, from which his own was divided by only a thin partition, and which was occupied by an enormous woman, fat as the Hottentot Venus.

"Doctor," said she, "I am getting tired of this."

"Why?" asked the Æsculapius.

"I have been here two months."

"Well?"

"Well, I am as enormous as I was when I came."

"A little patience, madame," urged the doctor; "there is nothing like our baths for making people thin."

Perlet, hearing these words, sprang out of his bath, dressed, rushed home to his hotel, ordered his bill, and left for Paris by the next train.

REVENGE FOR A GOOD DEED.

The first wounded man I attended to was an Egyptian, whose moans were piteous, and on examination I found him severely wounded, writes Sergeant Palmer.

I poured some eau de cologne down his throat and used my own surgical bandage to bind up his wound so as to keep the flies from it.

Then I lit a cigarette, put it in his mouth, placed more beside him, and gave him a drink of water.

He kissed my hand and muttered something about "Allah."

I had not left him far when I heard the crack of a rifle and a bullet whizzed by my ear. Looking round, I saw the smoke of the shot drifting away from where my wounded man lay, and noticed that he was quietly taking aim at me again.

He had time to fire a second shot, which also missed me, before I reached him, and I had no compunction in driving the life out of him with my bayonet, remarking to myself as I took the weapon out of him for the last time.

"You won't come that game any more, you ungrateful brute!"

Many such instances of this treacherous hate occurred.

I myself had to wipe out four more wounded Egyptians whom I caught in the act of firing at our men after they had passed.

To run the bayonet into a man who is down one feels to be hardly the thing, and it was done reluctantly, but in such cases as I have described it was a clear act of compulsory duty.

ANTI-SNOBS.

A young Englishman staying at Fontainbleu in the time of Napoleon III. chanced to fall in with the Royal party while hunting in the forest, and made a pleasant impression upon the Emperor, who invited him to dinner.

The young man longed to accept so signal an honour, but he had previously made an engagement to be with some old ladies at Geneva on the appointed day.

Doubtless they would have gladly released him from his engagement under the plea of dining with an Emperor, but he did not ask that grace. The emperor received his excuse, and the old ladies his presence.

A modest but exceedingly punctilious gentleman, an English clergyman, one afternoon took tea with the poet Tennyson, who, as his guest was about to leave, invited him to take a walk. Much as he desired further conversation with his host, he was obliged to excuse himself and hasten away to meet one of his humblest parishioners.

"I should have been greatly pleased to go with him," he said afterwards, but, you see, I had promised old Thompson to take a walk with him, and of course he came first."

"Why should you thank a servant?" asked a father who was fond of the Socratic method of teaching, and loved to question his little son until the lad reached wise conclusions by his own wit. "They are paid for what they do. Do you owe them anything but money?"

"I owe them money," said the lad somewhat perplexed in expressing what he really felt, "and I thank them because—because I owe it to myself to be polite."

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COMING EVENTS REGISTER.

The proprietors of this journal propose opening a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

Apr. 3, 4 & 5—Public Luncheon and Grand National Bazaar in Board Schools for Primitive Methodist Trust Funds.
April 13 & 14—Rothwell Mechanics Institute. Re-opening Ceremonies. Receptions & Dances
Apr. 19th—Rothwell Mechanics' Institute—Amateur Theatrical Performance.
April 29, 1899—Woodlesford Jumble Sale
May 24 & 25, 1899—Woodlesford Board Schools, Bazaar in aid of the Parish Room Fund.

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Friday, March 31, 1899.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION.

The annual election of Councillors for the Rothwell District, took place on Saturday last, there being contests in only two of the five wards. These contests took place in the South and Stourton Wards, Mr. John W. Bulmer, waggonette proprietor (retiring member), and Mr. Abraham Barraclough, market gardener, being the candidates in the South, and Mr. Tom Chapman, coal miner, (retiring member), and Mr. Henry Nichols, market gardener, being the candidates in the Stourton Ward. Mr. John Abbishaw for the North Ward, Mr. Peter Gill Milner for the Lofthouse and Thorpe Ward, and Mr. George Armitage, for Carlton Ward, all retiring members, were returned without opposition. The voting at Rothwell took place at the District Council Office, Mr. Perkins, the deputy returning officer, being the presiding officer, with Mr. Wilkinson, as clerk. At Stourton, the votes were recorded at the Board School, Mr. Dyson being the presiding officer, with Mr. B. R. Jones, as clerk. At eight o'clock in the evening, the polls were closed, and the votes counted at the Offices, Rothwell, in the presence of the several candidates and their respective supporters. The result for the South Ward was soon ascertained, the record being:—

Bulmer, J. W. ... 221
Barraclough, A. ... 170

Mr. Bulmer as is generally well known represents the I. L. P. interests, whilst his opponent, Mr. Barraclough, was brought out by a body of ratepayers of no particular political colour, but who were very desirous of in some way defeating the I.L.P. candidate. In this object they failed by a large majority, and another time will require a far stronger candidate, if their object is to be achieved.

The result of the polling at Stourton came as a surprise to many, Mr. Nichols, a former member of the Rothwell Local Board defeating the retiring member, Mr. Chapman. The figures were:—

Nichols, H. ... 164
Chapman, T. ... 127

Mr. Chapman posed as a Liberal working man's candidate, whilst Mr. Nichols sought to represent the interests of the Stourton and Rothwell Haigh Ratepayers' Association.

After the result had been read out by Mr. Perkins, Mr. H. Nichols proposed a vote of thanks to the returning officer for the impartial and courteous manner in which he had conducted the election. This was seconded by Mr. Tom Chapman, supported by Mr. A. Barraclough, and Mr. T. Park, Mr. W. Lunn, Junr., and heartily carried to which Mr. Perkins suitably replied.

OULTON & WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD.

A meeting of the above Board was held on Monday night last, at the Board Schools, Woodlesford, Mr. Trinder (chairman) presiding. There were also present, the Rev. A. J. Irvin, Mr. W. H. Newsome, Mr. J. T. Lygo, Mr. T. Batt, with the clerk (Mr. R. J. Smith).

The minutes of the previous and a special meeting were read and confirmed.

FINANCE.

The financial statement, and accounts presented for payment, were as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward ..	151	2	9
Overseers, precept ..	100	0	0
Lettings ..	0	5	0
	£251	7	9
PAYMENTS.			
School cleaner.. ..	3	0	0
Expenses of candidates ..	1	13	11
J. Todd, repairs ..	0	5	0
H. Parkin, expenses ..	0	5	0
A. Marshall & Co., printing	2	3	6
E. Brown, coal ..	3	17	6
Beck and Inchbold ..	0	12	6
Schoolmaster	0	14	0
G. Edwards, sewing materials	1	6	5
Teachers' salaries ..	60	8	4

The accounts were passed for payment, on the motion of Mr. Batt and Mr. Newsome.

APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSISTANT.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Lygo, Mr. J. R. Bouch, of Aspatria, near Carlisle, was appointed as assistant in the Boys' department.

THE SCHOOL BOARD FEDERATION.

Mr. Batt, the Board's representative to the Federation of West Riding School Boards, gave his report on the meeting of the Federation, held on the 18th. inst. The meeting was well attended, and the first thing that was done was to pass the rules, copies of which, he thought, ought to be supplied to each member of the Board. Several alterations in the rules as drafted were made, amongst which was the alteration of the rule as to representation, amended on the instigation of Mr. Lunn, of Rothwell. This alteration, setting forth that only one representative of a Board be allowed, he thoroughly approved. After the appointment of officials, the Chairman proceeded to give a resume of the objects of the Federation, amongst which were the establishment of centres for the training of Pupil Teachers, the equalisation of taxation, small places being more heavily taxed than large ones, and which subject, the Chairman thought, should be taken up by Parliament. Another important point was that the County Council or County Boroughs were likely to be entrusted with the management of secondary education, and the Chairman thought that the Federation, would, as a body, be more likely to secure representation on the new educational authority than by any individual effort. The Chairman thought School Boards should have about one third of the representation on such a body. So far as he could judge, the Federation would be a very good thing; as yet it was only in its infancy, but in the West Riding the Federation was what had been wanted for some time.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Newsome, Mr. Batt was thanked for his exhaustive report.

A BIG ITEM OF EXPENSE
SUGGESTED REDUCTION IN THE VALUE OF PRIZES.

A letter was read from Mr. Farrer, of Oulton, drawing the Board's attention to the amount of money spent yearly in prizes, which item worked out to about ½d in the £. He did not wish the Board to think that he was opposed to these awards; to offer prizes was a good thing, but to expend what ran to ½d in the £ on the rates was, in his opinion, far too much.

On receipt of this letter, the Clerk sent a reply informing Mr. Farrer that the figure of expense given by him was not quite correct, the money spent in prizes being at the rate of ⅓ of a penny in the £, and the Board had found that the money spent in prizes was a good investment.

Mr. Farrer again wrote stating he was glad to find he was in error, and asking to be informed what had been the average amount spent in prizes; he had been told £20 to £25, which was more in proportion than most schools in the district.

Mr. Smith replied, stating that the average amount spent in prizes during the past three years was £20 17s 2d. During the same period the grant had risen £59 10s. He had no right to express the views of the Board on the subject, but if the expenses were greater, he ventured to think that in no other school were better results obtained.

Mr. Farrer replied stating that he thought other schools got as good results as Woodlesford, and if less money was spent in prizes he was of opinion that as good results would be obtained.

The Chairman: I beg to differ.

Mr. Irvin: After the experience of past years, the results obtained and the high appreciation of the prizes which the children and parents show, I don't see why for the sake of saving a five pound note, we should alter our present system. It has answered well in the past; they are good prizes, but the children fairly earn them, and it is a pleasure to go into some of the houses of the village, and see how carefully the prizes are preserved; in some houses quite a small library of them are to be seen.

The Chairman: I quite agree with Mr. Irvin; in reducing the amount spent in prizes we might very easily lose £20 or £25 in the grant, as the inducements offered have certainly a great influence on the attendance.

Mr. Lygo: But I think 5s is rather a high figure for the first prizes.

The Chairman: When a child puts in every possible attendance, I don't think it is out of the way.

Mr. Lygo: But it is more than they give at other schools, and don't they get an attendance equal to ours?

The Clerk: Do they get the same results?

Mr. Lygo: It would not be the prizes that would do that, it would be the teachers; they get the results.

Mr. Newsome: But the results cannot be obtained, Mr. Lygo, if the scholars are not present.

The Chairman: The teachers take more interest in their task and work better, if the children attend well.

The Clerk: The children, knowing they have these prizes to look forward to, take a brighter interest in their work, come to school with greater pleasure, and are thus better able to take in instruction than if they came in a hang dog sort of a way.

Mr. Batt: What is the system adopted by other Boards?

The Chairman: You must not lose sight of the fact that two or three years ago we raised the number of attendances that have to be made in order to obtain the prizes, so that it is now more difficult to qualify.

The Clerk: If this inducement is removed, there is only the compulsory means left open to us for securing the children's attendance, and it is well known that it is only a broken reed we have to lean upon at Wakefield. Until there are more members of School Boards sitting as magistrates, there is very little hope for us at Wakefield.

Mr. Lygo: It is not the time now to purchase the prizes, and in the mean time we might consider what it will be best to do.

Mr. Irvin: But the children are under the impression that the prizes will be given.

Mr. Smith said they might consider whether they would raise the attendance for the lower prizes; already it had been risen from 350 to 375 attendances.

Mr. Irvin: For the 375 attendances I think they are worthy of the 2s. prize.

Mr. Batt: I think the money well spent.

The Chairman: We might revise the number of attendances some time.

Mr. Irvin: I should not revise anything.

Mr. Batt: But are we not to take some cognisance of Mr. Farrer's letter.

Mr. Irvin then proposed that Mr. Farrer be thanked for his communications, and informed that the Board had carefully considered the same, but could hardly see their way to make any alteration in their prize system at present.

The Chairman seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

CLOSING OF SCHOOLS.

It appears the schools are at present closed on account of the prevalence of diphtheria in the district.

In cases where it is desirable to close the schools on account of illness during the interval between the Board meetings, it was agreed that a majority of the Board have power to close, which action must be afterwards confirmed at a subsequent meeting, if necessary called for that purpose.

PRECEPT.

The clerk intimated that the estimate of the amount of money for the year required from the local rates was £825. They obtained £400 from the overseers during last half year, and as he thought to ask for the remaining £425 would be cutting it rather too fine, he advised that a call for £450 be made. This would keep the balance at bank up, and would not be asking more than for the two years preceding 1898.

On the motion of the chairman and Mr. Batt, a precept for £450 was ordered to be issued.

ADVANCE OF SALARY.

Mr. Newsome proposed that Mr. E. Jowitt's salary be advanced from £60 to £70 per annum.

Mr. Batt seconded.

Mr. Irvin proposed as an amendment that it be risen to £65, but this was not seconded, and the motion was carried, Mr. Irvin voting against.

The Board then went into Committee on a question of right of way.

SUCCESSFUL LOCAL TEACHERS.

The results of the Scholarship examination held all over the country last December have just been published, and we are pleased to chronicle the following facts:—there were 11,631 candidates (2,659 men and 8,972 women) 2239 of whom, however, failed. The others were divided into first, second, and third class. Amongst the 577 men first classes, we are exceedingly proud to find a Woodlesford youth, Mr. Bilton Langstaff, Leeds School Board, who ranks 32nd; two other Leeds teachers are respectively 23rd. and 28th., Percy C. Peacock, Leeds School Board, and Albert Brier, Hunslet National. Of the 1925 first class young women, Leeds School Board has the 5th., 6th., 15th., 29th., 30th., and 39th., the names being respectively Annie H. Snowden, Ethel A. Aveyard, Emily Wilson, Florence A. Norris, Amy M. Tennant, and Julia B. Walker. Included in the first class list we are specially pleased to find the name of one of our Rothwell School Board teachers, Miss Bertha Kirkby, whose scholastic career and character have always reflected credit on herself, her teacher (Mr. Martin), her Board, and her native town; we heartily congratulate her, and trust she will win still higher honours.

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PRIMITIVE METHODISM.

The 80th half Yearly meeting of the Leeds and York District Ministers' Association was held at Rothwell last week, when a fair number of members were present at the Chapel. The Committee met at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning, the Rev. Danzy Sheen being elected president. At two o'clock, a sermon was read by Rev. H. Jones from Gal. xi, 2. verse, and a critique offered by the Rev. W. Curry. The Rev. H Jones conducted an open air service in the evening. The Rev. Danzy Sheen also preached the Association sermon in the chapel, and the Sacrament of the Lord's supper was afterwards administered by Revs. J. Polwarth and R. Ainsworth.

On Friday morning, a conversation was held on the services of the previous evening, introduced by Rev. G Gillander, followed by an essay on the "Oxford movement" by Rev. G. F. Fawcett, criticised by Rev. B. Haddon. At two o'clock, the Rev. J. Jopling gave an essay on "The Range of Christian Experience," with critique by Rev. J. Teece.

The series of semi-private meetings concluded with a public meeting on Friday evening, W. G. Smithson, Esq., presiding, introduced by the Rev. J. A. Alderson, the resident minister. Mr. Alderson regretted the small attendance very much, but attributed it largely to the fact of that night being the eve of the poll, when meetings for the furtherance of the contesting candidatures were being held.

Mr. Smithson is a fine outspoken Yorkshireman, and is not in any wise ashamed of his being an out-and-out Free Churchman, although conducting an excellent practice as an architect in Leeds. He had experienced some of the difficulties and disadvantages suffered by dissenters in some rural districts, under the rule of the parson and squire. He had seen the influence exercised over men, who having been Free Churchmen in the town, were, however, gradually weaned away from the little dissenting chapel they found when they removed into the country; and he urged the need for men with back-bone and true principle.

Rev. M. P. Davison, of Leeds, then gave an excellent address on the "Rights and Privileges of Free Churchmen." He recounted the advantages which have been gradually wrung out of the Government in permitting Free Churchmen to worship according to their own inclinations, to secure their chapels from intrusion, to marry or bury their own people according to their own rites, and by their own ministers. He besought them, however, to remember that these privileges had been dearly bought, and after many years of struggle and even of martyrdom. Only since 1866 had it been possible for Free Churchmen to act in their public official capacity, in other than the Established Churches, while the Universities have only been open to Nonconformists since 1891. From figures given he shewed that, notwithstanding the many drawbacks suffered by dissenters, there are a larger number of communicants, of sittings provided, of Sunday School teachers and scholars, in the Free Churches of England than in the Anglican Church. The value of property possessed by the Free Churches is over 50 millions sterling, and the annual income from 5 to 6 millions, and in no way was there any need to apologise for their existence, or to give up their right to be heard in every question affecting religion, morality and education. This position and influence carried vast responsibilities, and it behoved them to stand firm to the 'faith of the gospel,' especially when the so-called Protestant Church was openly denying the great facts of the Reformation, and endeavouring to restore in the Church of England services, the heresies against which our fathers fought and bled and died. He maintained that "wherever two or three are gathered together in Christ's name," there is a Church, and there is God present to bless; and that there is no need to seek for 'apostolic succession,' either from the Archbishop of Canterbury or the Pope of Rome, but under preaching where God's power and blessing are experienced.

Another forceful speech was made by the Rev. A. J. Bull, of York, on the "Disabilities of Free Churchmen, and how to remove them." After referring to some of the facts mentioned by the previous speaker, and the removal of some of the disabilities suffered in previous years, Mr. Bull remarked that many of the Charities left by generous persons years ago, had gradually slipped into the hands of the Anglican clergy, and were dispensed only to the poor of their own flock. He urged the Parish and District Councils to look into this matter, and have proper Trusts formed, whereby every poor person, whether attending the State Church or not, should have equal treatment. Next he described the difficulty of obtaining a site in many villages, for a Nonconformist place of worship, and argued that as Parliament had made compulsory laws for acquiring land for railways and other improvements, so there ought to be a law compelling large owners of land to sell sites for the erection of Free Churches. The drawbacks still suffered under the Burial Laws were complained of, the 48 hours notice, and the 'Fee' anomaly corrected. The recent Marriage Act, was also shewn to be shorn of many of its benefits by the ridiculous and impracticable regulations recently issued by the Registrar-general. The present condition of primary education was also anything but satisfactory, when, in 8000 parishes the children of Nonconformists have no choice but to attend the Church Schools, where they are often subjected to much unpleasantness, and are taught doctrines and statements derogatory to the faith of their parents. He concluded by strongly objecting to the connection of the State with one section of the Church, to the disadvantage of others, and while he had no quarrel with the Church of England, he maintained that no one should be recognised by the State more than another. Touching slightly on the present crisis in the Church of England, he held that Free Churchmen had a right to raise their voices against those who would take us back again to the days of the Papacy, and declared that if the battle of the Reformation is to be fought over again, the sturdy Nonconformists would be found ready and willing to stand for the sacred rights of the gospel.

Both speeches were of a high character and well delivered, and hearty thanks were passed to the speakers, and the chairman, also to the Trustees for the loan of the chapel and to the friends for their exceedingly kind hospitality.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

The last paper for this session in connection with the above, was given on Friday night last, by Mr. A. Pickersgill, of Carlton, his subject being "Faith in its relation to progress." The Rev. J. B. Maltby presided. The essay was a scholarly composition and reflected credit on the ability, care, and study which had been bestowed on it. The influence of a country's faith on the national welfare or progress was admirably pourtrayed and illustrated. The present crisis in the Church of England was also touched upon. The vote of thanks to the essayist was spoken to by Mr. Cawdell, Mr. Maltby and Mr. Maltby.

The valedictory meeting of the Society was held last night, and took the usual form of a musical evening and coffee supper. There was a good attendance and an enjoyable programme was given. The evening's entertainment opened with a selection by a band, entitled "The Departure," the instrumentalists were Miss Jessie Ward (piano), Mr. J. Oakley, T.C.L., A.L.C.M., and Mr. W. Batty (violins), Mr. Louis C. W[illegible] (clarinet), and Mr. T. Hampson ('cello). "Great Inter-ocean," was their second composition, both pieces were admirably rendered and showed considerable ability on the part of the performers. Mr. Tilley delighted his audience with his tasteful renderings of "The old English oak" and "The Children's Home." Two recitations, "Ned Clouter" and "Trouble in Amen Corner," the former being in Yorkshire dialect, were given by Mr. Israel Naylor, and highly merited the applause accorded them. A much appreciated variety was provided by Miss Nicholson, Mrs. W. Dobson, Mr. J. Blackburn and Mr. W. Dobson, their choice being *Tennyson's* beautiful song, "Crossing the bar," which they gave as an unaccompanied quartette, the voices blending very well. Miss F. Gibson sang a solo, and acquitted herself with much credit. Miss G. Gibson in the position of accompanist, aided the singers considerably and added to the beauty of the compositions. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the performers on the motion of Mr. Cawdell and Mr. Shur[illegible]. The Rev. J. B. Maltby (president) was in the chair. A good number partook of the coffee supper provided after the entertainment, which brought a most enjoyable evening to a close, as well as crowning another successful session of the Rothwell Wesleyan Mutual Improvement Association.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

There was a special day on Sunday [illegible] in connection with the above. Mr. A. P[illegible] opened the proceedings, and then introduced Councillor Abbishaw, the advertised [illegible] man, and in doing so, said it gave him great pleasure in having a member from the governing body of the Urban District Council to preside over the proceedings. Mr. Abbishaw in addressing the meeting, said it was a pleasure to him to be amongst the Stourton people or to be able to do anything for the furtherance of the Church. He especially referred to the good P.S.A. services was doing throughout the country, it was always a pleasure to him to hear addresses and the vocal items that were given at such services. The Rev. J. A. Alderson, of Rothwell, was the speaker, and gave a telling address on the subject "Wanted, a strong lad." In introducing the subject, he said when ever he saw a card in a window or advertisement in a paper bearing the words of his subject, it always struck him that the person advertising wanted a strong lad to do a man's *work for a boy's wage*. If they would only look round when they were out on business, they could often see this sort of thing. On one occasion he had seen a grocer load a hand cart for a lad to pull, with enough in it for a horse, and recommended parents to beware of such advertisements for "Strong lads." There were others wanting strong lads; the Church wanted strong lads, and Christ wanted strong-minded lads who could overcome weakness and be strong for the church and God; they were the lads who were workers, and were the means of filling the church, and themselves doing good work in it. A special musical programme for the day was provided. Mrs. Alderson, of Rothwell, contributed "The Orphan's prayer" and "The promise of life" in good style, whilst Mr. F. Wil[illegible] of Holbeck, sang well "The Sailor's grave" and "The last milestone." Mr. J. Oakley, T.C.L., A.L.C.M., with his usual ability rendered "Adeste fideles" and "Air Varie" *Mozart*, as violin solos. Miss Firth, of C[illegible]ton, and Mr. G. W. Smith, of Hunslet, shared the accompaniments.

TO THE DEAF—A rich lady, cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent £1,000 to his Institute so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Apply by letter to:—H. [illegible] RICHARDSON, 9, Great Russell Street, London, [illegible]

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL A.B.C.

The closing service of the present session of the above was held on Sunday last, when the Rev. H. Jones, of Hunslet, gave a practical address on "Influence." Miss [illegible] Wilson, of Hunslet, was the soloist, her choice being "The fisherman and his [illegible]" and "The dream of Paradise." Her [illegible] was exceedingly clear, while her singing of these selections was much enjoyed by the large audience. Mr. L. J. Harris [illegible] the chair, Mr. S. A. Harriman read the lesson, and Mr. E. B. Bramley accompanied on the organ with his usual skill.

OLD FALSE TEETH BOUGHT.
Many ladies and gentlemen have by them old disused false teeth, which might as well be turned into money. Messrs. R. D. & J. B. Fraser, of Princes Street, Ipswich, (established since 1833), buy old false teeth. If you send your teeth to them they will remit you by return post the utmost value; or if preferred, they will make you the best offer, and hold the teeth over for your reply. If reference necessary apply to Messrs Bacon & Co., Bankers, Ipswich.

INTERESTING ANECDOTES.

GEORGE II. AND THE PRINTER.—George II. being informed (says Lord Mahon) that an impudent printer was to be punished for publishing a spurious royal speech, he answered that he hoped the man's punishment would be of the mildest sort, because he had read both, and, so far as he understood either of them, he liked the spurious speech better than his own.

IBSEN AND ENGLISH.—One of the deepest regrets of Ibsen is that he does not speak English, and therefore feels that it is useless for him to visit England or America. "What interests and fascinates me," he said, recently, "is the heart of the people. To get at that, one must understand the language of the country." He thinks Norway the pleasantest place in the world to live in.

A DANE.—Thackeray used to relate with great glee the following humorous story: "An Irish gentleman well-known in town, and from whom the character of the Mulligan was partly drawn, walking in the park with a young friend, received a bow from Dean Stanhope, who was passing by, and said to his friend, in a rich brogue, 'That's a dane!' 'Oh, no,' replied the other, 'you're mistaken; it's Mr. Stanhope, an Englishman.' Upon which the offended Mulligan thundered forth, 'Tis not a Dane of Sweden that I mane, surr, but a dane of the Church.'"

LOST HIS BET.—When the English cricketers were in Australia in 1880-1 the popular professional, Tom Emmett, was chaffing P. S. McDonnell, the Colonial batsman, as to the latter's luck, saying there was not a man in Yorkshire who could catch him. So great was his luck that Emmett bet McDonnell a level pound that the Australian would not be caught the first chance he gave. Unfortunately, the first chance given was to Emmett himself, who held the catch and lost his pound. —As nearly all the spectators were "in the know," you can imagine the amusement it created.

MEDICAL ADVICE.—One of the best stories told of the late Sir Andrew Clark is the following: At a dinner party one night he noticed that the lady sitting next to him at table passed a dish to which he helped himself plentifully. He asked if she did not like it, as it was excellent. She replied, "Oh, yes; I like it, but my physician forbids me to eat it." —"Stuff and nonsense!" said Sir Andrew, "it could not hurt anyone. Who is your physician?" To which the lady, whom the medical magnate had forgotten, answered, with a demure twinkle in her eye: "Sir Andrew Clark."

AN UNCOMPLIMENTARY GUESS.—John Home, the author of "Douglas," was a very singular person. When he was travelling in England with Dr. Carlyle and some other friends, on reaching Warwick the party put up at an inn, where Home, having thrown off his boots, would not put them on again, but pranced about the room in a truly fanciful style. At this moment he turned short upon the boot-catch ("boots"), who had brought in clean boots; but finding the fellow staring at him with seeming admiration:—"And am not I a pretty fellow?" said Home—"Ay, sir," said he, with half a smile.—"And who do you take me for?" said Home.—"If you binna Jamie Dunlop, the Scoth pedler, I dinna ken wha' ye are; but your ways are very like his."

A COMEDIAN CRICKETER.—George Ulyett, the famous Yorkshire player, is the J. L. Toole of the cricket-field, and is known among his brother professionals as a great practical joker. An amusing instance of his reputation in this direction occurred some years ago on the occasion of a Cambridge v. Yorkshire match. One of the University eleven asked Ulyett to invite Hill and Emmett to breakfast and to come himself. George went to Emmett and said, "Oh, Mr. —— wants you to come and have breakfast, to-morrow morning." "All right," replied Emmett, without the slightest intention of turning up, believing that his colleague was simply indulging his mania for practical joking. When Emmett eventually became aware that the invitation was strictly genuine, his feelings can be well imagined.

COMPLIMENTARY.—Farmer, the author of the treatise on the "Learning of Shakespeare," had an extremely humorous "college barber." One morning, when the barber was performing his accustomed office, he said, in reply to Farmer's remark, "Well, what news?"—"I saw Tom —— yesterday, and he made such a bad remark about you!" "What was it?" asked the doctor. "Indeed, sir, I could not tell you—for it was too bad to repeat!" Farmer still urged the point, when the barber (having first obtained a promise that his master would not be angry) replied, with *much apparent reluctance*, "Why, sir, he said you wasn't fit to carry bones to a bear!" "And what did you say?" asked Farmer. The barber replied, with much energy and seeming satisfation, "I said, sir, that you was!"

SHERIFF WALTER SCOTT.—"I first saw Walter Scott," Laidlaw used to relate, "when the Selkirk troop of yeomanry met to receive their sheriff shortly after his appointment. I was on the right of the rear rank, and my front rank man was Archie Park, a brother of the traveller. Our new sheriff (Scott) was accompanied by a friend, and as they retired to the usual station of the inspecting officer previous to the charges, the wonderful *springs* and bounds which Scott made, seemingly in the excitation and gaiety of his heart, joined to the effect of his fine fair face and athletic appearance, were the cause of a general murmur of satisfaction, closely bordering on applause, which ran through the troop. Archie Park looked over his shoulder to me and growled, in his deep, rough voice, 'Will, what a strong chield that would have been, if his left leg had been like his right ane!'"

AN OLD FAREWELL SERMON.—The Rev. Septimus Smith was, many years ago, vicar of St. Cross, Neneham. He made no secret at all of his habit of buying ready-made sermons. He was a kindly-natured, easy-going man, and was popular among his people. One Sunday morning, on going into the vestry after service, he found his old clerk in tears.—"What's the matter, Jones!" inquired the vicar.—"Oh, sir," replied the clerk, "this is a painful surprise to us all."—"Surprise, Jones, what do you mean, man?"—"Your sermon this morning, sir. We are all very sorry, and you gave us no warning."—"Sermon, Jones, sermon? What do you mean?"—"Why, your farewell sermon. We are all dreadfully grieved."—The Rev. Septimus had actually read to his congregation an old farewell sermon without either intending it, or knowing what he was saying to them.

A REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.—Dr. Cooper, of South Carolina, was one of the best-natured old gentlemen that ever lectured to mischievous boys. On one occasion, when he entered the lecture-room, he found the class all seated, and looking very grave. Mischief, it was evident, was the cause, and it was apparent that they were prepared for a burst of laughter as the old doctor waddled along up to the professor's chair, for there sat an old he-goat, bolt upright, lashed in the chair. But they were disappointed of their fun, for instead of getting angry and storming at them, he mildly remarked: "Ah! young gentlemen! quite republican in your tendencies; fond of a representative Government—elevated one of your own number to the chair. Ha! Well, well, all is quite right. I daresay the present incumbent can fill it as well as any of you! You may listen to his 'lecture' to-day. Good-bye! Don't feel sheepish about it!" And away he went, without leaving a single smile behind him.

Telephonic communication has been successfully established between Melbourne and Adelaide, a distance of 500 miles.

According to a scientist the hourly rate of water falling over Niagara Falls is 100,000,000 tons. The world's daily production of coal would just about suffice to pump the water back again

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of this Council was held on Wednesday afternoon, Mr. J. Farrer, J.P., presiding. There were also present Rev. A. J. Irvin, Mr. Fryer, Mr. Knight, and Mr. Pindar (clerk).

HEALTH REPORT.

Dr. Buck, the Medical Officer, having been ordered away south by Dr. Barnes, for the recovery of his health, he wrote stating that he had appointed Dr. Gay to act in his stead.

He also reported that diphtheria had been prevalent the last two months in his district, 11 cases having been notified since January 16th. (6 in Woodlesford, 4 New Woodlesford, and 1 in Oulton). The usual precautions had been attended to, isolation and disinfection having been carried out; the schools had also been closed for a fortnight.

The Clerk questioned whether the closing of the School by the School Board, without first having the formal authority of the Council, would not prevent the Board securing the 'grant' benefit they would otherwise have been able to demand. Rev. A. J. Irvin had no doubt the Board would come out all right.

MIDDLETON WATER.

A letter had been received from the Ardsley Council respecting an account, which the Hunslet Council demurred to paying, and indicating that the former authority is willing to settle the account on Hunslet paying a balance of £6 17s 10d, making (£256 17s 10d with former payment, in place of the original sum of £371 19s 6d). The cheque was agreed to.

TENDERS.

The tenders for various classes of stone were considered, and the following accepted: —The Threlkeld Granite Company, the Mount Sorrel Company, Mr. Leonard Cooper, Messrs. Green & Sons, and the Skipton Rock Company. There were two tenders for a street sweeper, at £26 and £33 10s respectively, but the decision was postponed for the present.

Messrs. Knight and Foster secured the order for stationery.

OULTON-WITH-WOODLESFORD.

The Oulton-with-Woodlesford Parish Council wrote that they had been informed that the Rothwell District Council was willing to put up lamps to their boundary on Woodlesford Lane, provided the Hunslet District Council would fill up the other portion. The Clerk was requested to ascertain the particulars.

The street improvements proposed in Oulton-with-Woodlesford were approved.

TEMPLE NEWSAM.

It was agreed that the wages of Nathan Hoyle, assistant turncock at Templenewsam, be increased from 10s to 15s a week.

The purchase of a hose pipe is to be further enquired into.

Notice was read of a Local Government Board Inquiry on April 4th., as regards a loan of £2,000 applied for for Templenewsam Sewerage.

LEEDS CORPORATION BILL

The Chairman reported that he and other members of the Council had attended a meeting of various Sanitary Authorities outside the Leeds borough to consider the sanitary clauses of the above Bill, and it was resolved to take measures for opposing certain parts of the Bill, five gentlemen being appointed a committee for the purpose, Mr. Farrer being one of the members. It was pointed out that unless vigorous steps were taken, there was a danger that the Leeds people would over-ride the outside places; and the Committee had recommended an addition to one of the clauses, with the object of securing that in inspecting and dealing with dairies and cowsheds outside the borough the Leeds Medical Officer or his officials should communicate with local authorities, and act in conjunction with them. The Committee had further resolved to request an interview with the Committee of the West Riding County Council, with a view to that body taking up the opposition to the Bill on behalf of the rural authorities. No answer having been received from the West Riding Solicitor, the Clerk was instructed to again write, and point out the importance of immediate action being taken.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The National Telephone Company is wishful to erect 15 poles on the Middleton roads for which a 1s each is usually paid. The Council agreed to the request, provided the Company accept all responsibility of accident, etc.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A.

The attendance on Sunday was larger than usual at the above gathering, and the service was very enjoyable altogether. The address was given by Mr. McClellan (who is studying for the ministry at Headingley College), and was based on the query "If thou be the Son of God?" Such a question comes to every man, every Christian man, sometime during his life, and no doubt this was a very real temptation to Christ as a perfect man. This fact, that Christ was also tempted in this manner, must be a source of comfort and strength to his followers when similarly tested, and they too may overcome, even when unaccountable trials oppress them. Many lessons are to be learned from the subject, God's evident care, goodness, providence, gospel, promises, and the ultimate object of such trials of faith being to fix in men a firmer trust in God. Mrs. Whittaker, of Leeds, sang "The Better Land" and "Queen of Angels," and is possessed of a powerful voice, with which she is able to render excellent service, as indicated on this occasion. Mr. W. Varley presided, and in the name of the Committee, thanked very heartily both the speaker and the singer.

EPPS'S COCOAINE.—Cocoa-Nib Extract. (Tea-like). —The choicest roasted nibs (broken up beans) of the natural Cocoa, on being subjected to powerful hydraulic pressure, give forth their excess of oil, leaving for use a finely flavoured powder—"Cocoaine," a product, which, when prepared with boiling water, has the consistence of tea, of which it is now, with many, beneficially taking the place. Its active principle being a gentle nerve stimulant, supplies the needed energy without unduly exciting the system. Sold only in labelled tins. If unable to obtain it of your tradesman, a tin will be sent post free for 9 stamps.—James Epps and Co., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London.

WIT AND HUMOUR.

Room for argument—The family sitting room. "Mamma, why is papa bald?" "I am his fourth wife, darling."

The 'Nischinshinjishi,' the 'Tokionichinichi Schimbum,' and the 'Chinbansashi' are Japanese newspapers.

"Guilty or not guilty?" asked a Dutch justice. "Not guilty." "Den vat you vant here? Go about your pishness."

Young lady: "Pray, cabman, are you engaged?" Cabman: "Lor bless yer, miss, why I've bin married this seven years."

A gentleman having been jilted by his ladylove revenged himself by serenading her every night with a trombone.

Precocious boy (munching the fruit of the date-tree): "Mamma if I eats dates enough will I grow up to be an almanack."

A man asked Misther Patrick Maguire if he knew Mr. Tim Duffy? "Know him!" answered he, "why he is *a very near relation of mine*—he once proposed to marry my sister Kate!"

An insolvent actor in the statement of his indebtedness, and with the ruling spirit strong in bankruptcy, added, "For further particulars see small bills."

A young woman once said to a friend: "I should like to marry an engineer." "A civil engineer?" asked her friend. "Oh, it would not matter much, I would soon make him civil," was the reply.

Hostess: "I hope you are enjoying your dinner Mr. Fowler?" Guest: "Yes, indeed. This country air has given me such an appetite that I can eat almost anything."

Not posted: Philadelphian (in St. Louis): "Will you kindly tell me where I can get a drink of water." Policeman: "Mein frient, I haff been only dree months on dis beat."

Mrs. Youngwife—"Oh, Charlie, I've got such a pleasant piece of news to tell you, Aunt Ellen has sent us a goose for to-morrow's dinner." Mr. Youngwife—"Dear old lady! just like her."

Pennsylvania Farming: "Been out in Kansas, eh?" Returned emigrant: "Yes; was there ten years." "Farming?" "Yes." "What did you raise?" "Most everything, except mortgages."

Aunt (who is entertaining Miss Breezy, of Chicago): "That is a beautiful dress you have on, Geraldine, and the shade seems to be quite new." Miss Breezy (complacently): "Yes, it is a new Chicago shade, called the "pigs snore."

A Kensington man is said to be making a handsome living now by advertising for a wife and requiring all applicants to enclose stamp for reply. His letters have to be sent up in a wheelbarrow.

"Henery! W'y Henery died 'mos' a yeah ago, wid a kyarbuncle." "Ma! It's awful how many gits kiilled on dem kyars nowadays, wid de bilers bustin' an' a-gitting scrunched 'tween de kyarbuncles."

Mother: "I am afraid Mr. Crossley is not serious in his intentions!"—Daughter: "He is awfully bashful, you know; but he's offering himself piecemeal. Last night he wanted me to take his arm."

The woman: "I think the women will shortly do all the work now done by men, even to running steam engines." The man: "I think women would do well around steam engines. They fire up so quickly."

Mrs. Garrulous: "Why do people think the Sphinx typical of wisdom, George?" George (who is still suffering from the effects of a curtain lecture): "I guess it is because the Sphinx always keeps its mouth shut."

Ben Profitt, ex-treasurer of Cooke County, Tenn., is a defaulter to the amount of from 10,000dols to 20,000dols. As a Profitt is not without honour save in his own country, Benjamin will hereafter reside in Canada.

The heroine of a recent magazine story was "nimbussed with the jonquil of her hair," and her husband was "myoped." A man who is "myoped" is liable to mistake his red-headed wife for one of those nimbussed things.

"Good morning, gentlemen," said a ticket-collector, on entering a railway carriage. No one responded. "Begpardon if I have said too much," he thereupon added. "I withdraw the last expression."

"See here, Bruff, said the editor to the proof-reader, "you've got me in a nice box, you have." "How's that, sir?" "Why, I wrote that there was a grand parade of uniformed voters last night at Hodgeville, and you've printed it 'uninformed voters.'"

There are several ways of addressing a woman according to her several stations in life. If she is married, without children, praise the husband. If she is a mother, praise the children. If she is not married, but engaged, praise the betrothed. If she is fancy free, praise herself.

Brown: "You don't look well lately, Robinson. Robinson: "No; I can't sleep at night on account of lung trouble." Brown: "Nonsense; your lungs are all right!" Robinson: "Yes, mine are; the trouble is with the baby's.

Not Responsible Mother: "To think that my little Ethel should have spoken so impertinently to papa to-day at dinner! She never hears me talk in that way to him." Ethel (stoutly): "Well, but you choosed him and I didn't."

Two wretched-looking tramps were brought up before a justice of the peace. Addressing the worst-looking one, the justice said: "Where do you live?" "Nowhere." "And where do you live?" said the justice, addressing the other. "I've got the room above him."

Kind lady—"Oh, what a naughty little boy you have! Doesn't he know it's wrong to strike his mamma with that big stick?" Proud mother—"Och, don't blame me choild, Mrs. Carter! He's only doing everything he sees his father do, bliss him!"

Old Mr. Bentley "I see that the two perforated-seat chair manufactories in this town have consolidated and will hereafter do their work conjointly." Old Mrs. Bentley—"Yes, I s'pose one of 'em will make the seats and the other on'em will make the holes."

"Say, ma," remarked the small boy; "isn't it funny that everybody calls my little brother a bouncing baby?" "Why do you think it is funny, William?" replied the mother. "Because, when I dropped him on the floor this morning, he didn't bounce a bit."

Lawyer: "Excuse me, sir, but if you allow your will to remain this way, it will surely be contested by your wife after you are gone." Rich old gentleman: "Well, she's contested my will ever since she married me forty years ago, and it will be no new experience to her; let it go as it is."

"In the case of my unfortunate client, gentlemen," said the eloquent attorney for the defence in a murder case, "it is for you to draw the line between murderous rage and emotional insanity." And the jury rendered a verdict that they thought the safest place to draw it was between the head and shoulders.

Stranger—"Colonel, I am a private detective, and am about to open an office in your city, and should like your——" Col. Bolivar (a native Kentuckian)—"Wastin' yure time, sah, wastin' it! Thar are no privates here to detect, sah; nutin' less than captains, sah, an' mighty few of them!"

Young Mr. Porcine—"Didn't young Mr. Wabash, Miss Breezy, board here not long since?" Miss Breezy—"Yes, but he left some little time ago. We all liked him so much. He was such a gentleman—so quiet and refined in his tastes—but he jumped his board two months ago, and we haven't seen him since.

Boston mother (shouting down stairs)—"Minerva, are you coming to bed?" Boston daughter—"Let me have another half hour with Bob, mamma." B.M.—"Half hour with Bob! Gracious me, have you a man in the house?" B.D.—"The idea! I'm reading Bob—Robert Elsmere, you know."

A lawyer's clerk in Lancaster, being requested the other day by his employer to show a gentleman the "lions" of the town, took him to all the public-houses in the town designated by the titles of "The Red Lion," "The Black Lion," "The White Lion," etc., the gentleman enjoying the joke. The result was that the clerk returned to the office in a state of inebriation.

Consolation: Recently bereaved widow—"I'm afraid I'll be but poor company for you to-day, Mrs. Jones. It will be better for you to go home, and leave me alone with my sorrow." Caller—"I saw some lovely mourning styles as I came up the street." R. B. W.—"Did you? Sit down, my dear, and make yourself comfortable. It is so pleasant, when one is in the midst of a great sorrow, to have some one call to tell the news."

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

A novel but interesting and successful mode of assisting the funds of the Mechanics' Institute, was inaugurated last night in the shape of a Billiard Tournament, on the new table recently purchased by the Committee. The idea was taken up enthusiastically, and although the entrance fee was fixed at 10s. each, no fewer than 36 gentlemen entered their names, 32 actually playing their round.

The results were as follows:—

WINNERS.		LOSERS.
Dr. Haigh and Rev. J. A. Alderson	v.	Mr. W. Copley and Mr. T. Stainer
Mr. Tait and Mr. Cawdell	v.	Dr. James and Mr. Newsome
Mr. W. Richardson and Mr. J. Hargreaves	v.	Mr. J. Elstob and Mr. J. Abbishaw
Mr. W. Hargreaves and Mr. Jarvis Batty	v.	Mr. Abbey and Mr. C. Ward
Mr. G. Armitage and Mr. R. Batty	v.	Mr. A. Chapman and Mr. Hartmann
Mr. H. S. Atkinson and Mr. J. Hirst	v.	Mr. T. Oliver and Mr. A. Batty
Mr. Jas. Armitage and Mr. H. J. Martin	v.	Mr. T. R Whiteley and Mr. G. Wilson
Mr. H. Clark and Dr. Stevenson	v.	Mr. A. Nickols and Mr. G. Barker

The greatest 'break' was made by Dr. Haigh who scored 19, whilst the smallest figure was '3 given away.' The prizes are generously presented by Dr. Stevenson, consisting of 2 cues in case for the winning pair, and consolation cues for the losers in the final round.

During the evening, tea was also kindly provided by Dr. Stevenson, the caterer being Mrs. Blackburn.

The room was quite full the whole evening, notwithstanding the charge for admission, and play went on with slight intermission (45 minutes each game), from 5 o'clock in the afternoon till after midnight. The final round will take place during Easter week, the whole resulting in a haul of over £20 towards the Building Fund.

SERVICE FOR MEN.

On Sunday afternoon last, in the Rothwell Parish Church, the Rev. Canon Robinson, Diocesan Canon Missioner, gave an address to men, his subject being "Number Two," from which a most instructive and useful discourse was delivered. The Rothwell Temperance Band was in attendance, and accompanied the congregational singing in their well-known efficient and praiseworthy style. The tunes played were "Winchester old," "Holly," and "The Austrian hymn."

PENS AND PISTOLS.

In the wild West of America during the lawless times thirty or forty years ago, the editors of the local newspapers wrote their editorials with a loaded revolver at elbow; with one eye on the manuscript and the other on the door. They wanted their knives and shooting irons handy, for in those days it was the custom to settle differences without troubling the courts. In an argument of that sort the decision went for the man who "got the drop" on his antagonist. A fraction of a second *counts* in critical moments. Upon the whole, it may be said that the fellow who is best prepared either to fight or fly is apt to live longest; especially in periods of war or general violence.

You see the principle. It dosen't call for explanation. It is merely a common-sense rule of conduct. It means, be on the look out for things that are bound to happen sooner or later, and not be caught unawares.

This is a world of narrow margins. The biggest storms and gales are likely to be those that nobody expects. Calamity, like the red Indian, has a fashion of blazing away at us from behind a tree.

If my friend McIntyre, of Aberdeen, had seen that bit of orange-peel on the pavement in Oxford Street one day last August, he would not have stepped on it. As it was, he fell and broke his right arm.

Of course, the utmost watchfulness and prevision will not keep us clear of all evil. There will always remain an opening for doctors and insurance companies. Perhaps it might be unlucky to be too fortunate—which looks a contradictory thing to say. But, no fear. We shall ever be tumbling into scrapes enough to furnish an income to those who live out of our quarrels, our accidents, and our sins.

But what I want to come at is this—I ask you, rather, to let me read you a short letter —one that stands for a million saying substantially the same thing. A woman writes it, and it's all about herself, and, therefore, of interest to those of us who do, or may, stand in the same lot with her.

"Early in 1886," she says, "my health began to fail me. At first I merely felt languid and weak, as though my strength had been lost, as money so often is—we not knowing how or where it went. I had no wish to eat, and the little I took made me sorry I touched it, because of the pain in the stomach, side, and chest, which always came after.

"I was troubled with short breath, and had to sleep in a sitting posture on the bed; I could not lie fairly down. So, eating almost nothing, and resting badly, I got thinner and weaker with every day that dragged by. I had the best medical attention, but my complaint defied the medicines that were given me. Believing I could not recover, I nearly abandoned hope of it.

"After six years of continuous misery I happened to meet Mr. Barlow, of Sherland, who told me he had been cured of an ailment like mine by Mother Seigel's Syrup, and strongly commended it to me. I began using the syrup much as one might look for a patch of clear sky in the darkness of a long rain—not expecting to see it. But the remedy most happily disappointed me. In a few days only I felt better. A desire for food came up within me, and I ate something with a real relish, and no bad effect succeeded. Soon the clinging and dreadful indigestion, with its pains and mental horrors, left me altogether, and I was stronger than I had been for several years. In a word, Mother Seigel's Syrup *cured* me; and that is why I write this letter, for you to publish, if you think best.

"Since that time I have taken no risks of a return of the disease. *I keep this medicine in the house*, and when I feel any stirrings of my old trouble, a dose or two stops it at once." (Signed) (Mrs.) EMMA WAINWRIGHT, Church Street, Heage, Derbyshire, August 23, 1898.

She keeps it in the house. That's the point for us to fix upon. She has the remedy where she can lay hands on it in a minute. Like the editor with his pistol, she is ready for the enemy the instant he shows his head—a practice which, generally adopted, will keep thousands out of bed and out of the churchyard.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

THE REASON WHY.

Inspector of Village School (questioning class): "Now my boy what is an island?"
Boy: "I dunno, sir."
Inspector: "Well, for instance could I ride from here to France?"
Boy (brightening up): "No, sir, that yer couldn't; for feyther saw yer on hossback t'other day, an' sed as how he'd lay a shilling yer couldn't roide a moile without a-wobbling off."

THE OLD DISPUTE SETTLED.

Bridegroom (after the ceremony): "Maud, you and I are one now. It only remains to be decided which is the one. I tried to win you, didn't I?"
Bride: "Yes, Harold."
"And I won. That seems to settle it."
"Not quite, Harold. You tried to win me. You succeeded. Then you are the winner, are you not?"
"Yes dear."
"And I'm the won!"

SYMPATHETIC

A worthy American lady wanted to impress upon a black servant boy the terrible iniquity of thieving, and the penalties that would surely follow it. She wound up her account of how a robber had taken a lot of dollars and been hauled off straightway to prison, with "That is what comes of stealing. Is it not terrible?"
"Deed, Marm," the ebonied one replied, "deed it am terrible! Dat pore nigger didn't have no chanst to spen' dat money!"

ACCOMMODATING.

Irate Father: "I suppose you remember you wanted to marry that cashier of mine about a year ago?"
Daughter: "Yes, father."
"A pretty sort of man you picked out. He has decamped with £10,000."
"You remember, father, that you told him he could not have me until he got rich, don't you?"
"Of course, the young——"
"I have just received a telegram from him at Buenos Ayres saying he is rich now, but is perfectly willing to marry a poor man's daughter."

THOUGHT ONLY OF OTHERS.

In one of our East Anglian towns a certain well-known townsman had one night been out to a rather prolonged supper with some of his friends, and on the way home had the misfortune to fall into a pond which he had to pass, and which at that time of the year contained more mud than water.

Several people who saw him fall in rushed to his rescue, and a rope was procured and thrown to him, but he refused the aid offered to him, and commenced swimming for the shore in a most scientific manner, shouting out to those on the bank:
"Never mind me; never mind me—I can swim. Save the women and children!"
He evidently imagined he had been on board a ship which had suddenly sunk.

VERY PERSONAL.

Little Nell: "You like my sister, don't you?"
Young Pilkins: "Ya-as, I—aw—like her vewy much."
Little Nell: "You want to marry her, don't you?"
Young Pilkins: "Well, weally my little deah, that is a vewy personal question."
Little Nell: "When you get married you will need all the room in your house, won't you?"
Young Pilkins: "I weally don't understand you."
Little Nell: "Why, you know you only occupy part of it now."
Young Pilkins: "Only part?"
Little Nell: "Yes; pa said your upper story was to let."

TAKING THE ROLL.

Scene: A ward in Her Majesty's Prison, Dartmoor.
Warder (to the prisoners): "Put out yer brooms."
Prisoners obey.
He then commences to count the number of brooms, commencing at No. 1.
He finds all correct until he arrives at No 20, where he comes to a stop, no broom being visible.
Warder: "Number Twinty, put out yer broom."
No answer.
"Number Twinty, out wid yer broom."
Still no reply.
"If ye don't put out yer broom, I'll run ye" (report).
Prisoner in No. 19: "Why, sir, its a vacancy."
Warder (softly): "Whist, howld yer noise, I know it. (Aloud). Vaccancy, put out yer broom!"

WORSE AND WORSE.

A celebrated dramatist happened at a party to encounter a gentleman he had never met before. The conversation turned upon theatricals, and the stranger remarked he had recently witnessed a private performance at the house of the dramatist, little thinking whom he was addressing.
"But the comedy," continued the loquacious old gentleman, "was wofully caricatured; she who *mis*-represented the coquette made herself eminently ridiculous."
"Indeed!" replied the dramatist. "That was my wife."
"Your wife?" echoed the critic, shocked at his unconscious blunder. "Let's see—did I say coquette? Pshaw! It was the sentimental lady I meant."
"My daughter," duly responded the poet.
"What am I thinking about?" rejoined his indefatigable companion. "I remember now the ladies delighted me—it was the men with whom I was so disgusted. That fellow, for example, who performed the lover was detestable."
"Many thanks for your opinion," continued the poet, whose good humour it took much to overturn. "I was the detestable lover!"
"Well, I trust you will excuse me; but the truth is, the piece was such horrid trash, I believe the best actors in England could have made nothing of it."
"Confusion!" shouted the author, at last losing his temper. "I wrote the play."

WOULD JUST SUIT HIM.

"Mister," said the greasy wayfarer at the backdoor of the suburban residence, plaintively, "can't you do somethin' fur a pore man?"
"My friend," replied the man of the house, "I am a poor man myself."
"I don't 'spose you know what it is to go all over the country hunting for work?"
"No."
"The trouble with me," said the pilgrim, wiping his perspiring brow with the remains of what had once been a handkerchief, "is nerves. I can't do heavy work. If you was to ask me to dig in the garden to pay fur my breakfus', I couldn't do it. I won't deceive you, mister. I just couldn't do it. But I'm willin' to do light work. I won't stand back fur no man alive when it comes to light work. An' if you got an easy job that I can do comfortable like, so as to stipulate my appetite 'thout weak'nin' my nerves——"
"I have told you, my friend," interrupted the man of the house, "that I am myself a poor man. I sympathise with you, but I am not able to do anything to help you, and I certainly don't know of any light work you could do. I am a lecturer, and I make only a bare living."
"Would you mind tellin' me what you lecture about?"
"No. The subject of the lecture I am delivering at this session is 'The Industrial Crisis.'"
"Mister," said the caller, eagerly, "don't you want a fellow to travel with you as a horrible example of the effects of idleness?"

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HEARD IN THE STREETS.

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THAT one lady has expressed her approval of the notes in the *hedge-ways* and *bye-ways*. (It is supposed she meant the notes 'Heard in the Streets.')

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THAT the Billiard room is become a pleasant rendezvous for those having an hour's leisure, and is also a valuable aid to the Institute's income.

THAT one of our City Fathers was excessively kind last Saturday in instructing players how to 'shop the red' and encouraging a man who made a "good shot!"

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THAT one of our leading lights hoped a working-man Councillor might become chairman by and bye, but they did not *suspire* to it at present.

THAT Mr. Bulmer has won the election by hard work, and deserves his victory.

THAT Mr. Barraclough has lost, because noboby hardly saw him all day, and there was no life in the business at all.

THAT Mr. Nicholls will have all en to beat Tommy's attention to business, but he may easily beat him in bringing forward matters requiring attention.

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THAT Mrs. H. Hargreaves (Miss Hope Clieffe) has premised to sing "Abide with me," at the Rothwell Wesleyan Church on Sunday evening.

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THAT the Primitives are providing a good 'tuck out' at the Luncheon and Bazaar on Monday, and are open for additional candidates to 'tuck in.'

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THE ELECTION.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Sir,

Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper for the following. I see Tom Chapman has got defeated at the recent Election. Well, he has been a hard-working little chap since he has been on the Council. He has certainly tried his utmost to do his duty both in Rothwell and Stourton. If Harry Nichols takes the same interest in the work, the inhabitants of the said districts will feel very proud of him. Trusting this will meet the eye of all who are interested in the work.

I remain,
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For particulars and to view, apply at the Surveyor's Office, Rothwell.
Rothwell, Nr. Leeds, J. B. WIMBUSH,
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Further particulars and Forms of Tender may be obtained on application to Mr. J. T. Pears, Surveyor, Council Offices, Rothwell, Nr. Leeds.
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COMING EVENTS REGISTER.

The proprietors of this journal propose opening a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

April 13 & 14—Rothwell Mechanics Institute.
Re-opening Ceremonies Receptions & Dances
Apr. 19th—Rothwell Mechanics' Institute—Amateur Theatrical Performance.
April 29, 1899—Woodlesford Jumble Sale
May 24 & 25, 1899—Woodlesford Board Schools, Bazaar in aid of the Parish Room Fund.

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Friday, April 7, 1899.

THE HOLIDAYS.

It is a number of years since such dreary weather prevailed on Good Friday, as has been experienced this year, that meted out to us last Friday, by the clerk of the weather office being not so much like the harbinger of spring, as the dull, wet miserable forerunner of the rainy season. On this first holiday of the year, appearances of spring are generally beginning to manifest themselves, summer pastimes are often once again inaugurated, whilst wheelmen and wheel-women too, invariably look forward to the date as one on which lenghthened runs may comfortably be made into the beautiful country districts, and to places of popular resort. Those, however, who were depending upon the sun's genial rays and the mild tempered breezes for their pleasure, were woefully dissappointed on Friday, as more depressing weather for the time of the year could not be very easily imagined. So far as our district was concerned there were very few special features of attraction for that date.

At all the Anglican Churches special services, more or less advanced in ritual, were held, appropriate to the solemn and momentous event of which Good Friday is a memorial. As usual, a special service was conducted at the Wesleyan chapel at eleven o'clock. At Oulton, too, the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Sunday School Union for the Rothwell circuit took place, when two successful meetings were conducted.

On Easter Sunday, the sun came out beautifully, and everything conspired to make it a day of joy and hope, especially to those who attended the bright and cheery services usual at Churches of all names.

On Easter Monday, the weather was also ideal, permitting outdoor recreations to be prosecuted with considerable zest. The roads were in splendid condition for cyclists, and hundreds trundled themselves through our district with such speed at times as to suggest extreme light heartedness, and gladness at getting away for a few hours from the stuffy shop or close work at the office desk. At Rothwell, the principal attraction has been the Primitive three days' bazaar, held in the Central Hall, Carlton lane; also a bazaar at Robin Hood Free Church; particulars of which will be found in another column; the spiritualists have also held Sunday meetings; the Temperance Band played at a contest at Ilkley, on Monday, but failed to carry off any of the prizes; a rugby football match was played on the Royds Lane ground, on Monday, the home fifteen's opponents being Dewsbury, who won easily. Rothwell feast attracted large crowds of people from the surrounding districts, the feast ground and streets at the bottom of the town being crowded during the afternoon and evening.

THE NATIONAL BAZAAR.

With the object of reducing the debt of £1070, 10s 0d on the Primitive Methodist Trust property at Rothwell, and providing necessary money for discharging the trustees' liability so far as the private street improvement is concerned, and which is now being carried out by the District Council on the east side of the chapel premises, a three days' bazaar was opened in the Central Hall, Carlton Lane, on Monday afternoon last.

Preceding the opening ceremony a public luncheon provided by Mrs. Ineson, took place in one of the adjoining rooms of the schools, and was well attended. The repast was served by Mrs. Ineson, Mrs. Townend, and Misses. Ward and Marshall, and realised £4 3s 0d.

In commencing the opening proceedings, the Rev. J. A. Alderson said that on account of circumstance over which they had no control, Dr. Buck, (who had very kindly undertaken to preside at the ceremony,) was unable to be present with them, but had written, expressing his best wishes for the success of the bazaar, trusting that they would have good financial results. He also enclosed a cheque towards the funds.

The object of the bazaar, Mr. Alderson said, was to raise a sum of about £125. He had hoped that they might have aimed at £150, but several special efforts had been made recently in connection with the new house, &c, and consequently they had not been able to devote so much time as they would have liked to the project. He was pleased to have Mr. J. R. Seanor, J. P. present with them to open the bazaar. He was a gentleman well known in the neighbourhood for his Christian philanthrophy, and was always ready to assist and take an interest in any cause that had on its side the principles of Christianity and goodness. He had pleasure in asking him to open the bazaar.

Mr. Seanor said it felt hard work sometimes to stand and speak before so many whom he knew so well, on such occasions as these; perhaps on this occasion it was because of the good luncheon they had just partaken of, and at a time when they should have been bending over the wine and the walnuts, or 'ending their troubles in smoke.' (laughter). However, he would like to say something that would encourage the Primitive friends in their undertaking. They might take courage as Christian people by looking back upon the past, and considering the way God had led them. Looking back a quarter of a century, he could not but be reminded of the many changes that had taken place, of the many workers who had been taken away, and of the task that had been placed upon the Primitive Methodists of the town. After referring to the sale of the old Primitive chapel, and the building of the present place of worship, he said that God only knew what odd shillings had been spared out of scanty earnings; what self-denial had been exercised; what nice things had been made by matron's skill, and given to God's cause; and what schemes had been devised for carrying on the work and reducing the debt on the trust property. This debt had been faced both in bad times as well as in good times, and although they had recently incurred fresh liabilities, he was glad to say that in building the new house for their minister, the expenditure was likely to be a good investment, as the rent previously paid would more than meet the interest on the money borrowed. The Primitive Methodists had certainly a splendid piece of property at Rothwell. As Methodists they knew very little about endowments; their endowments were the gifts of their people, the gifts of those whose hearts God had touched. Financial weakness was, after all, their moral greatness. Money was only given to them on trust, and whilst they had it, it behoved them to make good use of it. As minister after minister came to labour amongst them, he hoped they would continue to bear their burdens as men of war. Never yet had they had a minister to equal Mr. Alderson in enterprising efforts, and he trusted the members would stand by his side and support him to the best of their ability. He hoped their highest anticipations would be realised so far as the bazaar was concerned, and he had pleasure in handing over a cheque towards the funds. (Applause).

On the motion of Mr. Ineson and Mr. Hartley, a hearty vote of thanks was then passed to Mr. Seanor, after which Mr. Alderson announced the following subscriptions:—Mr. J. R. Seanor, J.P., £10 0s 0d; Dr. Buck, £1 1s 0d; Mr. H. P. Newsome, £1 1s 0d; Councillor Jas. Armitage, £1; Jos Charlesworth, Esq, £3 3s 0d; Mr. J. Clayborough, £1; Mr. C. Ineson, 10s; Mr. T. Ward, 2s 6d; Mr L. J. Harris, 2s 6d; Mr. E. Bramley, 2s 6d; Mr. J. Ward, 2s 6d; Mr. T. Wilkinson, 2s 6d; a total of £18 17s 6d. (Applause). Besides this the ladies' sewing teas have realised £15 11s 7d, the young people's effort £7 10s 1d, and the concert by Mr. Alderson £7 7s 0d, all for the bazaar funds.

The room was prettily decorated, and the goods displayed for sale on stalls conveniently arranged, and artistically draped in national colours.

The stall holders were:—ENGLISH STALLS—No. 1 & 2 Drapery.—Mesdames Adamson, J. Lunn, Hartley, J. Harrison.

SCOTCH STALL—No. 3, Fancy.—Mrs. Alderson, Misses Ellis and H. Ward.

IRISH STALLS—No. 4, Young People's Sundry.—Misses A. Bramley and G. Ineson, Messrs. T. Naylor and D. Townsley. No. 5 Young People's Toys.—Messrs. Alf. Naylor and C. Hirst.

WELSH STALL—No. 6, Advertising.—Messrs. Eli Ward, W. Hartley and C Crowther.

BABY ALDERSON'S SWEET STALL—Miss Elliott.

PUBLIC LUNCHEON—(Ham, Tongues, Roast and Boiled Fowls, Roast Beef, Rabbit, Pigeon, and Pork Pies, Jellies, Cheese Cakes &c.)—Mesdames Ineson, Townend, Misses Ward and Marshall.

TEA ROOM AND CAFE—Mesdames Thurwell, J. Ward, E. Ward, H. Taylor, T. Dobson, D. Richardson, R. Bulmer and Durham.

SMOKING LOUNGE—Messrs. W. Bramfoot and W. Clayborough.

POULTRY STALL.—Messrs. D. Richardson and J. Harriman, senr.

ICE CREAM AND FRUIT STALL.—Misses C Smith, N. Bramley, and M. Adamson.

ÆRATED WATER STALL.—Messrs. J. Lunn and R. Naylor.

OYSTER SALOON.—Messrs. J Harriman junr. and T. Naylor.

SHOOTING RANGE.—Messrs. J. W. Ineson and S. Harriman.

GALVANIC BATTERY.—Messrs. A. Naylor and H. Milner.

WEIGHING MACHINE.—Mr. W. Lupton.

VILLAGE WELL—Mr. W. Bulmer.

CLOAK ROOM—Misses. G. Kinder and Naylor.

FLOWER STALL.—Misses Lawton and Kinder.

SUNLIGHT SOAP WASHING COMPETITION—Messrs. C Crowther and W. Bulmer.

Mr. W. Hartley and Mr. C. Crowther have acted as bazaar secretaries, and Mr. D. Richardson as treasurer.

During the afternoon and evening, the Stourton violin and mandoline band, under Mr. James Howarth, contributed selections of music in the bazaar. The performers included—Messrs. James Howarth, I. Taylor, H. Duffill, P. Collier, T. Vickers, W. Hill, F. Duffill and A. W. Duffill. In the evening, the same performers assisted at one of the musical entertainments; mandoline duetts were given by Messrs. T. Vickers and J Howarth; Miss Fanny Howarth sang "Killarney" and "The Holy City"; Mr. Howarth contributed the song "Queen of the Earth," and Mr. Vickers, humorist, the songs "The lady Barber" and "He altered his Opinion." A capital vocal and instrumental concert was also given by Mr. E. Bramley's party, Miss Bramley, Mr Bramley, Miss Keightley, Miss Jessie Ward, Mr. D. Townsley and Mr. J Oakley contributing of their best.

The Bazaar was re-opened on Tuesday afternoon, when Mr. J. Butterick presided. It had been announced that J. Rennison, Esq, of Leeds, would perform the usual ceremony, but, in speaking on the subject, the Rev. J. A Alderson said he had received a letter from Mr. Rennison, expressing his regret in being quite unable to come over, but enclosing a cheque for £2. He had therefore asked Mr Butterick to undertake the duty of opener as well as chairman, and remarked on the great kindness and assistance rendered by the Wesleyan friends generally; he was quite sure they would give him a most hearty welcome.

Mr. Butterick was cordially received, and made a pleasant and encouraging speech, sincerely reciprocating the kindly allusions to the Wesleyan Church, to which he belonged. He thought it was the right thing that as Methodists and Nonconformists they should act together, and he was pleased to think that in Rothwell there was no feeling of jealousy between them, but rather a desire to see each other flourish. He had pleasure in declaring the bazaar open.

Mr. Steel and Mr. Harriman spoke in support of a resolution heartily thanking Mr. Butterick for his kind assistance, and for the genial address he had given, on opening the bazaar, to which Mr. Butterick briefly responded, and the business of buying and selling re-commenced.

The donations for the second day were:—J. Rennison, Esq., £2; J. Butterick, Esq., 10s 6d; Mr. A. Steel, 10s; Mr. H. Lunn, 10s; and Mr. J. Harriman, 2s 6d.

In the evening half hour concerts were held at intervals, Mr. Alderson having secured the special favor of Mrs. Hargreaves' services, a fact which no doubt attracted a good number of people. The presence of Mr. Waide, who is now quite well-known in Rothwell as a clever drawing room entertainer, was also a great draw, while other ladies and gentlemen willingly gave of their best. There were three concerts, at one or more of which, these friends were present. Mr. S. Morton played "The last rose of summer" and "Lead kindly light," on his musical autoharp; Miss W. M. Marshall sang "When the children are asleep" and "Killarney;" Mr. J. Varley sang "The reef bell;" and Mr. McBurney "The song that reached my heart," "Molly Bawn," and "Death of Nelson." Mr. Waide's programme included "Humours on the sands" (an original composition, well considered and cleverly rendered), "Our Village Concert" (which was given not long ago in the Mechanics'), and, by request, "Selected;" also an encore song, "It did go," a phrase which applied to all Mr. Waide's efforts.

Mrs. Hargreaves kindly sang "Angus Macdonald" (in true martial style), a touching rendering of "Daddy," and a tasteful reading of "The Gift." At the request of several friends, Mrs. Hargreaves consented to repeat the sacred song "Abide with me," in the Central Hall, at the close of the proceedings, accompanying herself with exquisite taste.

Many thanks are due to Mrs. Elliott (of Royds Hall) for the willing and efficient manner in which she accompanied the greater part of the songs, and also to Miss Jessie Ward, who assisted in a similar way.

Immediately after Mrs. Hargreaves gave her last song, the Rev. J. A. Alderson expressed the very sincere thanks of himself and all interested in the effort, to the ladies and gentlemen who had so ably and pleasantly given their services at the concerts, and he could not refrain from again remarking that all or nearly all these friends are connected with the Wesleyan Church; not only had they been greatly aided by the Wesleyans in having Mr. Seanor and Mr. Butterick at the openings, and many others as visitors, but the very enjoyable concerts that night had been also by Wesleyans. After mentioning the names of the various performers separately, he called for and obtained support of the vote of thanks by loud and enthusiastic applause.

A Washing Competition for a case of electro-plated tea spoons and tongs, value 15s. offered by Messrs. Lever Bros., of Sunlight Soap fame, took place on Tuesday, and created much merriment. The prize was won by Mrs. Eli Ward, whose husband carried off the prize last year, in the same competition.

On Wednesday, the bazaar was re-opened at four o'clock, by Mrs. Brown, of Bradford; Mrs. Ineson presided, and along with the lady opener, delivered a neat and appropriate address.

Mrs. G. Adamson proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Brown and Mrs Ineson for their services; this was seconded by Mrs. W. Hartley, and put to the audience by Mrs Eli Ward, and heartily carried.

The donations for the third day were:—Mrs. Brown, £1 1s; Mrs. Ineson, 10s; Friends, 14s; Mrs. Hartley, 5s; Mrs. Eli Ward, 5s; Mrs. Clayborough, 5s; Mrs. Adamson, 2s 6d; and Mrs. J. Harrison, 2s 6d.

In the evening, Mr T. W. Naylor and Mr R. Naylor's party gave a concert in which the following ladies and gentlemen took part—Mrs Alderson, Miss Nellie Bramley, Miss C. Smith, and Mr Littlewood (songs), and Miss A. Bramley (recitation); Mr T. W. Naylor accompanied.

The details of the various proceeds are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
English Stalls	16	8	4
Scotch Stall	12	18	4½
Irish Stalls	6	15	5
Welsh Stall	1	16	2½
Baby Alderson's Sweet Stall	2	5	3½
Public Luncheon, Tea Room and Cafe	10	9	9
Smoking Lounge	4	11	1
Poultry Stall	1	0	2
Ice Cream and Fruit Stall...	2	6	7
Aerated Water Stall ...		19	10
Oyster Saloon		19	6
Shooting Range		6	9
Galvanic Battery		6	10½
Weighing Machine		4	5
Cloak Room		6	6
Flower Stall		15	1
Sunlight Soap Competition		8	1
Half-hour Concerts ...	2	16	1
Door Money	9	8	10
Donations	25	5	6
Sewing Teas	15	11	7
Young People's Effort ...	7	10	1
Mr. Alderson's Concert ...	7	7	0
Grand total raised	£130	17	4

ROTHWELL PARISH CHURCH.

The vestry meeting in connection with the above Church was held on Wednesday, presided over by the vicar, there was only a moderate attendance. In opening the proceedings the vicar stated he had received notice of the re-election of the Carlton and Lofthouse wardens, Mr. Dobson and Mr. Howe; he also stated that Mr. H. Atkinson had consented to act as vicar's warden, in place of Mr. T. W. Jewison who has left the district. Minutes of last meeting were then read and confirmed, and a vote of thanks was passed to the retiring wardens, which was responded to by Mr. Elstob. The election of churchwardens for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted in the election of Mr. Elstob for Rothwell, and Mr. B. Thompson for Royds Green; for Rothwell Haigh Mr. T. Webster was elected in place of Mr. Wm. Abbishaw. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL, STOURTON.

In connection with the above place of worship, an Easter Tea and Social was held in the school-room, on Monday, the provisions for which were entirely given by the ladies. The social consisted of a short concert followed by games, &c. There was a large number of people present. A similar gathering promoted by the gentlemen, is also shortly to be held on behalf of the chapel funds.

OLD FALSE TEETH BOUGHT.
Many ladies and gentlemen have by them old or disused false teeth, which might as well be turned into money. Messrs. R. D. & J. B. Fraser, of Princes Street, Ipswich. (established since 1833), buy old false teeth. If you send your teeth to them they will remit you by return post the utmost value; or, if preferred, they will make you the best offer, and hold the teeth over for your reply. If reference necessary, apply to Messrs Bacon & Co., Bankers, Ipswich.

CONCERT AT WOODLESFORD.

The annual concert promoted by the Woodlesford Cricket Club, was held in the Board schools, on Wednesday evening before a good attendance.

The programme opened well with a quartette "Regular Royal Queen" by Misses French and Amison, and Messrs. Harry Haigh and James Haigh. At a later stage duetts were given by Misses French and Amison ("Over the Hawthorn hedge,") and Messrs. H. Haigh and J. Haigh ("When 'neath alien skies"); in the latter piece the voices blended magnificently, the harmony being exceedingly well humoured.

Miss French, soprano, gave the solos "The flight of Ages" and "When the heart is young," and "Killarney" as an encore; she possesses a long range and is fairly clear in the top notes, but certainly excelled in her encore song.

Miss Amison, contralto, contributed "The Toilers" (encore "The Better Land") and "Queen of the Angels"; though not possessed of a strong voice, her tone is very mellow and the songs were full of pathos; her manner was unassuming.

Mr. Jas. Haigh, bass, in his first song "The Bandolero," gave a good account of his powers, being exceptionally strong in the lower range, and was finely mixed with fire and expression. His second venture "The Curfew" again displayed his deep powerful notes, for which efforts, he was rewarded with an encore and in response gave "Drinking."

Mr. Harrison Haigh, tenor, took immensely, and his song "Annette," was sweetly and prettily executed; as an encore he contributed "The mellow Autumn-tide." In the second part "The Last Watch" was tastefully rendered.

Mr. G. W. Nicholson, comic, is very well known in this district, and had a hearty reception, his first song "Mary, don't you love me?" describes love-making to Mary in the English, French, Scotch, Irish, Cockney and 'Woodlesford' style, and soon aroused the enthusiasm of his hearers; in response to the usual encore he gave "How we Laughed." His second venture "The hungry musician page" in costume, was a description of his visits to the pantry and the cook's experiences, and for an encore responded with "Ain't it awful." In the second part, he appeared in the humorous song "A silver spoon in his mouth," (encore "The broken down Tenor") and "In the pale Moon light," (encore "Go to bed, Tom.") Mr. Nicholson still maintains his popular style, and throughout kept the audience in roars of laughter. His efforts were greatly appreciated.

The accompanists, Miss Maud Ellis and Mr. Harry Harrison, acquitted themselves very creditably, and greatly enhanced the soloist's efforts by their masterly manipulation of the piano.

The success of the effort is greatly due to Miss Ellis who was responsible for disposing of most of the tickets, and Mr. Joe Craven, of the "White Hart," who gave the refreshments to the performers, whilst Mr. and Mrs. Parkin and Mr. H. Hodson tendered willing assistance.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A.

A special musical programme was arranged for the Easter meeting of the above, on Sunday afternoon last. The proceedings were conducted by Mr. Dennison Bell, and Mr. Willie Goldthorpe read the Bible lesson. A short address was delivered by Mr. Lunn, of Leeds, on "Fit for tat." The musical items comprised the following, and were much enjoyed. Mr. Joe Varley's efforts being especially very highly spoken of:—"Eternal rest" and "Promise of Life," Miss Lunn, of Leeds; "The Gift" and "Silver bell," Master Blacker, aged 7 years. Organ solo by Mr. J. T. Varley; and "The Lord worketh wonders" and "The people that walked in darkness," Mr. Joe Varley.

A great treat was afforded to the congregation present on Sunday evening, at the Rothwell Wesleyan Chapel, by the finished singing of Mrs. H Hargreaves (Miss Holmes Cleiffe). The sacred composition by Liddle on the hymn "Abide with me," was the piece selected, and only in a place of worship could its beauty and appropriateness be truly experienced. Accompanied by the organ, the various shades of feeling expressed in the hymn can be most effectively manifested, and in the hands of so capable and finished an artiste nothing more was needed for a perfect performance. The pleading strain of the first verse, and the solemn facts of the second ("Swift to its close"), are followed by the rising hope and consoling strength of the third ("I need Thy presence"), culminating in the strong fully-assured faith of the fourth verse ("I fear no foe"); then again is softened into the prayer ("Hold Thou Thy cross"), towards the close of which there are some most touching effects. The sacred words and twin music were together made a very real religious service to all who listened, and the effect will not soon be forgotten. Owing to the indisposition of the organist, Mr. J. T. Varley kindly undertook the very difficult accompaniment set to this song, and his performance deserves a full meed of praise towards the success of Mrs. Hargreaves' singing.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

At the above gathering on Sunday last, Mr. Isaac Smith, presided, when an excellent address was given by Mr. T. Hayward of Hunslet, on "The Resurrection Morn." The soloists were Mr. T. Vickers and Mr. Howarth, who gave effective renderings of mandoline duetts "Unice" and "Dreamland." Mr. A. W. Duffill accompanied on the piano.

EPPS'S COCOAINE.—Cocoa-Nib Extract. (Tea-like.)—The choicest roasted nibs (broken up beans) of the natural Cocoa, on being subjected to powerful hydraulic pressure, give forth their excess of oil, leaving for use a finely flavoured powder—"Cocoaine," a product, which, when prepared with boiling water, has the consistence of tea, of which it is now, with many, beneficially taking the place. Its active principle being a gentle nerve stimulant, supplies the needed energy without unduly exciting the system. Sold only in labelled tins. If unable to obtain it of your tradesman, a tin will be sent post free for 9 stamps.—James Epps and Co., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The usual meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Offices, Glasshouse Street, on Wednesday afternoon, when there were present Mr J Banks (Chairman), Mrs Woodcock, Mrs Dickenson, Rev Father Dillon, Dr Hawkyard, Messrs Robb, Farrer, Butterick, Edwards, Charlesworth, Seddon, Houghton, Fryer, Hargreaves, with the Clerk (Mr F W Mee).

ROTHWELL POOR MONEY.

Amongst the persons receiving relief was a case from Rothwell, in which it was suggested that the amount might be stopped or reduced. But this was too much for Mr Butterick, who was well aware of the circumstances, and with no little warmth, he declared that this should not be, and strongly demonstrated the small sum paid to the poor of Rothwell, as compared with other places, and that any cases from his township ought to be well dealt with, finishing up with the exclamation "Rothwell is the backbone of this Union," at which of course the Guardians laughed. But he won his case.

RESIGNATION OF NURSE.

The Clerk read a letter from Nurse Sutherland, resigning her post as assistant nurse at the Workhouse. The resignation was accepted, to terminate on April 29th.

THE LADIES' COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Ladies' Committee, in which it was stated that the ladies were not surprised to hear that the women denied having made the statement regarding dry tea and sugar. Naturally they would under the circumstances, and in face of being carpetted. The statement, nevertheless, was made, and they thought it of sufficient importance to report it. Was it true that the inmates had been told that on no account had they to complain to them (the ladies), and that their mission was simply to cheer them up? They had never gone to the house in a spirit of fault finding. Their aim all through had been to build up, and not to pull down.—Mrs Woodcock moved that the letter be referred to the House Committee for consideration and report.—Mr Hargreaves seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

THE CHILDREN'S HOMES.

A meeting of the Children's Homes Committee had been held, when the erection of outside fire escapes was considered, and additional tenders received. The matter was futher adjourned for a fortnight, and it was ordered that in the meantime all possible enquiries be made as to fixed canvas shoots. Mrs Curtis, newly appointed Relief Mother at the Homes, having intimated that she could not accept the office on account of the work attached to it, it was recommended that Miss Annie Wilson, the next on the list of candidates, be appointed.

The minutes were adopted, and on the motion of Mr Butterick, seconded by Mrs Dickenson, it was resolved that Miss Wilson be appointed temporarily, notice being given for her permanent appointment at the next meeting.

NURSES AND THEIR DUTIES.

Only one application had been made for the office of night nurse—from London. The candidate had been asked to attend that day, but had not done so, and it was decided to again advertise.

Mr Robb, in accordance with notice, moved that certain rules and regulations drawn up for the nurses at the Workhouse Infirmary, be adopted. He said the object of the rules was to make the work as light and efficient as could possibly be done. They had not quite got to eight hours per day, but the charge nurses were only on duty 9¼ hours. The nurses at Hunslet only worked one hour per day more than those at the Leeds Workhouse, and two hours per week more than those at Wakefield.

Dr Hawkyard seconded.

Mr Fryer thought the regulations were too strict, and that they need not expect nurses to apply for the posts if they showed them to them. What was the need to keep nurses in when they were off duty? They could pay for another nurse with the money expended in advertising every year. He moved as an amendment that the rules be allowed to lay on the table for six months.

Dr Hawkyard said he would second the amendment, in order that it might be discussed (laughter). It was not only at Hunslet that difficulty was felt in obtaining nurses. They would have to give better salaries if they wished to have first-class nurses, or be content with a lower standard of nurses. It appeared to him that what they really wanted for Workhouse Infirmaries was a body of nurses, not very highly trained, but slightly above the grade of Sarah Gamps (laughter). As to nurses only working 9¼ hours, so long as nurses were in Workhouse, they were liable to be called on at any moment, and were practically always on duty. He would like to see a Nurses' Home away from workhouse buildings, where they could live in peace. Still they wanted regulations, so that the nurses would know what they were expected to do.

Mr Butterick thought the time had come when they should have another assistant nurse.

Dr Hawkyard asked what Mr Fryer objected to in the regulations.

Mr Fryer said he objected to the time the nurses had to be on duty, considering the salaries that were paid.

Mr Robb said that the salary of the charge nurse was recently advanced from £30 to £35.

Mr Fryer: What an enormous advance! (Laughter).

The resolution was adopted, only Mr Fryer voting for the amendment.

The question of appointing another assistant night nurse was referred to the House Committee.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR HIRST.

Mr Joseph Hirst, a past chairman, and with one exception senior member of the Board, wrote resigning his membership as a representative of Hunslet East Ward, owing to duties imposed upon him as a councillor for Leeds, and to calls of business. The resignation was accepted with regret, sympathetic reference being made to the good work done by Mr Hirst, during the eight years he had been on the Board.

THE DRINK QUESTION.

The Todmorden Union wrote enclosing copy of resolution passed by them expressing the opinion that having regard to the provisions of the new Inebriates Act, it was desirable that existing facilities for the sale of intoxicating liquors be placed under greater restriction.

Mr Butterick moved that the letter lay on the table.

Mr Hargreaves seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Dr Hawkyard: You will get beans at Rothwell (laughter).

Mr Butterick: I care nothing about beans.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

The Kettering Union sent the copy of a resolution passed by them suggesting that short of a universal scheme of pensions to all persons over 65, a practical step towards the solution of the difficulty would be to give power to Guardians to grant pensions not exceeding 5s per week to necessitous persons who had attained that age, one half of the cost to be borne by the Imperial revenue.—Dr Hawkyard thought Boards of Guardians and their officials would be the safest men to deal with the matter, so as to guard against abuse. They would have local knowledge which would enable them to deal with the question far better than County Councils.—Mr Hargreaves was of the same opinion, and moved that the Board support the Kettering resolution.—This was seconded, and agreed to.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, cheques were signed for a total of £1420 12s 6d.

Mr Hargreaves reported that the sub-committee appointed to let the land at Rothwell Haigh (the site of the new Workhouse) until the end of September, had received three tenders as follows:—Mr John Nickols £20, Mrs Fatkin £10, and Mr H Hopton £5, for one field.—The tender of Mr Nickols was accepted.

The seal of the Board was affixed to a petition to the House of Commons in favour of the rating of ground values.

Intimation had been received from the Rothwell Urban Council of the appointment of the following overseers:—Messrs James Hargreaves, Benjamin Thompson, and Henry Peter Newsome.

Mr J Hargreaves gave notice that at the next meeting he would move the re-appointment of Mr John Cockerham as registration officer for Oulton-with-Woodlesford.

BAZAAR AT ROBIN HOOD.

The annual bazaar and sale of work in connection with the Robin Hood United Methodist Free Church took place on Monday and Tuesday last. The bazaar was opened on Monday by Mrs. Abraham Armitage, and on Tuesday by Mrs. Batty, two well-known ladies resident in the village, who were supported by Rev. J. T. Oliver, Messrs. D. Hartley, J. Keightley, S. Hartley, W. Chambers (Sharleston), J. Horner, D.C., and A. Smith. The bazaar secretary, Mr. F. Grimshaw, gave a brief report. Large numbers assembled each day at the opening ceremony, which augured well for the day's proceedings. The stalls were well stocked with prettily made goods, which found a ready sale at the prices at which they were marked. The stalls were presided over by the following ladies:—

CONGREGATIONAL STALL.—Mesdames Batty, D. Milner, Giles, F. G. Milner.

FANCY STALL—Mesdames S. Hartley, L. Chambers, J. Hemsworth, S. Spurr, and Miss A. Lunn.

YOUNG LADIES' STALL—Misses Batty and Chambers, Mrs. Smalley and Miss Land.

REFRESHMENT STALL—Mesdames Spurr, C B Lunn, J Harrison, J Wainwright, D Hartley, W. Bedford, Watson, and Dobson, and Misses Holroyd, E Milner, Dalton, L E Milner, E Giles, C Milner, M Spurr, and S J Milner.

The concerts, to which Miss A Jarman, of Bradford, Masters Tempest and Clough, of Morley, Mr J Horner, of Outwood, Mr J Hanson, of Thorpe, and the Middleton Vocal Union contributed, were much appreciated by large audiences, and the various other attractions including musical performances on the "gramaphone" were also richly enjoyed by the friends. We are glad to report that the financial success has exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the Committee, the total receipts being over £80, leaving a balance of £65 clear for reducing the debt and meeting current expenses, truly a most magnificent culmination to two months' work and another to the list of successes of this church.

SAD FATE OF A ROTHWELL CHILD.

Yesterday morning, a sad fatality occurred in Commercial Street about half past eleven. It appears that Mrs. Wood, wife of William Wood, shoemaker, left her three and a half year's daughter, Dorris, playing on the hearth with a younger child, whilst she went on an errand. On returning a few minutes afterwards, she was horrified to find Dorris in the wash tub, and despite the efforts of the neighbours and of Dr James and Dr Haigh, to restore animation, life was found to be extinct. The funeral of the little one takes place at Oulton, to-morrow.

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SHE HAD NEVER SUSPECTED IT.

"I wish you hadn't had your hair cut so short, Harold!" exclaimed the young woman, turning away from him involuntary.

"What difference does it make, dearest?" asked Harold with tender anxiety.

"You have destroyed an illusion," she sighed.

"You didn't think I was a poet, did you, Clara?"

"No; I never suspected you of being a poet."

"Nor an artist?"

"No."

"Then what illusion have I destroyed?" he demanded.

"Perhaps I should say, Harold," she answered, with tears in her voice, "that you have unconsciously revealed a fact I never suspected. Your ears don't match!"

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady, cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent £1,000 to his Institute so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Apply by letter to:—H. S. I. RICHARDSON, 9, Great Russell Street, London, W.C

HEARD IN THE STREETS.

CONTRIBUTED.

THAT except for Good Friday, the elements have been very kind to us.

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THAT Commercial Street has become quite a 'Briggate' on Saturday nights and holidays.

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THAT the 'Feast' folks have netted a good lump of last week's hard earned wages.

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THAT the Primitives have good cause to smile on everybody, for the all-round help they have got, and should return the compliment, whenever they can.

THAT there would have been 'small pickings' for the burglar that happened to visit any of their houses on Wednesday night.

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THAT next week's Receptions will be brilliant events, and success is already assured.

THAT 'full dress' will be the regulation order, at least on Thursday.

THAT over the front door of the Mechanics looks very unfinished, especially since its title was recently re-gilded.

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THAT the prize cues have arrived at the Mechanics.

THAT the second round of the Billiard Tournament will not be held next week.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The seventh annual conference in connection with the above Union, which embraces all the schools in the Rothwell circuit, was held on Good Friday in the Oulton Wesleyan Chapel. In the afternoon, Mr. A. Blakeley, of Normanton, gave an excellent model lesson to a class of nine boys, from the 1st. chapter of Daniel. The youthful heroism of Daniel and his companions in refusing the King's meat and drink was very ably spoken of and made the basis on which useful lessons of good conduct, heroic self-sacrifice, and painstaking effort to keep a conscience void of offence, were worked up and driven home. Although Mr. Blakeley was himself anything but well, he handled his subject in a most praiseworthy manner, the lesson being deeply interesting and profitable not only to the class of boys, but also to the up-grown portion of the congregation. A short discussion followed the lesson, after which the friends adjourned for tea in the school-room.

In the evening a public meeting was held in the chapel presided over by the Rev. J. B. Maltby. The secretary's report was given by Mr. H. Armitage. After referring to the work of the Committee during the year, the report goes on to say:—"So far as finances go the Committee are in a sound position, the levies on the schools meeting all expenses, and leaving in the hands of the Treasurer a substantial balance. The numerical returns from the various schools may, on the whole, be classed as ordinary, there being no very striking figures to record. The total number of officers and teachers is 204, against 189 last year; an increase of 15. Morning average attendance 61, against 57 last year, an increase of 4; afternoon 96 against 86; another increase this time of 10. The number of teachers and officers who are members of society, is identical with that returned last year 167, so that it would appear that the increase of teachers is in those who are not closely connected with the Wesleyan Church. There is a decrease in the number of scholars in the schools of 128, this year's return being 1165 and last year's 1293; of these 270 are under 7 years of age and 190 above 14, respective decreases 18 and 12. The morning average attendance is 482, a decrease of 72; and afternoon 808, a decrease of 67. 36 scholars are returned as being members of society, against 31 last year, a satisfactory increase of 5. The number of scholars returned as being on trial for membership is 13, a decrease of 19 on last year's return of 32. In the number of those in Junior Society classes, however, there is a splendid increase, last year's figure being 63, whilst this year it is 96, or an increase of 33. 23 additional volumes have been added to the libraries, at Rothwell Normanton, Stanley, and Woodlesford, but there are fewer readers by 16, the figures being 1898 126; 1897. 142. 6 of the 8 schools use the Conference Catechism. Normanton and Altofts being the two schools who so far have failed to act on the strong recommendation of the Union Committee. All the scholars are taken regularly to chapel, and 5 of the schools are connected with the Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School Union. There is an increase of £4 4s 1d in the total amount of money raised by the Juvenile Missionary collections, the principal jump in the right direction being by Rothwell, who this year sent £4 3s 7d, against £2 11s 8d last year; Normanton have also done considerably better, this year sending £2 18s 5d against £1 9s 0d. All the other items are under £1. The fact that more money has been spent on the schools during the year points to a desire for more efficient premises and apparatus, this year's figure being £93 4s 8d against £84 18s 11½d. From these figures it will be seen that in some repects the schools are making advancements, and where decreases have occurred it behoves those immediately concerned to try and bring about a better state of things. The most noticeable decrease is in the number of scholars connected with the schools a drop of 128 in one year being somewhat alarming. The places where decreases have occurred are Rothwell 30, Normanton 41, Stanley 26, Woodlesford 12, Carlton 20, and Ouzlewell Green 1; Oulton have increased by 2; and Altofts are stationary at 71.

Addresses on Sunday School work were given by Mr. D. Bell and Mr. A. Pickersgill, Carlton; Mr. Gooder, Normanton; Mr. Cartwright, Woodlesford; and Mr. Marland, Stanley. At the close of the meeting, a comprehensive vote of thanks was passed to the Oulton ladies for providing tea, to the Trustees for entertaining the Conference, to the speakers at the evening meeting, and to Mr. Blakeley, for his able services in the afternoon; the motion being spoken to by Mr. Forbes, of Normanton, and Mr. Witchell, of Woodlesford. A coffee supper followed.

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.]

The reception at the Mechanics' Hall, Rothwell, next Thursday night, April 13th, by the Lord of the Manor, J. S. Calverley, Esq., of Oulton Hall, promises to be a really brilliant affair. The guests will be in full dress, and the ladies, by the charm of their toilets, will transform the hall into a fairy scene. In the annals of the Rothwell Mechanics' Institute this function will rank as an historic event. It is to be hoped every well-wisher of the Institute and every friend of local progress on popular lines, will attend one of the two receptions, if not both.

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The second night reception will be in ball room costume, but not necessarily in swallow-tail coats, white gloves and neck ties; although I am told these aids to smartness will be in evidence on the second night as well as the first. But that is a mere detail. What is important to know and talk about is that the second night reception will be as bright as the first, and quite as enjoyable.

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The two receptions will be conducted and provided for exactly alike. The whole of the suite of rooms of the Mechanics' Institute will be lavishly decorated and brilliantly lighted throughout. For these events every room will be available for the guests of the evenings; and visitors will have an opportunity of inspecting under favourable conditions the important additions and improvements carried out so comprehensively under the supervision of Mr. Richardson, our resident architect,

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I see by the invitation circular issued by the Committee that acceptances may be notified to Dr. Stevenson, Rothwell, and tickets for the first night obtained at his residence, Marsh Villa. The double tickets 8s each. For the second night tickets may be had from Mr. S. Morton, Smithson Street, Rothwell. The double tickets 4s each. The circular tells me dancing is to be indulged between the hours of 8 p.m. and 2 a.m.

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I understand the entire proceeds of the two receptions will be devoted to the building fund This gratifying state of things has been made possible by a few local gentlemen agreeing to pay the expenses incidental to such functions, including the decorations, refreshments, etc.

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Mr. Er Green, of Manor House Farm, may not be particularly fond of poking fun at his neighbours in Churchfield. I don't say he is. But I will say this much that the housewives around there are compelled to take a good deal of his 'chaff.' The chaff though dry, is not exactly humorous. Mr. Green perpetrates a bad joke, when, by his chaff, straw and dust, he invades our best rooms with every puff of west wind, and litters carpets, furniture and window sills by the waste from his stackyard. Now, Mr. Green, smarten up your barns and folds so as to prevent sheer waste of material capable of making good manure. I can assure you it is not wanted inside our dwelling houses, nor on our doorsteps, nor yet in our eye corners.

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I have an item for the letter box which your man at the street corner would like to pounce upon. But he can't get at it unless he is privileged to look over the shoulder of the compositor who sets up this par. The fact is the directors of the Gas Company have definitely decided to adopt the suggestion of their chairman at the last half-yearly meeting, to increase the discount to their small consumers, including the users of gas through the slot meters. The extra discount will commence from 1st. January and will include the quarter ending 31st. March, 1899. Good old Directors! How slow you are and yet how sure!

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

The closing social of the session was held in the Central Hall on March 27th. After several musical friends had rendered acceptable service, the chief feature of the evening was brought into prominence. This was the presentation to the Secretary of the Society, of a beautiful inlaid writing desk, as a mark of the members' great appreciation of Mr C. J. Gooder's long and valuable services. In making the presentation, the Rev G. H. Clarke spoke very highly of the real hard work carried on with unfailing regularity and earnestness, which Mr Gooder had done since taking the secretaryship of the Society. That work had always been marked with a thoroughness and efficiency which did great credit to the secretary's conscientious idea of duty, and the modest unassuming way in which it was done, had lent an additional charm to his most acceptable labours. The variety and interest of each year's syllabus had borne witness to the secretary's wide range of intellectual taste, and had afforded great satisfaction to the members of the Society. In conclusion, Mr Clark presented the writing desk to Mr Gooder "in the name of the members of the Stourton St Andrew's Mutual Improvement Society, and with their heartiest wishes for his continual welfare." In acknowledging the gift, Mr Gooder said he had undertaken the task with the one object of doing his duty therein, and was very pleased that his humble but most willing services had afforded satisfaction to the members of the Society.

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SERVICE OF SONG.

On Sunday afternoon last, the Rothwell Christian Endeavour Choir gave a service of song in the Rothwell Primitive Chapel entitled "In his steps, or what would Jesus do." There was a good attendance, and the choir did credit to themselves. Mr D Townsley presided, Mr L Harris conducted, Miss Lawson, of Oulton, read the literary paragraphs, and Mr E B Bramley accompanied.

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INTERESTING ANCEDOTES.

AWKWARD MISTAKE.—Here is a story which Baron Dowse, the celebrated Irish judge, once told in that exaggerated "brogue" which he loved to employ.—"I was down in Cork last month holding the assizes. On the first day, when the jury came in, the officer of the Court said: 'Gintlemen av the jury, ye'll take yer accustomed places, if ye plaze.'—"And may I never laff," said the Baron, "if they didn't all walk into the *dock*.

THE DEAN SCORED.—Dean Hole was once travelling by a certain railway when a very objectionable person of a conversational turn of mind entered the same carriage, bringing with him a very strong odour of whiskey.—After having bored Dean Hole for some time with his imbecile remarks, he roughly inquired, "What comes next to Itchin?"—"And," says Dean Hole, "when I answered 'Scratching,' the conversation flagged."

FOX AND THE BLIND WOMAN.—The immortal Fox, when a youth, meeting a blind woman on Easter Monday, who was crying puddings and pies, took her by the hand, and said, "Come along with me, dame. I am going to Moorfields, where, this holiday time, you may chance to meet with good custom."—"Thank you kindly, sir," replied she.—He then conducted her to Cripplegate church, and placed her in the middle aisle.—"Now," said he, you are in Moorfields," which she believing immediately cried out:—"Hot puddings and pies! Here they are, all hot."

TIME AND CHANCE.—When Mrs. Fox was in England she attended York races, where she met with the celebrated Laurence Sterne. He rode up to the side of the coach and accosted her:—"Well, madam, which horse do you bet upon?"—"Sir," said she, "if you can tell me which is the worst horse, I will bet upon that."—"But why, madam," said Sterne, "do you make so strange a choice?"—"Because," replied the lady, "you know the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong."—Sterne was so much pleased with the reply, that he went home and wrote from that text his much admired sermon entitled "Time and Chance."

LOUIS XIV. AND THE ARCHBISHOP OF PARIS.—When Moliere died, the Archbishop of Paris would not let his body be buried in consecrated ground. The king being informed of this, sent for the archbishop and expostulated with him about it; but finding the prelate inflexibly obstinate, his majesty asked how many feet deep the consecrated ground reached. The question coming by surprise, the archbishop replied, "About eight." "Well," answered the king, "I find there's no getting the better of your scruples; therefore let his grave be dug twelve feet deep—that's four below your consecrated ground—and let him be buried there."

LONDON SUBURBS.—Howel, in one of his characteristically gossiping passages on the increase in London's size, wrote as follows nearly three hundred years ago: "The suburbs of London are larger than the body of the city, which make some compare her to a Jesuit's hat, whose brims are far larger than the block; which made Count Gondomar, the Spanish ambassador, to say, as the Queen of Spain was discoursing with him, upon his return to England, of the City of London, 'Madam, I believe there will be no city left shortly, for all will run out of the gates to the suburbs.'"—What would the count say if he saw the London of to-day?

WHAT IRVING SAID.—A certain actor who wished to lintroduce in novations into Hamlet proposed to play the part of the Danish Prince in a red cloak, which intention he reported to Mr. Henry Irving, the great Shakespearian actor, who said:—"Very well, I do not see anything shocking in that."—"But is it right?" inquired his interlocutor.—"I dare say it is," replied Mr. Irving. "Red was the colour of mourning of the Royal house of Denmark."—"But how do you get over this?" persisted the other, quoting the words, "'Tis not alone my inky cloak, good mother.'"—"Well," replied the Shakespearian calmly, "I suppose there is such a thing as red ink, isn't there?"

NOTHING VENTURE, NOTHING HAVE.—On one occasion when Madame Patti was touring in the North, the Hall at which she was to appear was crowded hours before the commencement of the concert. Just before the entertainment began, a workman with a hammer in his hand was seen at the back of the gallery, trying to get down to the front. Thinking he was on business, the "gods" responded readily to his "By your leave," and after great trouble he worked his way to the front seat of the gallery. All eyes were upon him to see what he was going to do, when, amidst great laughter, applause, and groans, he calmly crushed into one of the seats and sat down, and all efforts to move him were unavailing.

IRISH COMPLIMENTS.—Sir Charles Russell tells with great gusto the following story, which illustrates the inborn knack among Irishmen of turning compliments. Sir Charles, who is of Irish extraction, himself says, "An Irish girl was taking a walk with a young friend of similar nationality and a son of Sir Charles, one on each side of her. They were talking of some popular English beauty, and the girl made some disparaging remark about her countrywomen, saying that beauty had died out in Ireland since the English Conquest. 'I don't think,' said the young friend, 'it has died out altogether. I fancy I have seen beauty in this country fully equal to any you can find across the Channel; but that, Frank,' he added, 'is between you and me.'"

JOWETT AND THE WASHERWOMEN.—The late Dr. Jowett's brevity of speech and despatch of business never shone more than on the great occasion of his dealing with the refractory washerwomen of Baliol. These worthy dames struck for higher wages in one department. Twelve collars for a shilling was the statuary price. They came to interview the master. "The washerwomen have come to see you," said the butler. "Show the ladies up," said the master. They clumped into the room, to find him fiddling with the poker at the ashes in the grate. He turned round. "Will you wash twelve collars for a shilling?" They began to expostulate. He touched the bell. In came the butler. "Show the ladies down." Presently the butler appeared again. "They seem very sorry, sir. Would like to see you again." "Show them up." The washerwomen found the master intent, as before, on the fire-grate. "Will you wash twelve collars for a shilling?" piped his cheery little voice. A stalwart speaker began to make explanations. He touched the bell "Show these ladies down," said he; and down they went. Again the butler expressed a hope that he would see them. "Certainly; show them up." They entered the room. "Will you wash twelve collars for ashilling?" "We will," they cried. "Thank you. Good day—good day," said the master; and touching the bell, he said "Knight, show these ladies down;" and the strike was over.

One penalty of infraction of French prison discipline is seating the prisoner on the ground bound hand and foot with strong belts fastened to rings in the wall, so that he cannot stir.

The number of women writers, editors, and journalists in the United Kingdom is very much smaller than one might expect—only 660 as against 5,111 men. There are 14 women journalists betwen the ages of 15 and 20; 186 between 35 and 45, and 20 above 65.

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FACTS AND FANCIES.

THE LAWYER'S OPINION.

An Irishman while out walking one day found a five-shilling piece. He took it to a lawyer and inquired of him if it was a good one.

"Oh yes," said the man of law, as he quietly pocketed the coin; "you can send the one shilling and eightpence around; my fee is six shilling and eightpence."

NOT A HOLIDAY.

Employer: "So you want a holiday, do you? Why, I haven't had one for twenty years.

Clerk: "You've been going away for a month or two every summer since I came here."

"I know that very well, but I had my wife and six children with me all the time didn't I?"

WORRUKIN' HARD.

Mrs. Brady: "Och, Missus O'Toole, yez be worrukin' noight and day!"

Mrs. O'Toole: "Yis; Oi'm under bonds to kape the pace for pulling the hair of that bla'guard Missus Murphy. An' the judge tould me as if oi touched her agin he'd foine me 20s."

Mrs. Brady: "An' yez is worrukin' hard so's to kape outen mischief?"

Mrs. N'Toole: "No. bedad. Oi'm savin up the 20s."

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MEAN.

To the large number of stories of the "meanest man" which are frequently related, one should be added of a certain Frenchman, famous for his habit of grumbling at everything and on every occasion.

He was attacked by inflammatory rheumatism, and was carefully nursed by his wife, who was very devoted to him in spite of his faultfinding disposition. His suffering caused her to burst into tears sometimes as she sat by his bedside.

One day a friend of the invalid's came in and asked him how he was getting on.

"Badly, badly!" he exclaimed; "and it's all my wife's fault."

"Is it possible?" asked the friend in surprise.

"Yes. The doctor told me that humidity was bad for me, and there that woman sits and cries, just to make it moist in the room!"

BLIGHTED HOPES.

Mr. Shollicks was very angry. Someone had broken his favourite meerschaum and replaced it in its case. He questioned his wife and the servants about it, but they alike professed to be unaware that it had happened. Presently his only son came in. "George," said his excited parent, "do you know anything about this broken pipe?"

"Father," sobbed the lad, "it was I who did it. Forgive me, father. I cannot tell a lie!"

Mr Shollicks patted the boys head, and then rushed from the house to melt into an agony of tears. But it was not the shattering of his meerschaum that distressed him now. A worse thing had befallen him.

"Heaven help me!" he moaned. "Ever since my son was born it has been my ambition, my dearest wish, to rear him for my own profession; and now—and now he cannot tell a lie! Oh, it's a cruel blow!"

Mr. Shollicks was a lawyer!

BUYING A HORSE.

They say when a man goes to selling horses he can no longer be honest, at least in respect to horses, and yet "they say" may be mistaken. At least it occurred to me so, one day as riding along a pleasant road I met a man on horseback.

"Want to buy a horse?" he inquired.

"What do you want for him?" said I.

"Forty pounds," said he.

"What do you ask for him?" said I.

Thirty pounds," said he.

"What will you take for him?" said I.

"Twenty-five pounds," said he.

"What will you get for him?" said I.

"Twenty pounds," said he.

"What did you give for him?" said I.

"Ten pounds," said he.

"What is he worth?" said I.

"A fiver," said he. "I reckon you don't want to buy a horse, mister," and he rode into the yard of a big establishment I could see through the trees.

"What's that building?" I asked of a man a hundred yards further on.

"Lunatic asylum," he replied, curtly, and I steered in the other direction.

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THE ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ADOPTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS AMENDMENT ACT, 1890.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a General Meeting of the above-named Council duly convened and held on the 22nd day of March, 1899, a Resolution was unanimously carried, of which the following is a copy:—

RESOLUTION—
"That the Public Health Acts Amendment "Act, 1890, be and the same is hereby adopted "by this Council and that the said Act do come "into operation at the expiration of One Calendar "Month from the date of the first Publication of "the Advertisement of this Resolution."

Dated this 14th day of April, 1899.
MAUDE BARRET, Deputy Clerk to the Council.

TENDERS.

ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

THE above Council invite Tenders for the occupancy of the Garden at Churchfield, Rothwell, for one year, then subject to one month's notice on either side.

Tenders to be delivered at the Council Offices, Rothwell, not later than 12 o'clock noon on Monday, the 17th inst.

For particulars and to view, apply at the Surveyor's Office, Rothwell.

Rothwell, Nr. Leeds, April 6th, 1899. J. B. WIMBUSH, Clerk.

ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TENDERS FOR TEAM LABOUR.

THE above Council invite Tenders for the supply of Team Labour (Day Work and Stone Leading) for the year ending March 31st, 1900.

Further particulars and Forms of Tender may be obtained on application to Mr. J. T. Pears, Surveyor, Council Offices, Rothwell, Nr. Leeds.

Tenders endorsed "Team Labour" to be delivered at the Council Offices, on or before Thursday, the 20th day of April, 1899.

Rothwell, Nr. Leeds, April 6th, 1899. J. B. WIMBUSH, Clerk.

WEST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL.

TECHNICAL EXHIBITIONS.

THE County Council are again offering Junior Senior, and Occasional Technical Exhibitions, tenable at Evening Classes, covering Fees, together with full or part travelling expenses (where necessary.)

Application Forms and full information may be obtained from The CLERK, Technical Instruction Committee, County Hall, Wakefield, or Mr. J. GRIMSHAW, Gatescroft, Calverley, Leeds.

FOR SALE.

BLACK MINORCAS EGGS for Sitting, Price 3/6 Pure bred and excellent layers. Male bird unrelated.—John Greaves, Oulton.

TO LET.

TO LET—GARDEN, North Field House, Rothwell Haigh. For rent and particulars—Apply, Mr. Dobson, Green End Farm, Carlton.

LOST.

LOST—Sunday night, between Rothwell and Thwaite Gate, Gent's Gold Signet Ring with Monogram. Finder Rewarded on returning to this Office

DEATHS.

BROADBENT—April 9th, aged 74 years, Sarah, widow of John Broadbent, Middleton.
DOBSON—April 7th, aged 80 years, Caroline, widow of Richard Dobson, Rothwell.
HANDFORTH—April 12th, aged 14 months, Israel, son of Israel Handforth, Rothwell.

COMING EVENTS REGISTER

The proprietors of this journal propose opening a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

Apr. 19th—Rothwell Mechanics' Institute—Amateur Theatrical Performance.
April 29, 1899—Woodlesford Jumble Sale
May 24 & 25, 1899—Woodlesford Board Schools, Bazaar in aid of the Parish Room Fund.

The Committee of the Mechanics' Institute, have pleasure in announcing that
In aid of the Improvement Fund, the
Rothwell Parish
Amateur Dramatic Society,
Will give
A PERFORMANCE
Of the Irish Character Drama,
In Four Acts, Entitled:—
"The SHAUGHRAUN"
By Dion Boucicault, Esq.,
To take place
On WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19th, 1899,
Commencing at 7-30 p.m.; Carriages 10-15 p.m.
Reserved & Numbered, 2s.; Second Seats, 1s
Plan may be seen and Seats booked at the Institute.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A. SOCIETY.
ONE HOUR ONLY 3 to 4.
SUNDAY, APRIL 16th,
Speaker—MR. SIDDALL, of Leeds.
Soloist—MISS BROOKS, of Hunslet.
Collection for Expenses.
Everybody Invited. Prizes given for Attendance

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley

Friday, April 14, 1899.

RE-OPENING OF ROTHWELL MECHANICS' INSTITUTE

Although the above premises, in their greatly altered and enlarged condition, have been frequently used during the past few weeks, the actual formal opening of the completed building did not take place till last night, when a novel but appropriate function was arranged, and passed off with great *eclat*.

It is unnecessary to go into detail as regards the alterations made; this has already been done, and we shall therefore simply escort our readers through the rooms as seen last night, and tell of some of the pleasures provided

Arriving before eight o'clock, the main entrance to the vestibule is found covered with crimson cloth, flowering and other plants flanking either side of the hall, the handsome flights of broad steps before us being also adorned in a similar manner. Turning to the left, the gentlemen find rooms provided for their outer garments and for making such changes as they desire in their personal appearance, while the ladies pass forward upstairs into the retiring rooms on either side of the new stage. The ladies and gentlemen having completed those transformations in dress, which are always so interesting and sometimes so marvellous, meet again on the crimson cloth, and together pass into the reception room on the left of the ball-room, where the Vicar (the Rev. W. B. Pierson) and Mrs. Pierson genially welcome the guests (on behalf of J. S. Calverley, Esq., the president, who is unable to be present).

Dancing commenced about half-past eight, and when the gaiety was at its height, the ball-room presented a most animated and exhilarating picture. The guests were mostly in full dress, and included a good representation of the wealth and beauty, the prosperity and culture of the district, although not a few of these preferred being present on the second night (to-night). The floor had been fitted with dancing canvas, the windows were tastefully draped with ten pairs of handsome curtains (purchased by the Committee); the walls were adorned with trophies of flags, some good pictures, various draperies and mirrors, etc., while the stage had been utilised as a most enticing retiring room, a coign of vantage from which the observer could see all that was going on in the whirl of excitement and festivity beyond. Here also the pretty little platform is seen to be decorated with a tasteful brass rod and scroll work within, very effectively perfecting the view towards the stage.

The guests numbered just a hundred, including the following:—
Mr and Mrs A Armitage, and Mr G and the Misses Armitage, Oak Villa, Robin Hood
Mr and Mrs Geo Armitage, Westfield House, Carlton
Mr Jas Armitage and Mr F and the Misses Armitage, Iveridge Hall, Royde Green
Mr H S Atkinson, Springhead, Rothwell
Rev J A Alderson, The Manse, Rothwell
Miss Ashley, Bradford
" Butterfield, Rothwell
The Misses Barber, Stourton Lodge, Stourton
Miss Braime, Hunslet
Dr and Mrs Buck, Rothwell
Mr Arthur Batty, Bridgefield Terrace, Rothwell
Miss Craven, Rothwell Haigh
" Coombs, Bramley
Mr Walter Copley, Rothwell
" Hugh Clark, The National School house, Rotowell
Mr Cordingley, Cleckheaton
" Squire Dobson, Carlton
The Misses Dobson, Morley
Mr and Mrs A Elliott, Royds Hall, Oulton
" Norman Elliott, Newmarket House, Oulton
Mr and Mrs Elstob, Rothwell
" " Farrer, Oulton
Dr Gay, Rothwell
Mrs Gould, Thorpe
The Misses Hargreaves, Haigh Villa, Rothwell Haigh
Mr J Hurtley, Leeds
" and Mrs Jas Hargreaves and Mr T and Miss Hargreaves, Perseverance House, Rothwell Haigh
Mr and Mrs Hirst, Chatham House, Rothwel
Miss Hoyle, Oulton
Mr E Haslegrave, Oulton
" C E Brooke-Hunt, Oulton
" and Mrs Harmann, Wood Lane, Rothwell
Mr Haigh, Rothwell
" Hedley, Woodlesford
Miss Ives, Oulton
Dr and Mrs James
Mr C Martin, Wakefield
" and Miss Mander, Trinity Terrace, Rothwell
Mr A and the Misses Murtland, Oulton
Miss Midgley, Harrogate
Mr Martin, The Board School house, Rothwell
Mr S Morton, Prospect Terrace, Rothwell
Dr and Mrs Minns, Manchester
Mr De Macedo, Leventhorpe Hall, Woodlesford
Mr and Mrs H P Newsome, Trinity Terrace, Rothwell
Mr T and the Misses Oliver, Carlton Hall, Carlton
Rev W B and Mrs Pierson, The Vicarage, Rothwell
Mr and Miss Puffett, Stourton Villa, Rothwell Haigh
Miss Parker, Oulton Lane, Rothwell
Mr and Mrs W Richardson, Springwell House, Rothwell
Miss Richardson, Churchfield, Rothwell
Mr A H Richardson, Wakefield
Mr and Mrs J Robinson, Batley
" " Sage, Heathfield, Hants.
Miss Suddaby, Rothwell
Dr and Miss Stevenson, Rothwell
Mr Geo Smith, Thorpe
Miss Thornton, Drighlington
" Throp, Tong
Mr and Miss Trummell, Holly House, Robin Hood
Mr Trinder, Oulton
" Geo Tansley, Wakefield
Rev Mr Witt, Rothwell
Mr S Wharam, Leeds
" Wm Wright, Rothwell

The dance programme was as follows:—Circassian circle, lancers, waltz, waltz, lancers, schottische, waltz, lancers, polka, sarabands, (interval) waltz, lancers, barn dance, waltz, waltz, lancers, waltz, lancers, schottische, waltz, and lancers.

Dr. Buck ably fulfilled the duties of M.C, and the stewards were Messrs. H. S. Atkinson, G. Armitage, H. J. Martin, H. Clark, J. Elstob, and W. E Richardson. Mr. Mark Fowler presided at the piano, with Mr. Lewis (piccolo) and Mr. J. Oakley (violin).

The 'social' room was well patronised, and table games of various kinds were provided; the billiard table, also, was fully occupied, and these found congenial recreations for non-dancers. The devotees of the fragrant weed were catered for from a cosy corner at which were sold the various items necessary for completing the smoker's happiness.

Of course there were refreshments, both plain and fancy, sweet and savoury, delicate and substantial, made and concocted by the deft fingers of a number of ladies, and these were partaken of as required. It need scarcely be said, also, how active and important a part the ladies have taken in decorating the rooms with the pretty things supplied to them. We understand that the materials for the refreshments have been purchased by the liberality of two or three gentlemen, while other members of the Committee have relieved the Institute of other costs in decorating the rooms, either by actual payment, or by generously lending their suites of furniture, pictures, plants, &c.

The proceedings closed about 2-20 this morning and while everybody seems to have done his level best to make the effort a success, it must be particularly gratifying to Dr. Stevenson, who gave the idea of this mode of celebrating the opening, that it has "taken on" so well

To-night the programme will be repeated in every respect, when a much larger attendance is assured, and the guests will be received by Mr. J. R. Seanor, J.P., and his daughter, Mrs. Walter Hargreaves, and by Mr. and Mrs. Newsome.

THE DOBSON FAMILY.

Mr. George W. Batty writes:—"I heard on Monday morning, on receipt of the mail from Australia, that an old former Rothwell resident, Mr. Joseph Dobson, had died at his home at Sydney, New South Wales, a few weeks before, of Bright's disease, aged 74 years. The news was the more impressive as it arrived here from the antipodes just at a time when his brother Richard's wife was lying dead after a brief sharp illness. In April, 1894, just five years ago, Mr. Dobson, while on a trip lasting a month, visited New Zealand and also the beautiful island of Tasmania, where we resided. The summer had been extremely hot, and he had got away from the enervating climate of the mainland to enjoy the cooler atmosphere of the sea-girt isles of the South. He was travelling alone and was then in fairly robust health. On reaching Launceston, he quickly found us out, and we had the extreme pleasure of his company for about a week. Although he had lived so long in Sydney, and in domestic and business matters had become intimately and successfully associated with colonial life, he delighted to talk over the old times, and thoroughly enjoyed long chats with us about Rothwell and the old residents. He accumulated an ample fortune and could afford to be generous in respect to himself and others. He told me that he should devote a portion of such remaining years to his personal enjoyment in extended trips, to other portions of the colonies. He had given up the idea of ever seeing the old country again, for having taken two voyages to England, one 18 years ago, and another more recently, his wife was averse to undertaking the risks of a third trip, and as he said to me the interest attaching to a visit was gradually diminishing, as most of his old *confreres* had passed away. He was shrewd and far-seeing in business affairs, keen to observe passing events, fond of travel and good company, and was exemplary in all the private relations of life."

EPPS'S COCOAINE.—Cocoa-Nib Extract. (Tea-like) —The choicest roasted nibs (broken up beans) of the natural Cocoa, on being subjected to powerful hydraulic pressure, give forth their excess of oil, leaving for use a finely flavoured powder—"Cocoaine," a product, which, when prepared with boiling water, has the consistence of tea, of which it is now, with many, beneficially taking the place. Its active principle being a gentle nerve stimulant, supplies the needed energy without unduly exciting the system. Sold only in labelled tins. If unable to obtain it of your tradesman, a tin will be sent post free for 9 stamps.—James Epps and Co., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.]

I noticed, Mr. Editor, in your report of last Council Meeting a list of additional charges to be made on various users of the town's water; I am perfectly well aware that to regulate the charges so that each consumer pays exactly for what he used would be a difficult matter. The additional charges are a little bit 'thick,' if that expression may be allowed, and is piling on the agony in some cases where it is already sufficently severe. To be called upon to pay on heavy rateable values—heavy in proportion to the amount of business transacted say at a store, and then to be dubbed with extra charges for water for this purpose and for that, is rather too bad. But what I should like to get at is the reason why these additional charges are to be imposed. Is it the result of bad feeling between working men representatives on the Council, who each have been trying to take a rise out of the other, or is it that the cost of water supply is not covered by the receipts on water accounts, in consequence of which the Committee are bound to create increased revenue The latter, I think, cannot be the case, as several years ago I was told by a member of the Council that at that time even, there was a profit made out of the water transactions. If a profit was made several years ago, it is highly probable that a greater profit is made to day. If this is so, I say the Council have no right to make such profit, which of course goes to the relief of the District rate. Instead of going to the general funds of the Council, this balance should be utilised absolutely for the benefit of the water consumers; with the additional revenue from those about to be put on the rates for water, there will, I think, be a substantial balance on the right side of the account, so that in order to give the water consumers their proper rights, the water charges all round should be reduced a trifle I am not against paying what is right and just, but as a water consumer I don't believe in helping to discharge the liability of those assessed for District Rate purposes.

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The adoption of the private Street Works Act by our District Council, and the work carried out under its provisions, even so far, have resulted in most important improvements being carried out, to the extent that certain portions of the Council's district are being so transformed as to give them an altogether different and more town-like appearance. In the time of the old Local Board, it was no matter of surprise to read of Board members having to wade through pools of water and mud in some of the principal streets of Stourton, and the difficulty was how best to effect a permanent improvement. Our Council have at last taken the bull by the horns, and are deserving of congratulations for the improvements effected, and still being effected, in what before-time have been our most slough-like and delapidated thoroughfares.

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As a wheelman, I, along with many others took advantage of the recent holiday, and had a run to districts new. A friend, from an adjoining town of pavestones, joined me in the little excursion, and in conversation paid a high compliment to our Highway Committee, by his eulogy of our main and other roads. Cyclists appreciate good macadam, and from what experienced wheelmen say, our local roads are bad to beat in the whole broad-acred shire. Honour, I say, to whom honour is due.

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The Mechanics' Institution has now been converted from a state of sleepy inactivity and foisty stagnation, to the most bright, attractive, and popular centre of life, learning and amusement in the whole district. The Committee have had a spell of downright hard work, and are now beginning to see fruit to their labours.

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The Chairmanship of the Rothwell Urban District Council carries with it the honour of a seat on the magisterial bench at Wakefield. To some men this is a position highly prized, not only for the distinction it affords of decorating a commonplace name with J.P. at the end of it, but by far the more important consideration of serving the people at the seat of justice, who may be involved in legal disputes or petty offences.

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Undoubtedly, the legislature on the passing of the act creating a magistracy on popular lines (and by including the chairmen of an Urban Council) intended to confer an honour on these District Councils, and at the same time claim honourable service from him who was elected to be the chairman, by assigning him a seat on the bench. It is generally admitted that was a step in the right direction of local government, extending the possibility of having the laws made and administered "broad based upon the peoples' will."

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Our local legislators are morally bound to regard the duties of a Justice of the Peace, as an honourable engagement cast upon them by election to the chairmanship of the Council; and attention and service in that respect should be expected from any man accepting the office.

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Who is to be the next chairman? I presume that question will be answered in the course of next week. If we take the current opinion on the subject, it will be found that Mr. George Armitage, a member for Carlton, is looked upon as the coming man. We are told first that he has an independent position in life, whatever that may mean; next that he has rugged ability needing only the touch-stone of wider experience of men and things to develope his native qualities. Further, that he has a record of service under the old Local Board and more recently as a hard working member of the District Council. If the chairmanship is offered to him and he accepts it, the position would afford him the chance to gain a better insight into human nature, and help him out of his egoity—that condition of the mind being the natural sequence of the strong willed operating upon restricted areas of work in life's turmoil. Make the gentleman chairman of your Council. He is honest, has "go" in him, and the law will admit him to a seat on the bench where justice is, or ought to be, administered to the common people, or me.

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Supposing, however, this worthy man for Carlton refuses the offer to take himself the responsibilities of chairman magistrate, what then? It's well to have two strings to your bow. There is another gentleman quite equal in ability who would adorn the office, if it was offered to him and he accepted it. I refer to Walter Hargreaves. "Mr. Walter" is beloved for his restrained, correct judgement and suave manners. What is more, persons admire his sterling common sense and the quiet, genial humour which graces all that he says or does. But, then, suppose "Mr. Walter" refuses the task. Who then? Yes: there is another gentleman qualified for the honour; some persons think the best of the trio. That is Mr. Armitage, of Iveridge Hall. A hard-headed man; a man of affairs, shrewd, direct, honest as the day, blunt of speech, but a possessor of qualities under the rude veneer that is certain sooner or later to bring him to the front. Gentlemen of the Council, honours go round, and make the best your chairman.

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The First Night Reception, which took place last night on the re-opening of the Mechanics' Institute after enlargement and alteration, has come and gone. The event proved most successful. General regret was expressed that sickness in Mr. Calverley's family prevented that gentleman keeping his appointment, to receive the guests and perform the opening ceremony. As president of the Rothwell Mechanics' Institute, his presence would have been most gratifying to everybody concerned. In the absence of the local Squire, the Rev. W. B. Pierson, vicar of Rothwell, assisted by Mrs. Pierson, occupied the place of honour and received the guests in a manner which left nothing to be desired. The attendance was exceedingly good.

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The Second Night Reception takes place to-night, Friday. The guests will be received at 8 p.m. by Vice-Presidents J. R. Seanor and H P. Newsome Full dress to be optional. The whole of the rooms of the Institute will be utilised for the convenience of the guests, exactly as on the first night, and the same remark applies to the decorations, refreshments, &c. The second night committee are bent on making their night the one par excellence for ease, elegance and enjoyment.

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The Rothwell Dramatic Society, composed of a number of our active public-spirited men and women will give a dramatic performance in the large hall of the Mechanics' Institute next Wednesday evening, 19th April, entitled "Shaughraun" (I don't know why it shouldn't be written and pronounced shogron). The play is an old favourite of Dion Boucicault; a drama in three acts, illustrative of Irish life and character. The generous public always patronise the efforts of the Dramatic Society, not only because it affords an opportunity to spend an evening amid friends and agreeable surroundings, but with the laudable object of benefitting any object for the public good. On this occasion the proceeds will go to the building fund of the Mechanics Institute. The members of the Society give their services entirely free of charge. The play is rather an ambitious one for amateurs, and had to be got up at short notice. But I am told the persons cast for the piece have worked hard at their several parts, and next Wednesday night will witness a crowded house and a successful play.

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In a very little while the voices of the batsman, the bowler and the fielder, will be heard everywhere in the land. And most of us will be grateful to find cricket and sunshine supplanting football and chilly winds. The pleasures of the glorious summer game of the green sward are, weather willing, greatly to be enhanced by the presence of the strongest team Australia has ever sent us, and a long succession of interesting games is confidently looked for.

HEARD IN THE STREETS.

CONTRIBUTED.

THAT a large number of new houses are being built in Wood Lane.

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THAT the custom of firing chimneys instead of sweeping them, is not only dangerous but injurious to cleanliness.

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THAT the cold frosty weather has been most unwelcome.

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THAT everybody is glad to see Dr. B... back again, and looking so well.

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THAT the Salvation Army band has greatly improved in their harmony; may the good work continue.

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THAT the Mechanics' Reception last night was a big success.

THAT the affair was robbed of some of its dignity by reason of the regretted absence of Mr. Calverley.

THAT not much has been 'Heard in the Streets' about it.

THAT some of those in the streets wished they were inside.

THAT had the grumblers seen the guests coming away at half past two this morning, raining in torrents, they (the envious) would be glad they were comfortably in bed.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending April 9th, 1899, is £220; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £206, showing increase of £14. For the 14 weeks ending April 8th., the return is £4..., against £3279 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £1425.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady who has been cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by means of Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent 1,000 to his Institute, in order that those people who have not the means to procure the Ear Drums may have them free of charge. Apply by letter to Branch A. K. U. of the Nicholson Institute, Ealing Dean London, W.

ROBIN HOOD P.S.A.

The attendance at the P.S.A. in the United Methodist Free Church, was only fair on Sunday last. Mr. George Gill presided, and Mr. H. Rodger gave an outspoken address on "A Noble woman." His remarks were based on Ruth, 1st. chapter, verses 16 and 17, and he urged upon all young people the necessity of caring for their parents, especially in old age. Mr. W. C. Hartley, of Outwood, sang, "I am He that liveth" and "Whither shall I go?" with very good taste, Mr. S. Hartley accompanying on the organ.

SWILLINGTON CRICKET CLUB CONCERT.

On Wednesday, the 5th April, the annual concert of the Swillington Park Cricket Club was held in the Parochial school-room. There was a fairly good audience, but the members themselves did not muster in such force as could have been desired. The following ladies and gentlemen kindly gave their assistance:—Miss Lowther, Swillington House, violincello solos; Miss A. M. Hammond, and Mr. E. G. Sutton, Garforth, piano solo; Mr. Sharpe, Oulton, mandoline solos; Miss Cawthra, Halifax, contralto; Miss Fozzard, Swillington, soprano; Mr. B. W. Higgins, Oulton, bass; and Mr. L. E. Greenwood, Oulton, tenor. The humorous element was supplied by W. Lysley, Esq., Swillington House, and Mr. T. Reed, Leeds. Miss Elizabeth Bergheim gave recitations, and Miss E. Bartle kindly accompanied the songs. All the songs were of a high order of merit, and received well deserved appreciation by the lovers of good music amongst the audience. Miss Elizabeth Bergheim's recitation "Harry" and "Dat first soot," fairly brought down the house, and in response to repeated recalls she gave "The Goblins" and "Love in a Cold." The thanks of the Committee are due to Miss E. Bergheim for the tasteful manner in which she had decorated the room for the concert.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A.

Last Sunday afternoon special musical attractions were offered at the above service. Miss French, of Leeds, a prominent member of the Leeds Industrial Co-operative Choral Society, was the soloist and sang two solos "Daddy" and "Divine Redeemer;" both compositions were admirably rendered, and it was evident that considerable care had been taken in the cultivation of the voice, as well as the preparation of the solos; the young lady's efforts were greatly appreciated. An unannounced and agreeable surprise was provided in the shape of two creditable oboe solos by Mr. Sunderland, of Leeds, a relative of Mr. A. Sunderland, of this town. The comparative scarcity of performers on this rather uncommon instrument greatly added to the novelty and pleasure afforded by the selections, the solos were given in good style and the peculiar tone of the instrument combined with the clever manipulation resulted in two most enjoyable solos. The subject taken by Mr. Redpath, of Castleford, for his address, was "Chains," from which theme he gave a striking discourse. The speaker explained the dire results of the awful chains of drink and gambling, and other vices which are practised to an alarming extent in our Christian England. The sweating system was touched upon, and condemned as an evil chain which the sooner snapped the better; many other moral and social fetters were mentioned and some excellent lessons propounded for consideration the address concluding with an urgent and earnest appeal to the audience to avoid, and try to break these chains which are dragging England from her pedestal, and to put on the chains of Christianity which glorify the wearer and is a yoke which gives pleasure in the bearing. Mr. Butterick read the Bible lesson, and Mr. Cawdell presided. The chairman, at the conclusion of the address thanked the soloists and speaker, on behalf of the Society and audience, for their much appreciated services. There was a good attendance.

Miss French kindly rendered a solo at the evening service from the *Messiah*, entitled "Rejoice greatly," with skill and taste, her efforts were much enjoyed by the large congregation. The Rev. J. B. Maltby was the preacher and delivered an excellent discourse

OUZLEWELL GREEN WESLEYANS

The hearty band of Wesleyans who keep up the little mission room at Ouzlewell Green, had a special day on Sunday, when they used for the first time a useful and powerful American Organ, which they have purchased of Mr. H. Lunn, of this town. The instrument is fairly varied, and is not only strong enough in tone to lead the congregation, but can be softened to very pleasant music. Mr. Marshall took the musical part of the services on Sunday, and was assisted by the singing of solos by Miss Marshall and Mr. W. Dobson, and two quartettes by Mrs. Dobson, Miss Nicholson, Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Dobson; the whole passing off very successfully. Mr. Joseph Varley, of Rothwell, was the preacher, and gave an excellent and appropriate sermon on "Music" in the afternoon, and on "Behold the Lamb of God" in the evening. About three-fourths of the cost of the organ has already been subscribed, and the collections at the opening services will doubtless clear off the balance. The services are continued next Sunday and Tuesday.

As a safe, permanent, and warranted cure for Pimples, Scrofula, Scurvy, Bad Legs and Blood Diseases, and Sores of all kinds, we can with confidence recommend CLARKE'S WORLD-FAMED BLOOD MIXTURE. Sold by Chemists everywhere.

SOCIAL AT STOURTON.

In the Board School, Stourton, on Saturday last, a grand social was given by the members of the Stourton St. Andrew's Association Football Club. There was a good number present, Mr. Fred Ellison and Mr. A. Ely acted as M.C's, whilst Mr. H. Whiteley, of Roundhay, supplied the music. The effort leaves a balance of £2.

TO MOTHERS.—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is pleasant to taste; it produces natural quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub wakes "as bright as a button." Of all Chemists, 1s. 1½d. bottle.

WIT AND HUMOUR

Hail Fellows—'Bus conductors.
What comes after cheese? A mouse.
The black art—A bootblack's business.
An act to amend—Sewing on buttons.
The mirror has ample time for reflection.
Always open to conviction—The prisoner.
The Largest room in the World: The room for improvement.

Why is nature like a baby? Because there is generally a squall when its face is washed.

Husbands who accept engagements out for the evening now write in the corner of the letter, W. P.—wife permitting.

Little Man: I understand, sir, that you have called me an unmitigated liar?—Big Man: No, I didn't use the word unmitigated.—Little Man: Then I accept your apology.

Judge: "What sort of a man, now, was it whom you saw commit the assault?" Constable: "Shure yer honour, he was a small insignificant craythur—about yer own size yer honour.

A stump orator exclaimed, "I know no north no south, no east, no west, fellow-citizens?" "Then exclaimed an old farmer in the crowd, "it's time you went to school and larnt jography."

Editorial Appeal.—An editor announces the arrival of a twelfth responsibility at his house, and makes the following appeal thereafter:—"More subscribers wanted immediately at this office."

"Did you ever go to a military ball?" asked a lisping maid of an old veteran. "No, my dear," growled the old soldier, "I once had a military ball come to me, and what do you think?—it took my leg off."

Lord Byron's valet once greatly excited the anger of his master by observing, while Byron was examining the remains of Athens, "La, my lord, what capital mantlepieces that marble would make in England."

As the convalescent patient said to the doctor when an extravagant bill was presented. "What's the use of your saving my life if you shove a bill at me afterwards so big that I worry myself to death over it.

"Madam," said the tramp. "I'm hungry enough to eat raw dog," "Well," she responded kindly, suiting the action to the word, "I'll whistle some up for you." The tramp left, taking his appetite with him.

Brown: "Why don't you open your umbrella?" Coles: "Well, to tell you the truth, I'm afraid some one in the crowd will recognise it. Brown: "Then, why do you carry it?" Coles: Afraid some one will call for it while I am out.

Two housemaids out for a holiday, paused to look at two chandeliers in a shop window—a fine eighteen-branch one, and one of three branches. "Which do you like the best?" asked the younger maid. "The three branches," said the elder—"it's easier cleaned."

Actor: Did you see me in "Richard the Third" last season? Friend (?): Yes, I saw you. —Well—ah—what do you think of my interpretation of the hunch-backed tyrant? Don't I play him as he should be played?—Yes, You played him villainously.

Before any man sets out to invent perpetual motion, we recommend his practising the trick of getting in a basket and lifting himself by the handles. When he succeeds at that he can go ahead with perpetual motion with some prospect of success.

Were our pen a quill from the pinion of the loftiest seraph that basks in gleaming glory and dipped in the refulgent radiance of the rainbow's fountain, we could not describe how supremely happy one of our young men looks when in the ethereal presence of his adored one.

A father scolds his son for his numerous errors. "Really, governor, you were once young; did you never have a frolic?" "Never," said the father, with a sigh. "When I was young I had no money, and when I became rich it was too late."

They were talking over music and the drama at the table of their host, a self-made man, when someone inquired, "You are fond of Rossini?" "Passionately," replied he, Know his 'Barber'?" "No, I do not—have shaved myself for the last forty years."

"Why did you not deliver the message as I gave it to you?" asked an irate gentleman of his servant. "I did the best I could, sir," replied the man. "So you did the best you could, did you? If I had known I was sending a donkey, I would have gone myself."

Miss Eugenie: Oh, Mr. De Garmo, I hear you are a devoted follower of Terpsichore. Do you enjoy the recreation? Mr. De Garmo: Terpsichore Terpsichore. Well, really, Miss Eugenie, I don't believe I'd know the fellow if I should see him.

"What are you waiting for, little boy?" enquired a kindly old gentleman of a street urchin, who was watching each passer by intently. "Waitin' for a gentleman with a big mustache, smokin' a cigar. Then I'll follow him, an' get the stub." "Do men with big mustaches smoke better cigars?" "Naw, but dey don't smoke 'em so short."

A lady who has been abroad was describing some of the sights of her trip to her friends. "But what pleased me as much as anything," she continued, "was the wonderful clock at Strasburg." "Oh, how I should like to see it!" gushed a pretty young woman. "I am so interested in such things! And did you see the celebrated watch on the Rhine, too?"

A lady customer and a clerk in a store were discussing cremation, the clerk thinking it a most repulsive and inhuman way of disposing of the dead, the lady approving of the practice. "Well!" exclaimed the lady, "I expect to be burned when I die." The clerk replied, thoughtfully: "I presume that all depends on where you go to."

The old clerk of a little rustic parish, although he had for years, Sunday after Sunday, given out the psalms and hymns to be sung in the service, had never quite mastered the Roman numeral. One morning, after some consideration, he announced Psalm XLII., in the following style:—"Let us sing to the praise and glory of God the X, the L, and the two-eyed Psalm!"

"Why," inquired a country clergyman of one of his flock, "do you always sleep in your pew when I am in the pulpit, while you are all attention when a stranger is here?" "Because, sir," was the reply, "when *you* preach I know it's all right; but I keep a good look out on a stranger."

A watch was stolen in the pit of the Opera in Paris; the loser complained in a loud voice and said, "It is just nine; in a few minutes my watch will strike; the sound is loud, and by that means we shall ascertain where it is." The thief, terrified at this, endeavoured to escape, and by his agitation caused his detection.

The servant of an officer one day met a crony, who inquired of him how he got along with his fiery master. "Oh, excellently!" answered the servant. "We live on very friendly terms every morning we dust each other's coats; the only difference is, he takes his coat off to be dusted, and I keep mine on."

A Glasgow volunteer of gigantic dimensions entered a glover's in that city the other day, and, laying his hand down on the counter, demanded, "Coot you cover that?" The shopkeeper carefully tapped the organ of prehension and quietly remarked, "Well, sir, not from stock; but if you can wait for a few days we will try to get a hide that will make a pair for you."

X. is alluding to an acquaintance in terms the very reverse of complimentary. "Curious to hear you saying that of him!" remarks a friend. "I thought you were under obligations to him?" "Who—I? Oh, not at all. You see, he lent me some money once; but the next time I wanted to borrow of him he refused, merely because I hadn't returned the first; and so that made it even."

A little boy was still wearing apparel partaking of a mixed character of boys' and girls'. His short gown worried him a great deal; he was anxious to get a boy's jacket and trousers. Finally his aunt sent him, as a present, the garments he had so long sighed for. As soon as he was dressed, he went up to his mother, and exclaimed joyfully, "Now it is all over! I am a man for ever! There is no danger now that I shall be a girl."

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

The above society held its annual meeting on Thursday, April 4th. In the absence of the president, Mr. J. S. Mitchell occupied the chair, and read the following address from the President, Mr. A. L. Parker, who was unfortunately unable to attend:—"To the members of the Society,—As we have now arrived at our annual meeting it may be well for us to take a retrospective review of our past session, and so see where we have failed and where we have succeeded, for we must all admit that in some respects our society has not succeeded as we could have wished. What is, or ought to be, the object of a Debating Mutual Improvement Society? In the first place to teach its members to speak in public. In this respect we must all admit we have most miserably failed, our young members especially want courage or perhaps confidence in their own abilities, and have in my opinion been the main cause of this failure. Self-esteem is not always a virtue, but in some respects it would be well if some of our young people had more of it. In all other respects our society has been a complete success. During the session we have had as good a list of subjects as I believe any society could have. We have descended to the lowest depths of the ocean and seen its mighty wonders, climbed our loftiest mountains, seen our loveliest lakes. We have been to the Zoo, and seen some of our wonderful animals, we have been taken down a coal mine and told how explosions are caused, and know something of the dangers miners have to undergo in finding us fuel. We know something of the condition of our sisters in factories. We have been in the ranks. We have been married early and have repented later. We know whether working men were better off 400 years ago than now, we have listened to sublime music, been charmed by the sound of the violin, and felt the influence of home with all its endearing charms. Our socials have been of a very high order, good artistes have given their services freely, and altogether they have been as well conducted as one could wish; when we meet again in October next, let us hope we shall then commence what will be as good a session as the one we have just concluded."

After this the Secretary's report was read, which shows that during the year the society has had a membership of 70 and an average attendance of 42. There has been an income of £10 2s 2d, and an expenditure of £8 16s 4d, leaving a balance of £1 5s 10d. This was considered very satisfactory. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—president, ex-officio, Rev. G. H. Clark; acting president, Mr. A. L. Parker; vice-presidents, Mr. H. Westerman and Mr. J. S. Mitchell; secretary, Mr. C. J. Gooder; treasurer, Mr. F. Ellison; committee, Messrs. W. Scott, T. Ellis, G. H. Barker, H. Sawyer, E. Howarth, Sheldon, C. Burgess.

LOFTHOUSE-WITH-CARLTON SCHOOL BOARD.

A special meeting of the above Board was held on Friday evening, April 7th., in the Robin Hood Board School. All the members were present and Mr. George Armitage presided. The principal business was the ratification of an indenture empowering the Board to borrow the sum of £491, on a thirty years' lease for the building of a new class-room at Carlton. The attendance officers' salary was brought forward, but no propositon was made, it being decided to leave the matter over for next meeting.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

Mr. John Wood, of Hunslet Carr, was the speaker at the above service on Sunday afternoon last, his subject being "Rocks a-head, watch and pray." Touching reference was made to the sad foundering of the steamer, "Stella," in connection with which between seventy and eighty souls were lost. The speaker drew attention to rocks moral, spiritual, and physical, upon which the young manhood of the present generation may come to grief. The whole address was of a very earnest character, and calculated to benefit those who listened. Master Arnold Wright's admirable rendering of the two solos, "But the Lord is mindful of his own" and "Charity," was greatly appreciated.

TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND.

A successful meeting on behalf of the above fund was held at Woodlesford on Monday evening, the Rev. J. B. Maltby in the chair. Addresses were given by the Rev. J. T. Tyreman, Mr. W. Denton, Mr. W. Cartwright, and Mr. Witchell, on the subject, and before closing the proceedings, thirty guineas had been promised by this small church; as several friends were unable to be present it is likely this sum will be considerably increased. A most gratifying feature was the interest and enthusiasm manifested by the young men, some ten or twelve of whom gave in their names for single guineas.

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SHE HAD NEVER SUSPECTED IT.

"I wish you hadn't had your hair cut so short, Harold!" exclaimed the young woman, turning away from him involuntary.

"What difference does it make, dearest?" asked Harold with tender anxiety.

"You have destroyed an illusion," she sighed.

"You didn't think I was a poet, did you, Clara?"

"No; I never suspected you of being a poet."

"Nor an artist?"

"No."

"Then what illusion have I destroyed?" he demanded.

"Perhaps I should say, Harold," she answered, with tears in her voice, "that you have unconsciously revealed a fact I never suspected, dear. Your ears don't match!"

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FACTS AND FANCIES.

SHE MEANT SCENERY.

Mrs. Newrich (back from honeymooning in Switzerland): "Do you remember that lovely gorge up in the mountains, Arthur?"

Mr. Newrich: "I do. It was the one square meal I ate in Switzerland."

THE BENEVOLENT TRAMP.

A clergyman in Northampton, well-known for his kindness to the genus tramp, had a wooden building placed at the entrance to his grounds for their benefit, with a small loaf of bread and a jug of water on the table inside.

Recently on visiting the hut after one of these travellers had left, he found a portion of the loaf had been consumed and a penny left.

A scrap of dirty paper left under the latter set forth that the copper was "for a penn'orth of cheese for the next bloke."

LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM.

She was eleven; he was twelve. They had been earnest lovers, but the time came when all vows were broken and all golden hopes dashed ruthlessly to the level of the cold dull earth.

"I will never be yours," she sobbed. "The boy who takes all the jam out of a tart at the first bite is a monster."

"And," blubbered he, "the girl who can eat two cocoanuts at one sitting, and give her sweetheart the shell for a keepsake, will eat her husband out of home; and leave him nothing but vain and hungry regrets."

And thus they parted.

THE JOKE DIDN'T WORK.

A man at a Glasgow hotel in a loud tone of voice called his friend back just as he was leaving the dining-room, and then whispered to him:

"How far would you have got if I hadn't called you back?"

The other, straightening himself up, replied in a tone loud enough for all to hear:

"No, sir, I won't lend you five pounds; I haven't got it on me, and if I had I wouldn't let you have it until you have paid me what you borrowed two months ago."

His friend will never call him back again in a public dining-room.

AN ENTHUSIAST.

At a local football match the home team were playing in their very best form, to the great delight of their supporters. Their forwards, by a good piece of combination, made a brilliant run right up the centre of the field, which ended in a magnificent goal. The spectators went wild with delight. One more enthusiastic than the rest was waving a large stick, with which he hit one of those standing near, knocking a tooth out. The injured one exclaimed:

"Houd on, oud mon, does ta know tha's knocked me a tooth a'at?"

The other replied:

"Get away with thi, tha soft head, what's a tooth to a goal like that?"

"I TOLD YOU SO."

An old lady who was in the habit of declaring after the occurrence of any event, that she had predicted it, was one day cleverly "sold" by her worthy spouse, who, like many others we wot of, had got tired of hearing her eternal "I told you so." Rushing into the house, breathless with excitement, he dropped into a chair, elevated his hands, and exclaimed:

"Oh, my dear! what do you think? The old cow has gone and eaten up our grindstone!"

The old lady was ready, and, hardly waiting to hear the last word, she screamed out at the top of her lungs:

"I told you so! I told you so! You would let it stand out o' doors!"

THE FLY GOT AWAY.

A clergyman, remarkable for the simplicity and force of his style, was one day discoursing on the text. "Unless ye repent, ye shall all perish." Anxious to impress upon his hearers the importance of the solemn truth conveyed in the passage, he made use of a very striking figure.

"Yes my friends," he emphatically urged: "unless ye repent, ye shall as sure perish" (placing one of his fingers on the wing of a large fly which alighted on his Bible, and having his right hand uplifted) "just as sure, my friends, as I'll kill the blue-fly."

Before the blow struck the fly got off, upon which the minister, at the top of his voice, exclaimed:

"There's a chance for ye yet, my friends!"

SELECTING A GOOD EXAMPLE.

Recently a company of the 4th Volunteer Battalion Royal Scots were out on Hunter's Bog shooting. The lieutenant in command suddenly became exasperated at the poor practice, and, seizing a rifle from one of the privates, angrily exclaimed: "I'll teach you how to shoot!" Taking aim, he fired and missed. Coolly turning round to the private who owned the rifle, he said:

"That's the way you shoot!" He again fired and missed. Turning to the second man in the ranks, he remarked:

"That's the way you shoot."

In this way he continued to miss about a dozen times, illustrating to each man his personal incapacity; and finally he accidentally hit the target.

"And that," he ejaculated, handing the rifle to the private, "is the way I shoot."

WHAT DID SHE HAVE?

Miss Antique: "Why, how do you do, Mr. Globetrotter? I am delighted to see you back. Of course you remember me?"

Returned Traveller (wrestling with his memory): "Of course, of course! Delighted to see you looking so well. And how are the dear children?"

Miss Antique: "What children?"

Returned Traveller: "I meant to ask how is your family, meaning, of course, your husband."

Miss Antique: "Husband? I never had a husband, sir."

Traveller: "Er—of course not; just a little pleasantry of mine, you know. I meant, of course, your brother, whom you love as much as anyone could love a hus——"

Miss Antique: "I never had a brother."

"Um—er—of course not. Just joking, you know. How is your—your—er—— Did you ever have a mother?"

PLENTY OF POCKET-MONEY.

"My dear," whispered the young man, "as we are soon to be married, we should take a practical view of life, and profit by the mistakes of others. For instance, there is the subject of a regular allowance for me very week for spending money you know."

"Oh, I've thought of that," she replied sweetly.

"Have you?"

"Yes, indeed, hundreds and hundreds of times; and lately I haven't thought of much else."

"Eh?"

"Yes; your income is £300 a year, isn't it?"

"Yes; and I want it to go as far as possible towards your happiness."

"Of course. Well, I've talked it over with ma, and she thinks an allowance of two shillings a week will be plenty."

"Indeed?"

"Oh, yes; you can walk to the office and carry your lunch, you know, and so you can use the whole two shillings for cigars, and neckties, and billiards, and all those things, you know."

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S VESTRY MEETING.

The annual Easter vestry meeting was held in the vestry of the Church on Wednesday, April 12th., at 8 p.m. The curate-in-charge presided. There were also present Messrs. Dobson, Duffill, Brown, Ely, Brears, R. Gill, Goldthorpe, Warwick, Ellison, Scott, and Duffill, jun. The minutes of last year's meeting were read and passed. Expressions of regret were made that during the year the vicar's warden, Mr. H. Westerman, who was a zealous Churchman and devoted worker in the cause, had passed away. On his decease, Mr. Wm. Dobson was asked to fill the vacancy and has since fulfilled with every satisfaction the duties of the office. Mr. Dobson submitted the year's accounts shewing expenditure of £164 9s 8d, against an income of £176 10s 9½d. In moving the adoption of the accounts Mr. Brears warmly congratulated the officers upon the very satisfactory state of affairs, it being very gratifying to find a balance of £12 1s 1½d in a year of such exceptional expense. Mr. Scott seconded, and endorsed the remarks of the previous speaker. A very cordial vote of thanks to the retiring officers was carried with great unanimity. In moving it the chairman referred to the completion of the Church. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goldthorpe. Mr. W. Duffill was then nominated as Vicar's warden and accepted office. Mr. Brown proposed, Mr. Goldthorpe seconded, that Mr. Dobson be re-elected people's warden. This was supported by Messrs. Duffill, Brears and Gill. On being put to the meeting it was carried with acclamation. Messrs. Brown, Ely and Scott were elected sidesmen, Mr Brears declining to stand. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Church choir for the services during the past year, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded in terms of warm praise, by Messrs. Dobson and Duffill. The Chairman directed attention to the fact that the St. Andrew's Choir not only gave their time and voice to the Church's service, but also contributed very largely in a monetary direction, always finding £11 a year towards a choir master, and buying much music from time to time. In acknowledging the vote, Mr. Gill wished to direct attention to the fact that this work was done most freely and spontaneously, and by little extracts from his report as choir secretary, showed the vestry that the choir played a very considerable part in the financial status of the Church, having, in addition to several new anthems, cantatas, &c., raised for the past three years an annual sum of over £16. After other small matters had been discussed the meeting closed with the Benediction.

TOO MANY YOUNG WIDOWS.

About the middle of the seventeenth century it was observed that young widows were unusually plentiful in Rome. It was also remarked that marriages in high life, known to be unhappy, were speedily dissolved by the illness and death of the husband.

Their curiosity being roused by this fact, the clergy proceeded to investigate. Presently they told the Pope what line they were working on, with the sensational developments likely to result from it. "Go on," said His Holiness; "the Church desires to know why husbands die so fast while wives do not."

Their inquiries led to the discovery of a secret society of young matrons, who met at the house of a reputed sorceress for instruction in the art of poisoning. A little later a similar organisation was found in Paris. Thus was the plethora of young widows accounted for. And it was only after a hundred or so of the culprits had suffered at the stake or on the gallows that the epidemic was checked. For some time afterwards, however, young men showed a marked hesitation to marry.

Now let me quote you what a famous chemist says:—"The human body," he declares, "even in its normal state, is a cupboard of poisons. So long as they remain shut up in their own cover or vessel they are harmless, but when let loose they damage and kill."

Yes, and it is an uncomfortable fact to think of. *The human body is packed with home-made poisons*, to say nothing of those that get into it from the outside. Most of the diseases that figure prominently in the bills of mortality are caused by poisons manufactured in the body itself, and not got rid of in time. The stomach, the liver, the kidneys, all help make them, or are in some way responsible for them.

It may seem an odd thing to say, but disease is suicide, without knowledge or intent, but a kind of self-slaughter just the same. Sometimes rapid and sometimes slow; it depends.

Here is a man who says he suffered from kidney complaint from his youth—about forty years. He had a deal of pain in the lower part of his back, and often could not bend his body forwards at all. The other symptoms of kidney trouble—he had them also, of course, in a dull, weary, tiring way. He had asthma, too; short, laboured breathing, preventing him from lying squarely down on his bed, the only perfect position to rest in. They propped him up with pillows, and he drew his breath as best he could.

His kidney secretion was ordinarily scanty, and of a red colour. In time he grew so weak he could hardly walk. When he did get about, his most helpful company was a stout stick. His appetite was poor, and he had a deal of pain at the chest and stomach.

Doctors he had, many of them; and to-day he would be glad to get back the money he spent (so blindly) for drugs that did him no good.

So matters went on with this man from year to year. He was never well; always weak; practically useless; most of the time in pain—the kind of man who Plato said is of no advantage to the world at all, and ought to die.

"In the spring of 1893," so concludes a letter setting forth the foregoing facts, "I read of a case like mine having been cured by Mother Seigel's Syrup, and I tried it. The first bottle did me good, and in a few weeks I was vastly better. The pain in my back was easier, and I could eat heartily, with no distress to follow. Gradually I got up my strength, so that I laid aside my stick, and could work. This for a man of my age, who had been ill so long, I regard as marvellous. Yet Mother Seigel's Syrup did it. I am perfectly willing to have my case published." (Signed) MOSES TOVEY, Cefn Road, Deri, via Cardiff, August 31, 1898.

All kidney disease, whether rapid or slow in its action, is caused by a poison in the blood, arising from bad digestion in the first instance, and rendered more persistent and complex by a torpid liver, malassimilation of food by the body cells, an imperfect action of the bowels and skin; and indeed of the kidneys themselves.

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Those young Roman matrons removed their husbands with arsenic, as they would rats. They were surely wicked women—dangerous ladies to have for wives.

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FACTS AND FANCIES.

THE LAWYER'S OPINION.

An Irishman while out walking one day found a five-shilling piece. He took it to a lawyer and inquired of him if it was a good one.

"Oh yes," said the man of law, as he quietly pocketed the coin; "you can send the one shilling and eightpence around; my fee is six shilling and eightpence."

NOT A HOLIDAY.

Employer: "So you want a holiday, do you? Why, I haven't had one for twenty years.

Clerk: "You've been going away for a month or two every summer since I came here."

"I know that very well, but I had my wife and six children with me all the time didn't I?"

WORRUKIN' HARD.

Mrs. Brady: "Och, Missus O'Toole, yez be worrukin' noight and day!"

Mrs. O'Toole; "Yis; Oi'm under bonds to kape the pace for pulling the hair of that bla'guard Missus Murphy. An' the judge tould me as if oi touched her agin he'd foine me 20s."

Mrs. Brady: "An' yez is worrukin' hard so's to kape outen mischief?"

Mrs. O'Toole: "No, bedad. Oi'm savin up the 20s."

MEAN.

To the large number of stories of the "meanest man" which are frequently related, one should be added of a certain Frenchman, famous for his habit of grumbling at everything and on every occasion.

He was attacked by inflammatory rheumatism, and was carefully nursed by his wife, who was very devoted to him in spite of his fault-finding disposition. His suffering caused her to burst into tears sometimes as she sat by his bedside.

One day a friend of the invalid's came in and asked him how he was getting on.

"Badly, badly!" he exclaimed; "and it's all my wife's fault."

"Is it possible?" asked the friend in surprise.

"Yes. The doctor told me that humidity was bad for me, and there that woman sits and cries, just to make it moist in the room!"

BLIGHTED HOPES.

Mr. Shollicks was very angry. Someone had broken his favourite meerschaum and replaced it in its case. He questioned his wife and the servants about it, but they alike professed to be unaware that it had happened. Presently his only son came in. "George," said his excited parent, "do you know anything about this broken pipe?"

"Father," sobbed the lad, "it was I who did it. Forgive me, father. I cannot tell a lie!"

Mr Shollicks patted the boys head, and then rushed from the house to melt into an agony of tears. But it was not the shattering of his meerschaum that distressed him now. A worse thing had befallen him.

"Heaven help me!" he moaned. "Ever since my son was born it has been my ambition, my dearest wish, to rear him for my own profession; and now—and now he cannot tell a lie! Oh, it's a cruel blow!"

Mr. Shollicks was a lawyer!

BUYING A HORSE.

They say when a man goes to selling horses he can no longer be honest, at least in respect to horses, and yet "they say" may be mistaken. At least it occurred to me so, one day as riding along a pleasant road I met a man on horseback.

"Want to buy a horse?" he inquired.
"What do you want for him?" said I.
"Forty pounds," said he.
"What do you ask for him?" said I.
Thirty pounds," said he.
"What will you take for him?" said I.
"Twenty-five pounds," said he.
"What will you get for him?" said I.
"Twenty pounds," said he.
"What did you give for him?" said I.
"Ten pounds," said he.
"What is he worth?" said I.

"A liver," said he. "I reckon you don't want to buy a horse, mister," and he rode into the yard of a big establishment I could see through the trees.

"What's that building?" I asked of a man a hundred yards further on.

"Lunatic asylum," he replied, curtly, and I steered in the other direction.

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ROTHWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEES.

The first meeting of the above Council was held on Monday night, in the Council Chamber. There were present Councillors T. Oliver, G. Armitage, J. Stead, H. Nicholls, P. G. Milner, C. Sykes, J. Oliver, B. Taylor, J. Hargreaves, J. Smith, J W. Bulmer, W. W. Harrison, with the deputy clerk (Mr. Barrett), surveyor (Mr. J. T. Pears), nuisance inspector (Mr. Jones), and a few ratepayers.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr. T. Oliver, the retiring chairman, occupied the chair on the meeting opening, and said it had generally been the custom for the retiring chairman to propose a successor. Following out this custom he was about to propose a gentleman for the position, who was in the prime of life, but who at the same time had had a large experience; he had been a member of the Council since it was formed, and had previously been for some years a member of the old Local Board. He had been chairman of two of the Council's Committees, had rendered good service, and he had no doubt that, if elected he would give satisfaction in the chair. He referred to Mr. George Armitage, whom he had pleasure in proposing.

Mr. J. Hargreaves in seconding, said his (Mr. Armitage's) qualifications were well known. If the Council saw fit to elect him to the chair they would have no cause for regret, he thought, as Mr. Armitage brought to bear good common sense and judgment on matters brought before the Council from time to time, and had done a lot of good work on two of the most important Committees of the Council.

Mr. Bulmer rose to oppose the resolution, for the simple fact, he said, that Mr. Armitage held a position in a monopoly which had done wrong to the Council on several occasions, and he thought it would be well-known to the members that if elected to the chair his abilities would still be devoted to promoting the interests of that monopoly. He asked was it wise, or just, or economical, to elect a gentleman to that high position, when he would use his best energies in the promotion of that monopoly to which he had referred. They should let him see that he was partly responsible for what had taken place by the Gas Company cutting up the roads without giving notice to the Council. The Committee of which he (Mr. Bulmer) had been a member, had been charged with burning gas for which they did not pay. If he could not promote the interest of the ratepayers without taking undue advantage of the Gas Company, he would resign his position at once. Another thing the Gas Company had done had been to charge 3s 11d per thousand feet of gas, whilst other consumers had the advantage of having 2d per thousand deducted from their bills. Another thing that had come to their knowledge was that the gas directors had been going round the district, and when they thought a lamp was burning rather too large a light, they had taken off the burner without acquainting the surveyor. It had also come to the knowledge of the Committee that the Gas Company had a meter placed in a private house at the Long Bridge, which was extremely wrong. The Committee had had before them the question of filling up the gap between the Long Bridge and the Board School, and the Gas Company even offered to put down the lamps if the Council would do the excavating. Perhaps Mr. Armitage was not responsible for what had been done by the Gas Company, but he was at any rate partly responsible. Another reason why he opposed his election was because as chairman of the Building Committee he had done his level best to punish him (Mr. Bulmer), because he had erected a wooden building. He would ask Mr. Armitage—and if it was not right he would apologise—if he had not broken the laws of the Council by laying three waggon roads across the main roads without consulting the Council. Another reason, perhaps a weak and feeble one it might be considered, was that he had not been duly elected to his position as Councillor, and to elect such a person as chairman he thought was not advisable. Another reason was that to elect a man with such a cynical spirit as that possessed by Mr. Armitage would be a lowering to the Council; it had been manifested that he would lose his temper, and it would be a lowering to the Council if he could not conduct the business in a proper manner.

The resolution, on being put to the Council, was carried, only Mr. Bulmer voting contrary.

Mr. Armitage, on taking the chair, said he appreciated the honour done him by the practical unanimity with which he had been elected to the chair. It was a position he had done nothing to seek. With regard to Mr. Bulmer's remarks he would treat them with the contempt they deserved. When matters which had been named by Mr. Bulmer were brought before the Council, he would deal with them. He did not come there to represent any particular party, but rather the whole of the ratepayers in the district, without any favouritism to anybody. He was obliged to the proposer and seconder of the resolution for their remarks, and trusted the Council would not have cause to regret the choice they had made.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Harrison then proposed Mr. Milner as vice-chairman, whom he thought, would make a good successor to Mr. Abbishaw.

Mr. Sykes seconded.

Mr. Milner said he was sorry his name had been mentioned, but it was an honour he did not want; he proposed Mr. Abbishaw have the chair another year.

Mr. J. Oliver said that if Mr. Milner refused, he had pleasure in seconding Mr. Abbishaw. It was a testimony that the members were satisfied with his services during the year.

On the motion being carried, Mr. Abbishaw thanked the Council; he was fully expecting to move on, but would again faithfully try to fufil the duties of the office, which he trusted would be as light as during the past 12 months.

The Chairman then proposed a vote of thanks to his predecessor, who, with his long experience, and service in other public positions, had given almost universal satisfaction. So far as his conduct in that chair had been concerned, he had earned the respect of the Council for the impartial conduct of the business, and the attention he had given to it. He would also like to congratulate Mr. Nicholls on his return as a Stourton representaive.

Mr. J. Hargreaves seconded, and said the Council had no cause, whatever, to regret the choice they made a year ago.

Mr. Oliver having acknowledge the vote, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vice-chairman, which Mr. Harrison seconded, and Mr. Abbishaw suitably acknowledged.

THE CONDUCT OF THE COUNCIL'S BUSINESS.

Mr. T. Oliver, on behalf of the deputation deputed to see Mr. Barrett as to the carrying on of the Council's business during Mr. Wimbush's temporary absence through sickness, said they had seen Mr. Barrett, who had promised to attend the Council's meetings and any important Committee meetings at which it was desirable he should be present. His clerk, Mr. Wilkinson, would attend the other Committee meetings.

A letter from Mr. Wimbush, received by the chairman, was then read. Mr. Wimbush, in this communication, says he had been wishing to write to them since he went away, but his plans had been very unsettled. He regretted that he was not able to see any of them before leaving. He had consulted a London doctor, who had advised that he have twelve months absence from business, live in the open-air in England, and consult him again in the autumn. After these drastic measures he hoped to be well again at the end of twelve months. His health was very much improved, and for some time he would be on the South Coast of Cornwall.

The Chairman said every member sympathised with Mr. Wimbush, and as far as they could render assistance to Mr. Barrett, they would only be too glad. In return, he trusted he (Mr. Barratt) would not allow the business of the Council to suffer.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES

The election of Committees was then proceeded with.

Mr. Abbishaw proposed that the retiring Highways Committee be re-elected, viz:—Messrs. J. Hargreaves, J. Oliver, B. Taylor, G. Armitage, and T. Oliver.

Mr. Harrison seconded.

Mr. Sykes said he noticed there were two members for Carlton on that Committee, and although he had no fault to find with their work, he thought it only right and just that the Lofthouse Ward be represented on it, and proposed as an amendment that the name of Mr. Milner be added.

Mr. Bulmer seconded.

The amendment on being put, however, was lost, five voting for and 8 against; the old Committee was therefore re-elected.

Mr. Milner: We shall have to wait, I think, Mr. Sykes, until some of them die off. (Laughter).

Mr. J. Hargreaves proposed the re-election of the old Sanitary Committee, with Mr. Nicholls, in place of Mr. Chapman, viz:—Messrs. W. Hargreaves, J. Armitage, H. Nicholls, T. Oliver and J. Abbishaw.

Mr. Stead said he thought there should be an alteration in these Committees; the old members were re-elected, and it gave some of them no chance to get a knowledge of their working.

Mr. Harrison then proposed that Mr. Stead be added to the Committee.

Mr. T. Oliver said he had promised the chairman (Mr. Walter Hargreaves), to stand, otherwise he would be glad to withdraw.

Mr. Walter not being present, Mr. Oliver asked the Surveyor to telephone to him, and ask him if he would allow him to withdraw.

Mr. Bulmer said he thought they should consult no one outside the meeting. He objected to this wholesale election of Committees; they were put on the same Committees year after year.

Mr. T. Oliver said Mr. Walter Hargreaves had carried out a most extensive and expensive drainage scheme, in connection with which he had done work that no other man could or would do, and his convenience ought to be consulted.

The Surveyor, on returning from the telephone, said Mr. Walter Hargreaves did not wish Mr. Oliver to withdraw, and on the amendment to include Mr. Stead being put to the meeting it was lost, 4 voting for and 7 against. The old Committee were therefore re-elected, with Mr. Nicholls in place of Mr. Chapman

Mr. Hargreaves said he was prepared to withdraw from the Building Committee, but the old members were re-elected as follows:—Messrs. G. Armitage, P. G. Milner, J. Hargreaves, J. Smith, and J. Stead.

The Waterworks Committee was also re-elected, Messrs. J. Armitage, J. Stead, Sykes, Bulmer and Abbishaw being the members.

The old Finance Committee was re-elected as follows:—Messrs. Taylor, J. Oliver, Sykes, Harrison, and J. Smith. Mr. Bulmer proposed that Mr. Stead be a member, but this was not seconded.

On the motion of Messrs. J. Oliver and Smith, the retiring Lamps and Gas Committee was re-appointed, as follows:—Messrs. Harrison, Milner, W. Hargreaves, Bulmer, and Nicholls in place of Chapman.

The whole Council was appointed as the Allotment Committee, the members of each ward to act as sub-committees for their own districts, except that the South Ward representatives were appointed sub-committee for the North Ward, Mr. Bulmer remarking to the effect that the North Ward representatives had done little to forward the allotees' interests.

The Chairmen of the respective Committees were then appointed as follows:—highways, Mr. T. Oliver; sanitary, Mr. Walter Hargreaves; building, Mr. J. Hargreaves; waterworks, Mr. J. Armitage; finance, Mr. Taylor. Mr. Stead remarked on this appointment being made, that he was glad the Council was taking this course, as Mr. Taylor appeared to be the only man that could get a position in the South Ward. Mr. Harrison was re-appointed at the head of the Lamps and Gas Committee. Mr. Stead said that of course he was born to the position. (Laughter)

MISCELLANEOUS.

An account for £317 was passed for water supplied by the Leeds Corporation.

On the motion of Mr J. Hargreaves agreements were signed between the Council and the East and West Yorkshire Union Railways Company, for the construction of a bridge under the Leeds and Aberford Road, for light railway purposes, and to take the place of the present level crossing of the waggonroad, near Newmarket House; an agreement with Mr. Holmes' trustees for the widening of the road into Commercial Street from Holmes Square, and between the Council and Mr. Jarvis' trustees for a road improvement at Robin Hood, where the road turns in for Thorpe.

It was decided that Butcher Lane be repaved at the bottom end, and that kerbs be purchased for causeway repair at Robin Hood, near the Halfway House.

Mr. Bulmer asked the chairman of the Highway Committee if they had considered the advisability of purchasing the two houses in Commercial Street, so as to make a straight road through from Chapel Street.

Mr. J. Hargreaves said this had often been thought of, but it would be a matter of considerable expense; of course they could do anything with money, but a lot had already been spent on the making of the new road from Churchfield.

The Chairman said that Mr. Bulmer, in previous remarks, had made a statement to the effect that Messrs. G. Armitage & Sons had crossed the highway with a waggon-road in three places, without the consent of he Council; he would like to know from the chairman of the Highway Committee if that was so.

Mr. J. Hargreaves said that speaking from memory Messrs. Armitage had submitted plans which had passed the Committee, and so far as he knew they had not crossed without proper provisions being made.

Mr. Taylor said they had crossed a road, but had afterwards taken up the crossing.

The Chairman: That was a temporary crossing; Mr. Bulmer, I think, had better carry out his undertaking and apologise.

Mr. Bulmer: No, I shall not apologise; it has been demonstrated, perhaps not in three cases but at any rate in one case.

Mr. F. H. Spencer, private secretary to Mr. Sidney Webb, L.C.C., was present at the meeting, and desired to inspect some of the Council's books, but as he was not a ratepayer, and had not applied in writing, his request was refused.

Mr. T. Oliver drew attention to the invalidity of Mr. G. Armitage's nomination for election in the Carlton ward, and asked the Clerk to give his opinion on the point involved at next meeting.

Mr. Barrett promised to do so.

STOURTON WESLEYAN CHAPEL.

On Saturday last, a tea and concert was given in the Stourton Wesleyan schoolroom, by the gentlemen connected with the society. There was a large attendance. Mr. Crossland had prepared an excellent programme for the evening, the items being as follows:—song, "Queen of the Earth," Mr. Howarth; mandolin solo, "Levanto," (encore) Mr. Howarth; song, "Mary," (encore) Mr. Speak; song, "Shall we meet again," Mr. Longley; song, "Tom Bowling," Mr. Howarth; glee, "The life boat," Middleton Vocal Union; song, "Off to Philadelphia," Mr. Oakley; song and chorus, "Come where my love lies dreaming," Mr. Speak; stump speech on "Sound," Mr. Bramley; song and chorus, "Silver Moonlight," Mr. Longley; song, "Dars a lock on de chicken coop door," Mr. Longley. The effort was on behalf of the trust funds, a similar effort by the ladies of the congregation at Easter realising over £7.

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HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A meeting of the above Board was held at the offices, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon last, there being present Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Woodcock, Rev. A. J. Irvin, Rev. M. J. Dillon, Dr. Hawkyard, Messrs. Hargreaves, Farrer, Fryer, Knight, Robb, Banks, Butterick, Seddon, Houghton, Edwards, Charlesworth, with the clerk (Mr. Mee) and assistant clerk (Mr. Ward).

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

This being the first meeting of the Board for the current year, the election of chairman was the first business.

Mr. Banks, the retiring chairman, temporarily presided, and in proposing Dr. Hawkyard, the retiring vice-chairman, as his successor, said they had now known him for four years, during which time they had all appreciated him, in every sense of the word.

Mr. J. Hargreaves had pleasure in seconding the motion, remarking that all the members were well aware of the Doctor's ability, and of the active part he had taken during the four years he had sat on the Board. The vote would be unanimous, he had no doubt, and the Board, he thought, would have no cause to regret the appointment at the expiration of his term of office.

Mr. Farrer, in supporting the motion, said he had known Dr. Hawkyard a long time; he was a most able man, and would make a most excellent chairman.

The resolution, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously, and with applause.

On taking the chair, Dr. Hawkyard acknowledged the great honour the Guardians had done him; he admitted that he had had an ambition to fill the position, which was a most important post. He looked upon Boards of Guardians as being one of the most important bodies working in the country. He hoped to carry out the duties with dignity and ability, and trusted they might have a pleasant term together during the year.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Farrer proposed Mr. Fryer as vice-chairman, as he was quite sure he was a most estimable man. Templenewsam had not been represented in the chair for about 20 years, and he hoped the resolution would be passed with the same unanimity as that appointing the chairman.

Mr. Charlesworth seconded.

Mr. Irvin supported, and the resolution was unanimously carried.

Mr. Fryer, on taking the position, suitably acknowledged the compliment.

COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN.

The various committees, with their chairmen, were appointed as follows:—

Assessment—Messrs Hargreaves, Hawkyard, Banks, Butterick, Charlesworth, Edwards, Farrer, Fryer, Grimshaw, Houghton, Nicholson, and Robb; chairman, Mr J Hargreaves; vice-chairman, Dr Hawkyard.

Finance — Messrs Banks, Butterick, Charlesworth, Knight, Nicholson, Robb, Seddon and Mr Hirst's successor; chairman, Mr Banks.

Workhouse Visiting Committee—Messrs Banks, Dillon, Fryer, Seddon, Houghton, Robb, Mrs Dickenson, and Mrs Woodcock; chairman, Father Dillon.

Children's Homes — Messrs Butterick, Dickenson, Dillon, Edwards, Hargreaves, Houghton, Irvin, and Mrs Woodcock; chairman, Mr Butterick.

School attendance and vaccination—Messrs Fryer, Hawkyard, Houghton, Knight, Nicholson, Seddon, Mrs Dickenson and Mrs Woodcock; chairman, Dr. Hawkyard.

Sites and buildings — Messrs Banks, Charlesworth, Fryer, Farrer, Hargreaves, Hawkyard, Robb, and Butterick; chairman, Dr Hawkyard.

RELIEF COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMEN.

No 1, Dr Hawkyard; No 2, Mr Fryer; No 3, Mr Hargreaves.

Ladies' Committee—Re-elected with substitution of Mrs Ford, of Treeton Street, in place of Mrs Hawkyard, who expressed a wish to retire.

THE NURSING DIFFICULTY.

It appeared from the minutes of the Workhouse Visiting Committee, that the letter from Mrs Price, president of the Ladies' Committee, was again received on a reference back from the Board, and it was proposed by Mr Robb, seconded by Mrs Woodcock, and carried unanimously, that the letter lie on the table. The Committee had under consideration the advisability of appointing an additional nurse. It was felt that the present staff of four nurses for 90 patients was not sufficient, but that it would be much better to employ probationers than assistant nurses, if arrangements could be made for getting their certificates. It was therefore proposed by Mrs Woodcock, seconded by Mr Banks, and carried unanimously, that the Guardians be recommended in the first instance to appoint a deputation to wait upon the Leeds General Infirmary Board, and endeavour to make arrangements for the nurses to attend the lectures at the Infirmary and receive certificates there.

It was decided to adopt the recommendation of the Committee, but to first lay a scheme in writing before the General Infirmary Committee. Dr Hawkyard, Mr Banks and Mr Dillon were appointed the deputation.

THE CHILDREN'S HOMES.

From the minutes of the Children's Homes Committee it appeared that the question of providing shoot fire escapes was adjourned for three months. Gifts were reported of flowers from Mrs Puffett, and toys from Mr Bruce, Rothwell.

In accordance with notice given, Miss Wilson was appointed foster-mother at the Children's Homes.

INCREASED COST OF VACCINATION.

The Finance Committee reported that the accounts shewed an increase in vaccination expenses for the quarter from £36 6s 3d to £116 16s 8d.

THE ASSESSMENT OF THE CHILDREN'S HOMES.

The Finance Committee also reported that the rateable value of the Children's Homes was proposed to be increased by the Rothwell overseers from £90 to £225, and they recommended that the Clerk be instructed to appeal against the assessment.

Mr Robb moved the adoption of the minutes.

Mr Butterick seconded.

In the course of a discussion on the ... Mr Robb stated that the Committee ... to recommend an appeal because ... informed that the assessment on the ... had been made on the gross and ... well Council Offices on the nett value.

Mr Hargreaves said that if that ... case, it was simply a clerical error ... overseers had tried to be as fair as ... and had in fact only assessed the ... £7,000, whereas the actual cost ... thing like £9,500; and there was ... that if the assessment was appealed ... the overseers would go in for ... amount, and fight the matter.

Ultimately the minutes were adopted.

ALTERATION OF OFFICES.

A number of the tenders had been ... for the alteration and additions to ... offices in Glasshouse Street, and the ... that of Mr Wm Simpkiss, Hunslet, £1,923 4s.—was accepted.

The Clerk was authorised to ... temporary offices, and to engage ... the Mechanics' Institute, if possible ... Board meetings.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr John Cockerham was re-... vaccination officer for Oulton-with-Woodlesford.

Deputations were appointed to ... Wakefield and Menston Asylums.

It was decided to sign any petition ... the Rating Machinery Bill, but ... from the Gateshead Union to send ... to a conference on the subject w...

The Sculcotes Union asked if ... were willing to attend a conference ... the question of the establishment ... for seperate treatment of imbeciles ... epileptics; and it was decided to reply ... affirmative.

The Clerk reported the receipt of ... 2d out of the Local Taxation Acc... the half-year ending September 30th.

The Chairman and Clerk were app... representatives to the Poor Law ... Association.

Notices of appointments of overseers ... the various townships were read.

A communication from the ... Union asking for support of a pe... favour of the abolition of compulsory ... of the Vaccination Act was ordered ... the table, Dr Hawkyard remarking ... was absurd to raise the vaccination ... again.

OULTON AND WOODLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the above ... elected Council, was held on Tues... ing, at the Woodlesford Board School ... members present were Messrs. W. H... some, Wm. Poole, B. W. Higgins, E... royd, T. Murtland, T. D. Jackson, ... kin, W. Earnshaw, Robert Rhodes ... Campsall.

After the signing of the declaration ... T. D. Jackson proposed and Mr. John... sall seconded, that Mr. W. H. New... elected chairman for the ensuing year ... was carried unanimously. Mr. ... thanked the members of the Council ... kindness in electing him chairman ... he would carry out the duties of the ... the best of his ability.

The next business was the election ... chairman. On the motion of Mr. ... Higgins and Mr. Wm. Poole, Mr. ... Jackson was unanimously elected. ... Jackson responded and said this was ... time he had been elected to any chair ... public body, and would do his best ... absence of the chairman, which he ... would not be often.

Messrs. B. W. Higgins and Thomas ... were unanimously re-elected overseers.

The minutes of the last meeting ... and signed. The only question out ... minutes was the gas lamps between ... and Woodlesford. A letter was read ... the Hunslet Rural District Council ... the matter was having their due con... tion.

On the proposition of Mr. E. Bo... seconded by Mr. T. Murtland, Mr. ... kin was thanked for the efficient ... had presided during the past ... Parkin thanked the Council for ... vote. It was also moved that Mr. ... the declaration at the next meeting.

The accounts were ordered to be p...

Mr. T. D. Jackson proposed and ... Murtland seconded, that the Sanitary ... collector, Mr. John Cockerham, be p... for each half-year.

The date fixed for next meeting was ... 18th, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

This concluded the business.

OUZLEWELL GREEN WESLEYAN ...

The special services in connection ... organ opening at the Ouzlewell Green ... leyan Chapel continued on Sunday ... A. Blakeley, of Normanton, was the p... Mr. E. Bramley officiated at the org... solos were sung by Miss Keightley a... Bramley. The services were well a...

On Tuesday evening a public meet... held, addressed by the Rev. J. B. ... and Mr. W. Stephenson. Mr. J. B. ... J.P., occupied the chair. A sat... report was read by Mr. Hirst. Solo... sung by Miss Keightley, violin solos ... ed by Mr J. Oakley, and band sele... Mr. J. Oakley and Master Marsha... Mr. L. C. Ward (clarinet), Mr. R. ... (oboe), and Mr. T. Hampson (piccolo) ... Bramley was again in the position of ... ist. There was a large attendance, ... the kindly aid of the Chairman, it was ... at the close of the meeting, that the ... the organ was entirely cleared off.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the ... railway for the week ending April ... 1899, is £382; the amount during the ... responding week last year was £210 ... showing increase of £172. For the 15 ... ending April 15th., the return is ... against £3489 for the corresponding ... last year, an increase of £1597.

"THE SHAUGHRAUN."

Perhaps the most pretentious undertaking of the Rothwell Parish Amateur Dramatic Society was that given on Wednesday night, in the Mechanics' Hall, in support of the Mechanics' improvement fund. At any rate many years since amateurs ventured to stage a drama, requiring so much care in the personification of the characters represented, in the proper accentuation of the brogue current in the Emerald Isle, in which the various scenes are supposed to take place. Compared with the Society's last appearance on the Mechanics' boards there was a considerable improvement in the adhesion to time, the curtain rising on the scene only a few minutes after the advertised time, nor were the delays between the acts anything like so prolonged as was the case on the occasion referred to. The influence of the Mechanics' Committee and the individual dramatists, secured a capital house, the reserved seats, at two shillings, in themselves running the receipts nicely into the teens of pounds, whilst all the accommodation for the shilling auditors was fully occupied, so that a very substantial financial fillip will be given to the improvement fund through the Society's performance. The effect of the drama was much increased and made remarkably realistic, by new and well-executed scenery, and although, perhaps, too severely miniature by reason of the cramped platform space, the play-house stage was there in every detail. "The Shaughraun" is an old but popular Irish drama in four acts, with the plot of which many of our readers will be quite familiar.

The cast was as follows:—Captain Molineux (a young English officer, commanding detachment at Bally-ragget) Mr. R. R. Jones; Robert Ffolliott (a young Irish gentleman—under sentence as a Fenian—in love with Arte O'Neale) Mr. E. Haslegrave; Father Dolan (the parish priest of Sullivan, his tutor and guardian) Mr. Hirst; Corry Kinchela (a squireen) Mr. H. Clark; Harvey Duff (a police agent in disguise of a peasant, under the name of Keech) Mr. J. W. Daft; Conn (the Shaughraun, the soul of every fair, the life of every funeral, the first fiddle at all weddings and patterns) Dr. James; Sergeant Jones (of the 49th.) Mr. C. Brooke-Hunt; Arte O'Neale (in love with Robert) Mrs. Newsome; Claire Ffolliott (a Sligo Lady) Miss Suddaby; Mrs. O'Kelly (Conn's mother) Mrs. G. Wilson; Moya (Father Dolan's niece, in love with Conn) Miss Butterfield.

By general consent Mr. J. W. Daft's get-up and play as the police agent in disguise, was most realistic and complete in its effect. Quite to the manner born he entered into the plans and plots of Carry Kinchela, whose accomplice he was, and whose schemes he cunningly sought to carry out to a successful issue. Dr. James, (Conn, the Shaughraun) was the principal character, and had a hard task before him; into this he threw himself with heart and soul, and won the admiration and applause of the audience by his glib style, Irish witticism, clever acting, and the hesitating manner with which he upheld the role. The part taken by Mr. Hugh Clark, Corry Kinchela (a squireen), was a difficult one, but his acting always takes, no matter what his part may be, and the ease with which every syllable of his utterances could be heard all over the hall, combined with his ready grasp of the traits of character he represented, earned for him the good word of everybody. Mr R R Jones, at very short notice undertook the representation of Captain Molineux, one of the principal characters, and considering that he had only about a week in which to study his part, is to be commended on his creditable performance; more clear articulation, however, would add considerably to his success. The lady amateurs did well; Mrs. Wilson, (Mrs. O'Kelly, the mother of Conn) was not wanting in any single point; her get-up was a work of art, and her acting brisk, natural, and finished. Miss Butterfield already holds a good name as a member of the Company and readily adapted herself to the scenes of love and positions of intrigue, in the character she sustained as Father Dolan's niece. Miss Suddaby's success as the Sligo lady was quite pronounced, whilst Mrs. Newsome, as Arte O'Neale in love with Robert, completed a quartette of lady amateurs hard to beat. Mr. Haslegrave, the young Irish gentleman under sentence as a Fenian, was apparently new to the stage, and requires a little more confidence, adaptability and inflexion of voice. Mr. John Hirst has often been seen on the local stage, and as Father Dolan had a character to pourtray for which his dignified and staid deportment on the boards eminently fitted him. A more distinct utterance, however, would have added considerably to the appreciation of his gallery auditors. Mr. C. E. Brooke-Hunt, as Sergeant Jones, had light duties, but made a good representative of an army officer. Of the scenes, perhaps that of the wake after Conn's death was the most effective; for dramatic action and excitement the scene where Conn is shot and where escape from confinement is attempted, is most excellent. As an amateur performance, one involving long stretches of memory, the necessity for good elocution, and general dramatising powers, our local company are worthy of eulogy for their painstaking effort and willingness to assist the good cause in whose interest the entertainment was given. Their efforts were frequently applauded, and as each lady and gentleman passed before the curtain at the close, the cheers which greeted their appearance proved without doubt that their endeavours to entertain had been heartily appreciated.

"Shaughraun" will be repeated we understand on Wednesday, May 3rd, at popular prices.

The building fund will benefit as a result of the entertainment by about £20.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A.

There was a large congregation present at the meeting of the above on Sunday afternoon last, when an address was given by Mr. Siddall, of Leeds, on "Christian training." Miss Brooks, of Leeds, was the soloist and rendered "The Toilers" and another pretty composition. Mr. T. Young presided.

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EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.]

The ladies and gentlemen of the Rothwell Dramatic Society who undertook to provide an evening's entertainment for the benefit of the building fund of the Mechanics' Institute are to be heartily thanked for their self-denying endeavour. Let us express a pious hope that the gay-hearted spirits who rendered the play found enjoyment in their study and rehearsals during the past week or two, in mastering the various parts they had to perform. It is gratifying to learn that Mr. Wm. Wright gave time and attention at the rehearsals. Mr. Harry Ives, from Mr. Vickers' Theatre also very generously helped in various ways to make the play a success. Part of the stage scenery and properties were kindly loaned for the occasion by Mr Vickers, and materially increased the success of the performance. Altogether the staging of the play was very effective. The actors were in good form, the audience enthusiastic, and the hall crowded.

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The play is entitled "The Shaughraun," an old favourite by Dion Boucicault, a drama illustrative of Irish life and character.

The character of Captain Molineux, a young English Officer commanding a detachment at Bally-ragget, was very ably represented by Mr. R. R. Jones, who had kindly undertaken at short notice to play the part. His smart military bearing and command of countenance was admirable.

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Next on the programme is Robert Ffolliott, a young Irish gentleman, in love with Arte O'Neale. To Mr. Haslegrave was assigned this part—a difficult one, but he went through it most creditably, when it is considered that this young gentleman made his first bow before the footlights to any audience.

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Next in order on the programme is the character of Father Dolan, an Irish parish priest, tutor and guardian of Ffolliott. Mr. John Hirst played this part, and played it well. The truly fatherly manner, the moral admonisher, the friend of the unfriended, the guide of the unguided, popularly supposed to be role of the good priest was admirably represented. Mr. Hirst's conception of this character was an object lesson for all parish priests and ministers of religious congregations.

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Corry Kinchela, an Irish Squireen, the villain of the piece, also a justice of the peace. This masterful character was committed to Mr. Clark, who rendered it in splendid style, captivating the interest of the audience by the vigour and dramatic force he displayed all through the play. The ovation he received at the end was well deserved.

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Mr. Daft took the part of Harvey Duff, a police agent in disguise of an Irish peasant. Mr. Daft, on former occasions has played very well, but on this occasion, he fairly broke the record. As a villain, his get up was fine, but his acting was finer still—a truly masterly performance.

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The next in order was Conn, the "Shaughraun," the soul of every fair, the life of every funeral, and first fiddle everywhere. This part was taken by Dr. James, and things were brisk on the stage while he was there. To render the part effectively—lively and versatile, needs on the part of the actor, exceptional skill, and it goes without saying, that Dr. James made a picturesque 'Shaughraun,' and put the audience in a good humour.

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Mr. C. E. Brook-Hunt, as Sergeant Jones of the 49th regiment, gave evidence that he has latent powers needing only study and practice to make him a popular member of the Dramatic Society.

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Mrs. Newsome as Arte O' Neale renderep her part with charming effect and lady-like style, but with evidence of power.

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The character of Claire Ffolliott, a lady of County Sligo, was taken by Miss Suddaby. In the love scenes with Captain Molineux she blended the character of the coquet and the true woman, touched by the magic wand of love, with fine effect. In the dramatic scenes she acted with splendid power. Her self-confidence was wonderful and her skill at play not less so.

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Mrs. O'Kelly, the Shaughraun's mother, had for exponent, Mrs. Wilson. She made a striking Irish mother. There is no dulness on the stage during the time Mrs. O'Kelly is in evidence. The part was acted well. A competent critic declared in my hearing, the performance by Mrs. Wilson as a piece of good acting was in the front rank. The talent displayed by this lady took everyone by surprise.

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Miss Butterfield represented Moya, Father Dolan's niece, and in love with Conn, the 'Shaughraun.' Miss Butterfield, who is a leading member of the Dramatic Society, always acts with ease, grace and effect. On this occasion, she fully maintained the ability to entertain, which we have come to expect from her. In her comedy there is always much sweetness, and every detail of the situation in the play is seized upon and delivered with artistic effect.

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The building committee of the Mechanics' Institute, as also the general committee, are deeply grateful to the Dramatic Society for this, their second contribution to the building fund of the Institute. When it is remembered that these ladies and gentlemen, in addition to giving their time, labour, and money for various items, also find their own dresses, the least we can do is to accord them our hearty thanks and make declaration that we are proud of them. The building, fund I am told, will benefit by at least £20.

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RE-OPENING OF ROTHWELL MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

Referring to our remarks on the First Reception ceremony last Thursday, we are pleased to state that the Second Reception was equally successful and enjoyable. The decorations, the refreshments, the programme were exactly as on the previous evening, and we may also add, that a good number of those present on Thursday, were included amongst the guests of Friday evening.

From eight o'clock until nine, the hosts of the evening were busy, formally, but very pleasantly receiving the ladies and gentlemen as they arrived. Mr. J. R. Seanor, J.P., and his daughter, Mrs. Walter Hargreaves, with Mr. and Mrs. Newsome, had a kindly chat with each visitor as they passed through the "drawing room" into the ball-room, there being a general feeling of comfort, and neighbourliness experienced by all.

As may be supposed, the principal engagement of the evening was the programme of dances, into which a large number (not excluding several ladies and gentlemen no longer young) entered with enthusiasm. There was, nevertheless, a considerable contingent of both sexes, who for one cause or another preferred to have a quiet chat, a game at cards or draughts, or to enjoy the sight and sound of the merry company as they performed the graceful gyrations of the dizzy dance.

The attractions of the billiard room, also, were such as to keep some of the gentlamen downstairs all the evening, the on-lookers of the game including a fair sprinkling of ladies for short periods. One lady courageously accepted the challenge of a gentleman friend, and taking up a cue, played a really capital game against him.

In regard to the refreshments, which were really lovely, we are informed that not only were these delicacies made by the ladies of the Committee, but also that these ladies have made such good use of the cookery lessons given under the auspices of the Institute, that nearly everything was made from the recipes of Miss Thompson, the teacher in 1897-8.

The affair concluded soon after two in the morning, and its success, financially and socially, is most satisfactory to all concerned, many thanks being due to the vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, and committee of the Institute, who have all thrown themselves so heartily into the business, and realised £40 towards the Building Fund.

BYE ELECTION IN THE HUNSLET UNION.

Through the resignation of Mr. Joseph Hirst, representing the East Ward of the Township of Hunslet, a seat recently became vacant on the Hunslet Board of Guardians. Tuesday last was the day for receiving nominations to fill the vacancy, and the candidates nominated were Mr. Richard Bamforth, joiner, builder and contractor, of 8 New Pepper Road, and Mr. Jas. Hardman, tea merchant, of 2 Prospect street, Hunslet. Either may withdraw up to noon to-day, but if they do not, a poll will be taken on Monday, May 1st. Mr. F. W. Mee, clerk to the Hunslet Guardians, is the returning officer.

OULTON DISTRICT LEAGUE FIXTURES. 1899.

Played on the ground of the first-named Club.

Apr. 29—Rothwell v Lofthouse
Messrs. Morritt, Whitwood, and Drury, Middleton
—Methley v Oulton
Messrs. Cadman, Altofts, and Milner, Rothwell
—Middleton v Altofts West Riding
Messrs. Armitage, Lofthouse, & Brown, Carlton
—Carlton v Whitwood
Messrs. Wright, Methley, and Lunn, Lofthouse
May 6—Rothwell v Methley
Messrs. Brown, Carlton, and Armitage, Lofthouse
—Whitwood v Altofts West Riding
Messrs. Wright, Methley, and Milner, Rothwell
—Middleton v Carlton
Messrs. Fielding, Rothwell, and Lunn, Lofthouse
—Lofthouse v Oulton
Messrs. Morritt, Whitwood, and Thorton, Methley
13—Altofts West Riding v Rothwell
Messrs. Good 1, Methley, and Evens, Whitwood
—Methley v Middleton Park
Messrs. Morritt, Whitwood, and Doody, Altofts
—Carlton v Oulton
Messrs. Wright, Methley, and Baker, Middleton
—Whitwood v Lofthouse
Messrs. Brown, Carlton, and Thornton, Methley
20—Oulton v Whitwood
Messrs. Armitage, Lofthouse, and Cadman, Altofts
—Lofthouse v Middleton Park
Messrs. Fielding, Rothwell, and Brown, Carlton
—Rothwell v Carlton
Messrs. Morritt, Whitwood, & Thornton, Methley
—Altofts West Riding v Methley
Messrs. Evans, Whitwood, and Milner, Rothwell
27—Carlton v Lofthouse
Messrs. Milner, Rothwell, and Drury, Middleton
—Methley v Whitwood
Messrs. Cadman, Altofts, and Lunn, Lofthouse
—Oulton v Altofts West Riding
Messrs. Morritt, Whitwood, and Goodall, Methley
—Middleton Park v Rothwell
Messrs. Armitage, Lofthouse, and Brown, Carlton
June 10—Rothwell v Oulton
—Whitwood v Middleton Park
—Carlton v Altofts West Riding
—Lofthouse v Methley
17—Oulton v Middleton Park
—Altofts West Riding v Lofthouse
—Methley v Carlton
—Rothwell v Whitwood
24—Altofts West Riding v Middleton Park
—Whitwood v Carlton
—Oulton v Methley
—Lofthouse v Rothwell
July 1—Carlton v Middleton Park
—Altofts West Riding v Whitwood
—Methley v Rothwell
—Oulton v Lofthouse
8—Middleton Park v Methley
—Rothwell v Altofts West Riding
—Oulton v Carlton
—Lofthouse v Whitwood
15—Carlton v Rothwell
—Methley v Altofts West Riding
—Middleton Park v Lofthouse
—Whitwood v Oulton
Aug 5—Lofthouse v Carlton
—Whitwood v Methley
—Rothwell v Middleton Park
—Altofts West Riding v Oulton
12—Oulton v Rothwell
—Middleton Park v Whitwood
—Altofts West Riding v Carlton
—Methley v Lofthouse
19—Middleton Park v Oulton
—Lofthouse v Altofts West Riding
—Carlton v Methley
—Whitwood v Rothwell
26—Winners v Rest

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SACRED CONCERTS AT ROTHWELL.

The Rothwell Orchestral Band gave two sacred concerts in the Mechanics' Hall, on Sunday last. The afternoon programme consisted of:—hymn, "O worship the King;" march, "Cornelius," *Mendelssohn*; bass solo, "Thus saith the Lord," "But who may abide," (*Handel*), Mr. J. Varley; selection, "Judas Maccabeus," *Handel*; air varie, "A Spanish chant," *Arr. by Plougher*; song, "Shepherd of Souls," (*E. Jones*), Miss Firth; chorus, "The Heavens are telling," *Haydn*; hymn, "Crown Him;" march, "The Departure." There was only a moderate attendance. Of the soloists, Mr. J. Varley was in good trim, whilst Miss Firth, of the Leeds Co-operative Choir, was rather nervous. The band acquitted themselves very creditably, but at times allowed their enthusiasm to take the pieces too fast, especially in "Judas Maccabeus," when some of the accompaniments were missing.

At the evening's concert there was a good attendance, and the following programme was gone through:—Hymn, "Lead, kindly light;" march, "War march of the Priests," *Mendelssohn*; song, "The dawn of redemption," (*Hamilton Gray*), Miss Firth; overture, "Rosamunde," *Schubert*; song, "Nazareth," (*Gounod*), Mr. J. Varley; air varie, "Adeste fideles," *Arr. by H. Round*; chorale, *L. Firth* (*Orchestrated by R. H. Lewis*); march, "The departure," (by request); hymn, "Abide with me." Considerable interest was manifested in the overture "Rosamunde," seeing that it is the selection which the band have to play in the contest at Morecambe on the 29th. The piece was very creditably executed, and with the exception of the weak attack at the commencement, it was a great surprise, and the band is to be complimented on the performance. Miss Firth was a little better at night, whilst Mr. Varley was very fine in the lower range. Mr. Lawford Firth accompanied the songs on the piano, and also ably conducted the band.

OULTON INSTITUTE.

FINAL TIE FOR THE BILLIARD CHALLENGE CUP.

On Tuesday evening last, the billiard room of the Institute was packed, the occasion being the deciding tie for the possession of the Challenge Cup and the title of champion for the ensuing year. The contestants were Mr. C. E. Badeley and Mr. W. Brown. Both had shown splendid form during the progress of the ties, and a hard struggle was expected. The former player was handicapped at "owes 150" and the latter at "scratch" in a game of 250 up. Mr. G. M. Abbey undertook the responsible position of referee. Punctually at 8 p.m. Mr. Badeley began the game by playing the plain ball and giving one away to his opponent. Mr. Brown followed also giving one away. Mr. Badeley then getting the balls together made breaks of 34, 16, 14, 13, 12, and 10, together with minor breaks and thus rubbed off the 150 which he owed while his opponent totalled 50. The game next was called Badeley 73, Brown 68. After this Brown seemed to lose all management of the balls, while Badeley by degrees kept adding double figures to his total, and thus ran out the winner by 84 points. The scores being Badeley 250, Brown 166. The applause, renewed again and again, was hearty both to winner and loser. The game was most interesting, and afforded a real treat to the on-lookers, especially the game played by Mr. Badeley. Mr. B. W. Higgins, in the absence of Mr. Farrer, after making a most eloquent speech handed the cup to Mr. Badeley, who responded in a most suitable manner.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH ROBIN HOOD.

In connection with the above House of Prayer, the 27th anniversary services were held on Sunday last. It was expected that the Rev. E. Morton, of Clayton, would be present to conduct divine worship, but on the Sunday morning, a telegram was received from Mr. T. W. Spurr, by whose influence the Rev. gentleman's services were supposed to have been secured, stating that Mr. Morton was unable to be present from unavoidable causes. Under those circumstances, Mr. F. Grimshaw preached in the morning, and Mr. A. Naylor, of Rothwell, presided over the afternoon service, and also preached in the evening. In the afternoon, the Service of Song "In His Steps" or "What would Jesus do?" was given by Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. F. Grimshaw. Mr. S. Hartley presided at the organ, and Mr. G. Giles gave the connective readings in a clear voice, and with beautiful expression. The music was well rendered though the service was somewhat long, even after both conductor and reader had used the shears to it, to a very considerable extent. On Tuesday, the Rev. J. T. Oliver, Superintendent of the Lady Lane Circuit, gave a very instructive and amusing lecture on 'Cornish Mines, Miners, Marvels, and Methodists," introducing little bits of the vernacular, the lecturer himself being a Cornish man. A very interesting description was given of the fishing in the "Pilchard" season. This fish is exported to Italy, and is highly esteemed by the Pope and his confreres especially during the Lenten season, when immense quantities are consumed by the Italians to the profit and pleasure of Cornish fishermen who sing at their toil,

"Here's health to the Pope,
May he live to repent;
And add a few days,
To the season of Lent."

Some of the mines near the sea are kept from flooding by gigantic pumping engines, one of which is capable of discharging 800 gallons per minute, having a cylinder of 7ft 6in in diameter. The lecturer paid a high tribute to the heroism and endurance of Cornish men, and said they were an intensely religious people, though on John Wesley's first visit he was very roughly handled, yet in spite of that fact, there was hardly ever found an atheist. Even the rough miners who frequented the taverns, had deeply religious convictions. On one occasion, a man of atheistic inclination resided in the district, and in one of his visits to a village inn, tried to sneer some of the miners out of their belief in God. "What," said one of the rough-handed sons of toil, at the same time assuming a pugilistic attitude, "Do you mean to say there is no God?" "Yes," replied the non-believer, I do say that. "Well!" said the miner advancing towards him, "say that again, and I'll soon show you there's a *devil* by a force you will not be able to gainsay." The lecture, which was exceedingly pleasing throughout, was presided over by Mr. Jos. Keightley, one of the Trustees of the chapel. The proceedings were varied by the singing of solos by Miss L E. Milner, a soprano vocalist of great promise, and Miss Abbey, a contralto singer of rare ability, both of whom are members of the chapel choir. The financial aspect of the anniversary is cheering, being a little better than that of last year.

ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE HALL.

A Service of Song entitled "Crown after Cross," was given in the above place on Sunday night last, by the Rothwell Temperance Society Choir. Solos appropriate to the service were rendered by Mrs. Hardy, Rothwell, "Star of Bethlehem," and Mrs. Hiley, Leeds, "The Better Land." The service and solos were illustrated by limelight views, and a collection was made at the door. There was a good attendance.

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ROTHWELL MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILLIARD TOUNAMENT.

The above competition was continued on Tuesday evening last, when one game in the first round and two in the second round were decided. On Thursday evening a large number of members assembled to witness the concluding stages of the tournament. Six games were played, Mr Clark and Dr Stevenson proving the winners. Mr Newsome, with a few suitable remarks presented a cue with case to each of successful competitors, while to Mr R Batty and Mr G Armitage he presented cues without cases. The cues were the gift of Dr Stevenson. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr Newsome by Dr Stevenson, seconded by Dr Buck, and supported by Rev J A Alderson. The proceeds will reach £20. The proceedings closed about one o'clock. The following are the results of the games:—

FIRST ROUND.

Rev. W. B. Pierson and Mr. S. Morton beat Mr. A. W Seanor and Mr. A. Armitage

SECOND ROUND.

Mr. Haigh and Rev. J. A. Alderson beat Mr. H. Atkinson and Mr. W. S. Copley

Mr. G. Armitage and Mr. R. Batty beat Mr. W. Richardson and Mr. J. Hargreaves

Mr. J. Armitage and Mr. H. J. Martin beat Rev. W. B. Pierson and Mr. S. Morton

Mr. H. Clark and Dr. Stevenson beat Mr. F. Hargreaves and Mr. J. Batty

Mr. Tate and Mr. Cawdell a bye.

THIRD ROUND.

Mr. Clark and Dr. Stevenson beat Mr. Haigh and Rev. J. A. Alderson

Mr. G. Armitage and Mr. R. Batty beat Mr. Tate and Mr. Cawdell

Mr. J. Armitage and Mr. Martin a bye.

FOURTH ROUND.

Mr. G. Armitage and Mr. R. Batty beat Mr. J. Armitage and Mr. H. J. Martin

Mr. Clark and Dr. Stevenson a bye.

FINAL.

Mr. H. Clark and Dr. Stevenson beat Mr. G. Armitage and Mr. R. Batty.

HEARD IN THE STREETS.

CONTRIBUTED.

THAT the Second Reception was as good as the first, and in the words of the 'Times' last week, included 'a good representation of the wealth and beauty, the prosperity and culture' of the district.

THAT the programme consisted mainly of waltzes and spooning; the former being carried on under the brilliant gas light, the latter 'in the gloaming,' behind the ball-room door.

THAT many of the ladies anathematized the Billiard Room for robbing them of their partners.

THAT the motto 'cash up, no tick' was sedulously practised by one of the responsible Committee.

THAT some of the gentlemen provided considerable amusement by their vigorous and unexpected figures in the dance.

THAT a storm raged *within* as well as *without*, on the second night.

THAT more than one person felt like exploding.

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THAT the next Billiard Tournament is to be by ladies, gentlemen to be charged for looking on.

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THAT the Dramatic Society scored a huge success on Wednesday night.

THAT the principal characters and also the lighter parts were first-class.

THAT under the circumstances, Inspector Jones did well, having to take up his part, at one short week's notice.

A FIRE AT SWILLINGTON.

Shortly before one o'clock on Tuesday morning the Leeds Corporation Fire Brigade was summoned to a fire that had broken out at Brex Farm, Swillington, occupied by Mrs Mary Ann Kershaw. The small engine with five horses, proceeded to the place with all speed, and found a barn, 30 yards long and eight yards wide, almost enveloped in flames, along with an adjoining stable and hay-loft. Two adjacent haystacks, one wheat stack, and one oat stack were also in jeopardy. There was a good supply of water from a well, but after working for nearly an hour the brigade had the satisfaction of preventing the spread of the flames. Four horses that had been in the stable had been saved by the occupants of the farm, but a number of fowls in the barn had been burnt to death. The damage is about £400, and the origin of the fire is not known.

SOCIAL AT ROTHWELL.

On Saturday last, a grand tea and social was held in the Central Hall, Board School, to celebrate the return of Councillor J. W. Bulmer, to the District Council. Despite the cold and rainy afternoon, nearly 100 persons sat down to a capital tea, which had been provided by Mrs. Wm. Blackburn, of Rothwell. The social commenced at 7 o'clock, at which there were 150 persons present, and continued until 11 p.m. Songs were contributed by Mrs. E. Chadwick and Mr. W. Ward, and recitations by Mr. T. Lunn. A long progamme of dances was gone through the music being supplied by Mr. Sidney Bedford. The M.C's were Messrs. Chris. Tiffany and Wm. Lunn, Junr. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and resulted in enabling the election committee to rest satisfied that all their accounts could be paid, and a small balance left in hand.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

Mr. Isaac Smith presided over a good attendance at the meeting of the above, on Sunday afternoon last. An excellent address was delivered by Mr. Butterfield, of Middleton, on the three Hebrew children. The soloist was Mr. Simpson Riveley, of Hunslet, whose solos, "Calvary" and "Saviour of All," were much appreciated.

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ROTHWELL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

A meeting of the above Board was held on Friday night last, in the Board room, Carlton Lane. There were present Mr. A. Batty (chairman), Mr. T. Park, Mr. Butterick, Rev. J. A. Alderson, Mr Lunn, Mr. Richardson and Mr. J. Elstob, with the clerk (Mr. Marshall), and attendance officer (Mr. Denton).

The minutes of the previous Board meeting and meetings of the Rothwell and Rothwell Haigh Management Committees were read, and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter had been received from the Department, together with the plans for the Rothwell new infants' school; amongst other things the department point out that the garden should be reserved for a play ground for the girls and infants.

Mr. J. T. Kilburn, secretary to the Rothwell Branch of the Miners' Association, wrote, stating that at a meeting of the miners held recently, it was decided to urge the School Board, in arranging for the new infants' school, at Rothwell, to build it as much up-to-date as possible.

An application for an advance of salary from Miss Stead, was referred to the Rothwell Management Committee.

The Clerk reported that Miss Kirkby had succeeded in passing first class in the Queen's Scholarship examination, which was, he believed, the first first-class they had had in Rothwell; there had been two at Stourton.

On the motion of the Rev. J. A. Alderson, seconded by Mr Butterick, it was unanimously resolved that the clerk write, congratulating her on her success.

MR. MARTIN'S SALARY.

The Rev. J. A. Alderson said that it would be remembered that some two months ago Mr. Martin made application for an increase of salary, and his letter was dealt with by the Management Committee. The Committee, after a lengthy discussion, let the matter drop, without passing any resolution. A second letter came before the full Board, Mr. Martin asking why his question as to salary had not been dealt with. This led to his giving notice of a motion on the matter. He wanted the Management Committee to understand that he had no feeling in the matter, nor did he wish to be discourteous to them; he simply did it because he thought it was unfortunate that the figures he was about to submit had not been before them. Mr. Martin's salary was £125; and extras for last year were as follows:—£5 bonus, Pupil Teachers grants £3, drawing grants £1 10s 0d; night school £4 5s 11½d; estimated rent of house £20; coal £4 10s 0d; making altogether £163 5s 11½d. Mr. Martin told him his drawing grant ceased this year. The maximum amount for Pupil Teachers would be about £1 and the night school £1, so that instead of receiving £8 15s 0d for extras he was going to receive about £3 10s 0d bringing his salary down to about £158. He would like to remind the Board that Mr. Martin had served the Board about 12 years. The schools had become bigger and bigger; the number of children attending the schools had more than doubled during that same period; and the grants earned had likewise considerably increased, £300 odd being earned now against about £150 12 years ago; but he had only received two advances of £5 and £10, which, he considered, was not equivalent to the increase of responsibility. The service he had rendered to the Board, he thought, should meet with greater acknowledgment; they all knew he was an efficient master, was highly respected in the town, and was much liked by the children. He tried to instil into the minds of the children good moral truths, and was respected by the parents of the children; he thought the time had come when he should have an increase of salary, but as yet had no amount to propose.

Mr Butterick: In the first place, in reply to Mr. Alderson's figures I may say that Mr Martin questioned me the morning following the holidays; from particulars we had from the clerk we reckoned Mr. Martin's salary at about £168; salary, £125; house, £20; rates, £5, coals, £5; Pupil Teachers, £3; night school, £5; bonus, £5. The members passed no resolution on the matter, which may be taken as evidence that they think the salary enough. There is a little bit of difference in the two lots of figures, and this difference is against the Committee. Mr. Alderson has made a strong point of the size of the schools and the earning of the grant; it should be remembered, however, that this and the previous Boards have added considerably to the staff, and are responsible to a certain extent for the success of the schools.

The Rev. J. A. Alderson said there seemed to be no great difference in the two sets of figures; the point was more in regard to the size of the schools. As to the staff he knew Mr. Martin would be the first to acknowledge his indebtedness. As to the results, there was credit due to the Board, to the clerk, to the staff, and to the head master. Seeing that the school had practically doubled itself, he thought the salary should have gone up to a greater extent than £15, and proposed that the Board grant him a rise of £5.

Mr. Butterick: The notice of motion, I think, does not embrace the raising of the head master's salary, so that the motion will be out of order.

The Chairman: It is.

Mr. Alderson: The notice is to consider Mr. Martin's position and salary, and I am prepared to challenge the chairman's ruling.

The chairman, however, would not allow the motion, and Mr. Alderson gave notice to propose an advance of £5 at the next meeting.

CARETAKERS' WAGES.

An application having been made by Mr. Bray for remuneration for extra work in connection with the night school, Mr. Richardson had given notice to propose a resolution respecting both the caretakers' remuneration, and now proposed that an allowance of £2 each be made for extra work involved by the night schools.

Mr. Elstob: It's a big lump.

Mr. Lunn said there was a great deal of difference between Rothwell and Stourton, and proposed that Mr. Bray have £3.

Mr. Alderson seconded the amendment.

Mr. Butterick said this was a question they should be very careful about; the members had not been furnished with any particulars as to the amount of work involved. He proposed that particulars be furnished, and that the matter be referred to the Management Committees.

This course was eventually agreed to.

THE NEW INFANTS' SCHOOL.

Mr. Lunn proposed that before making any alterations in connection with the new infant school the Board shall visit one or two of the newest and most up-to date schools in the district. He was dissatisfied with the present proposals. As much light as possible should be provided, and it was well known that some of the proposed windows were not at all satisfactory. He objected to the proposed brown glazed bricks, and urged that white or cream bricks be used instead.

There was no seconder to the resolution.

THE BUDGET.

The Rev. J. A. Alderson, chairman of the Finance Committee, in submitting particulars of the estimated income and expenditure for the half-year, said:—"It would have afforded me greater pleasure in presenting this my first budget, if I had been able to show a decreased expenditure; one likes to be able to do that, although in this case there would be no credit to me; I am only working up figures given me by the Clerk. As I have just now said it would have been better if there had been a decreased expenditure and I had been able to suggest that we ask for a smaller precept. But I am comforted with the thought that a greater than your humble servant has led the way nationally during the past week, by making such gigantic demands upon the people, the like of which has seldom been known. Such figures as Sir Michael Hicks Beach has startled the country with, has paralyzed the imagination, and when we remember that this vast outlay of public funds is largely for the purpose of providing implements of warfare in order that men may be better able to kill their fellow men, I think the position of things in the country is becoming critical. True, we have a slightly increasing liability staring us in the face, but we have a great consolation in knowing that the money we spend is for the developing of the mental faculties of our children, and thus equipping them for the great battle of life which is before them; also the improving of their scholastical environment, so that they may have every facility for gaining knowledge quickly, under the most favourable conditions. Before I proceed to the Financial statement, I want to refer to two statements made by my worthy predecessor. The first was made 1st April, and the second last October in his farewell speech as chairman of the Finance Committee, 1st.—"We can not even bring forward the fact of the rates being any less than 3 years ago, but are even more, and I am afraid the rating thermometer is still gradually rising, until it may reach a point, sufficiently high that the ratepayers' pockets may be most uncomfortably warmed." 2nd.—"These sums may tide us over the first six months, but I am afraid that the next chairman of Finance will require to ask for a considerably increased amount from the Rating Authority, to cover the second portion of the financial year." I quote these statements in order to show that the increased liability is only what was evidently anticipated, therefore you will not be disappointed in this direction. And now to business.—

Our prospective income for the ensuing half-year is as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand Mar. 31, '99	392	9	6
Night School grants	35	0	0
Fee Grants at 10s per child	214	15	0
Agricultural Rates grant	32	11	9
Sales and lettings	27	6	3
	£702	2	6

Our anticipated expenditure is as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Officers' salaries	45	0	0
Administration expenses	23	0	0
Salaries of Teachers	900	0	0
Books, apparatus, etc.	150	0	0
Fuel and light	35	0	0
Repairs to buildings	60	0	0
Cleaning, etc.	70	0	0
Rent, rates, insurance	43	2	6
Furniture	20	0	0
Loans repaid	135	0	0
Interest on loans	130	0	0
Deposit in bank	100	0	0
	1711	2	6
Less Income	702	2	6
Estimated deficiency	1009	0	0

In October last the estimated deficiency was given as £1749, but only £808 10s of this was required, leaving an anticipated deficiency for this half-year of £940 10s. To this amount we shall have to add the sum of £68 10s to meet our probable requirements. It is only natural that this Board and the public generally will require some further detail with regard to this increased item, therefore I beg your attention to the following items:—

OFFICERS' SALARIES.—It was decided at a previous meeting, in consideration of the small and sometimes adverse balance held by our Treasurer, that we should pay him a fixed salary of £10. We have also very justly and wisely increased our officers' stipends £15 and £5 in order to bring them up to the averages paid by other Boards. £10 and half £15 and £5 makes an increase of £20.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.—We put down £1650 last October whereas our liabilities are actually £1800 18s 5d. This requires no explanation. It naturally is accounted for by the increase of staff, owing to the growth of the schools, and the securing of more efficient teachers as opportunity has presented itself.—£150. Looked at from a certain standpoint the salaries may seem very heavy to the uninitiated, but the Clerk informs me that the rate per head of children in average attendance for teaching staff is about £1 16s 6d, whereas, according to the last budget of the Leeds School Board, they are paying £2 5s.

BOOKS, APPARATUS.—The expenses in this direction have previously been kept down, but as numbers increase and the educational standards are raised we are obliged to have better and more expensive materials for the children and teachers.—£30.

REPAIRS.—We are about to have the Rothwell Schools partly painted and coloured inside, and the whole premises painted outside, and our former estimate will have to be slightly increased.—£10.

CLEANING, LIGHTING, AND WARMING.—No anticipated increase.

RENT, RATES, ETC.—The introduction of trough closets necessitates an increased water rate, and the requiring of additional accommodation at the temporary Infants' premises has increased the rent from 14s to £1 per week.—£10.

FURNITURE.—A new clock costing over £5 has been placed in the Central Hall at Stourton, and other items not anticipated make a total of £10.

LOANS AND INTEREST.—Same.

Total increase anticipated £230.

We purpose reducing the deposit at the bank from £200 to £100 in consideration of salary we are now paying our treasurer.—£100. The anticipated income of last year has been pleasingly exceeded to the extent of some £61 10s owing to the continued increased attendance grants and the efficient state of the schools.—£61 10s. Total £161 10s.

Total increased liability £68 10. Add to this the anticipated deficiency we set out with—£940 10s, there is an approximate deficiency of £1009. Therefore it becomes my duty to move that we serve precepts as follows:—

Overseers of Rothwell £1000
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Before closing my statement I should like to say that there is one gratifying fact accompanying the gradually increasing School Board rate, provided for by the Education Act of 1897, and we purpose taking advantage of it at the close of the present financial year. Presuming that the average attendance at the schools reaches 940, we shall be able to claim from the Government some £43 extra. Under clause 97 of the Act of 1870, there is provision made for certain schools at 7s 6d per head of children in average attendance. Under the Act of 1897 this clause is made to operate as follows:—(page 292) "Section 97 of the Elementary Education Act of 1870, shall have effect as if the sum of 7s 6d therein mentioned were increased by the sum of 4d for every complete penny by which the School Board rate for the year therein mentioned exceeded 3d." How will this affect us? The present year's call on the overseers is £1800, equal to a shilling in the £, or £450 at 3d in the £, ninepence difference. Taking the 7s 6d as above and adding 4d for each penny of difference, we have 10s 6d, which, for say 940 children in average attendance, is equal to £493 10s. Deduct from this the sum of £450 raised by 3d in the £, and the balance of £43 10s (or such sum as may accrue by this method of calculation from the actual average attendance for the year ending September, 1899) may be claimed by this Board under the 1897 Act. I hope I have made myself sufficiently lucid to enable you to follow me intelligently. I thank you for your patient hearing, and now move that the precepts be duly served.

This was seconded by Mr. Butterick, who congratulated the new Chairman of the Finance Committee, on the very clear and interesting statement he had made. In putting the resolution, the Chairman, while regretting the increasing calls upon the rates cordially joined in complimenting Mr Alderson on his first Budget speech.

The Rev. J. A. Alderson then moved the payment of the following accounts and salaries, as recommended by the Finance Committee; seconded by Mr Richardson, and carried:—

	£	s.	d.
C. A. Rickard, salary	2	10	0
Public Works Loan Board	84	0	5
Rothwell Haigh School salaries	72	14	0
Rothwell School salaries	76	4	10
Arnold & Sons, goods	24	9	10
Jos. Stead, ,,	4	9	3
Jos. Dodgson, ,,	4	3	10
Thomas Mitchell, ,,	37	3	4
Bean & Sons, ,,	17	5	9
S. Grant, ,,	8	12	3
S. Batty, ,,	16	11	9
T. Lambert, Stourton	0	9	2
Jos. Wormald, ,,	7	18	11
O. Parker, ,,	0	19	6
W. Sewell, ,,	1	15	7
Holt & Denton, goods	12	3	10
W. Butterfield, ,,	6	7	6
Illingworth, Ingham & Co.	31	12	6
Knight & Co. ,,	2	18	5
J. W. Bulmer, conveyance	6	0	0
Jos. S. Copley, work done	5	0	5
Jas. Heaton, ,,	0	16	0
Marshall & Co. ,,	8	4	9
Deputation expenses	1	1	0
Wesleyan Trustees, rent	13	0	0
Royal Insurance Company	1	10	0
Petty cash	5	0	0
H. White, night school	15	0	0
H. J. Martin ,,	8	0	0

On the motion of Mr. Richardson and Mr. Lunn, it was decided to advertise for a Certificated Assistant Master at Stourton.

It was also agreed to pay the caretaker 15s for his extra trouble and expense in connection with the recent Primitive Methodist Bazaar at Rothwell.

It was also agreed that arrangements be made for getting tenders for getting tenders for painting the whole of the exterior of Rothwell School, and also for painting and colouring certain parts of the interior.

SCHOOL BOARD FEDERATION MEETING.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Lunn and he attended the meeting of West Riding School Boards held at Bradford on the 18th. March. The meeting was held in the Belle Vue school premises, one of the finest educational blocks in the county. Of the 158 Boards in this county, 60 have joined the Federation, and there were about 200 persons present. Mr. Cockshott (chairman of the Bradford Board) took the chair, and after welcoming the delegates, expressed his belief that the Federation would be of great value, especially to smaller Boards. After some preliminaries, the draft rules were gone through seriatim, the only alteration of any importance being proposed by Mr. Lunn, substituting that 'not more than one member of the same Board' (instead of not more than two) shall be nominated for the Executive. The various officers were then elected, Mr. Claridge (chairman of the Bradford Board, and clerk to several small Boards) being president, and Mr. Popplestone (clerk to the Shipley Board) as secretary. Mr. Claridge's inaugural address was both interesting and valuable, touching on the value of union, the future of pupil teachers, the education of defective children, the present state of secondary education, and the need for making the steps easy and complete from the elementary school to the highest University degrees. The honour of moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Claridge was taken by Mr. Green, (clerk to the Templenewsam Board).

Mr. Lunn supported what had already been said, and fully agreed that the Federation was likely to be of immense service, especially to smaller Boards. He very much favoured the proposal to establish centre classes for all pupil teachers, and other matters for the benefit of the younger teachers. He observed that the Executive had already appointed a deputation to wait on the West Riding Technical Instruction Committee. The meeting decided that the next Conference shall be held in Leeds.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Butterick, a vote of thanks was passed to the delegates for their services and report.

Mr. Lunn mentioned that he had had some conversation with Miss Macmillan, of Bradford, and had got her consent to give a lecture at Rothwell on "Education and the nervous system," and spoke very highly of the lady's ability. It was unanimously agreed to formally invite Miss Macmillan, and arrangements are to be made for securing the attendance of managers and teachers in the district.

LOFTHOUSE-WITH-CARLTON SCHOOL BOARD.

A meeting of this Board was held on Wednesday last, in the Robin Hood Board School, Mr. Ridyard (vice-chairman) presiding. Mr. Horner, Mr. Dobson, Rev G. H. Scott, and the clerk (Mr. Lee) were present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE TEACHING STAFF.

In consequence of the removal of Miss Howarth from the Carlton School, it was decided at last meeting that a pupil teacher be appointed to the vacancy. Miss Ellis wrote saying that having heard there was a vacancy for a pupil teacher, she desired to offer herself, and was not particular whether the Board put her at Carlton or Robin Hood.

The Clerk said Miss Ellis would not be much good seeing that she could not be indentured until she was 20 years of age, and she was now about 17, while the examination for this year was just over.

Mr. Dobson asked if a pupil teacher of 14 would do.

The Clerk said a girl of 14 years would have to go as a probationer.

Mr. Dobson proposed that the resolution to appoint a pupil teacher for Carlton passed at last meeting be rescinded, seeing that Mr Grimshaw (Robin Hood) had intimated his willingness to let Mr. Butterworth (Carlton) have one of his teachers. Mr. Grimshaw thought it was not right for Mr. Butterworth to have a pupil teacher in place of the assistant who had resigned, and he did not think Mr. Butterworth could manage with that arrangement.

Mr. Horner moved, without conditions, that the motion re pupil teacher for Carlton be rescinded. (Mr. Dobson's proposal being qualified, and having no seconder, fell through).

Mr Dobson seconded, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Dobson proposed that Miss Dalton be sent to Carlton for the present, and see how it works.

The chairman thought they could spare a teacher at Robin Hood better than at Carlton. He seconded the resolution.

Mr. Horner, referring to the new regulations in the new code which say that a pupil teacher must have half of each day for study, said he thought pupil teachers were in future going to be a drag on Boards rather than a help and would give the Head Masters more work. He asked if they were forced to have pupil teachers.

Mr. Scott: No.

A discussion took place on the position of pupil teachers in future and the little good they would likely be, when the new rules come into force, the general feeling being that the larger Boards would have to take the responsibility of training the pupil teachers upon themselves, and the smaller Boards do without them.

Mr. Grimshaw was afterwards called in, and the chairman explained that Miss Dalton was to go to Carlton and asked if he would be able to manage with a teacher less. Mr. Grimshaw said he had been experimenting since he made the offer, and found that the only way he could manage was by grouping standards 4, 5 and 6 together, which they would understand made rather a difficult standard to teach, on account of the difference in the work of the three classes.

The chairman asked how many children there would be when these standards were combined.

Mr. Grimshaw: About 50.

Mr. Scott: Can you conduct the school efficiently with a teacher less, and be able to satisfy the inspector when he comes.

Mr. Grimshaw said he was not in a position to say. He had made the proposal because the number of scholars at Robin Hood was less than Carlton, and Robin Hood would have a larger staff than Carlton.

Mr. Scott did not think they would be able to satisfy the inspector, and he did not believe in jeopardising report and grant by reducing the staff.

Mr. Grimshaw said he could manage up to July, as the work for this school year was practically over.

Mr. Scott asked if one teacher was taken away, could he manage after July, or would he be applying for another teacher.

Mr. Grimshaw did not know how it would be after July.

Mr. Scott then proposed as an amendment that the staff remain as at present, and an assistant teacher be advertised for for Carlton.

Mr. Horner seconded the amendment.

On the chairman putting the amendment to the meeting, Mr. Horner and Mr. Scott voted in support, while the chairman and Mr. Dobson voted for the proposition. The chairman gave his casting vote, and declared the proposition to remove Miss Dalton to Carlton carried.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

Mr. Dobson thought it was their duty to pass a vote of condolence with the chairman of the Board (Mr. G. Armitage) in the loss of his wife. He had known Mrs. Armitage from a child, she had been universally respected and was a woman of noble character. He moved, with deep feeling, that the Clerk write conveying the sincere sympathy of the members to Mr. Armitage in his sad bereavement.

The Chairman respectfully seconded the motion, and Mr. Horner and Mr. Scott agreed with the spirit of the sympathetic action.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S SALARY.

Mr. Bell, the attendance officer, had applied for an advance of salary, and had sent in a list of the salaries paid to other persons in this position, the matter was discussed.

Mr. Scott thought Mr. Bell was underpaid according to the others in the list, if the duties were carried out efficiently, but the attendance officer should have ...

Mr. Horner said they had not had any conviction during the last four years and had certainly had cases bad enough. The salary of the office had been doubled since Mr Bell was appointed, but he did not think much more time was given to the work.

The Chairman asked were they paying as much work as they got, and although he was not against a rise, he thought they were justified in expecting more work for the money.

Mr. Horner thought they were not getting as much work as they paid for.

Mr. Scott proposed that the salary be raised from £20 to £25 on condition that the work is done efficiently.

Mr. Dobson proposed a £2 10s rise be given. He did not wish to put down salaries, but he thought this rise would be fair.

Mr. Horner seconded the £5 rise.

It was agreed to advance Mr. Bell's salary £5 on condition that the work is done thoroughly, on the motion of the Chairman, Mr. Scott and Mr. Horner; Mr. Dobson being neutral.

HALF-YEARLY ESTIMATE.

The Clerk had prepared an estimate of the income and expenditure for the half-year ending September 29th. next, which was submitted for the Board's approval. A discussion took place on the amount needed for repairs, the amount put down being £10. As it was remembered that the schools would have to be colour-washed, etc., this year it was thought advisable to raise the amount to £25. The following is the estimate:—

ESTIMATED INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	9	8	0
Fee grant, Robin Hood	53	0	0
,, Carlton	72	5	0
Annual grant, Robin Hood	210	16	6
,, ,, Carlton	286	5	9
Agricultural Rates Act	21	12	[illegible]
Total estimated income	653	7	5

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Teachers' sals., Robin Hood	200	0	0
,, ,, Carlton	200	0	0
Officers' salaries	27	10	0
Petty Cash	10	0	0
Interest and principal, loans	209	0	0
One fifth of grant to teachers	96	0	0
Half drawing ,,	7	10	0
Repairs, etc.	25	0	0
Coals and gas	21	0	0
School requisites	40	0	0
Pupil teachers' fees	2	16	0
York Blind School	10	10	0
Leeds School Board	3	3	0
Rates	7	0	0
Total estimated expenditure	877	9	0
,, ,, income	653	7	5
Deficiency	£224	1	7

Mr. Scott moved that a precept for £... 1s 7d be served on the Overseers of Lofthouse with Carlton, and Thorp, which will be raised by a rate of about 3d in the £. Mr. Horner seconded, and it was carried.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following accounts and salaries were passed for payment on the motion of Messrs. Scott and Horner:—

	£	s.	d.
Robin Hood teachers salaries	34	12	8
Carlton ,, ,,	36	1	[illegible]
D. Bell, salary	1	13	[illegible]
Leeds School Board	3	3	[illegible]
York School for the Blind	5	5	[illegible]
S. Grant	10	12	[illegible]
Public Works Loan Board	35	2	11

The school requirements were ordered to be supplied.

It was decided to hold next meeting on the 10th of May next, as the proper night is in Whit week.

Mr. Butterworth came in and was told of the arrangements for a teacher to go from Robin Hood to his school, to commence on next Monday. Mr. Butterworth thanked the Board, but thought it would handicap Mr. Grimshaw somewhat.

The Attendance Officer brought a man before the Board to account for the irregularity of his children's attendance. The man said it was all on account of the stupidity of his wife, he was away all day and did not know that the children were not attending school regularly. The Board cautioned him and he promised to try to do better in future. Two other parents were summoned to attend the meeting, but did not put in an appearance; one, however, sent a doctor's certificate for his child.

Mr. Bell thanked the Board for the rise in his salary.

It was agreed that the Whitsuntide holidays be as usual from Friday, May 20th to Monday, May 29th.

EPPS'S COCOA ESSENCE.—A THIN COCOA.—The choicest roasted nibs of the natural Cocoa, on being subjected to powerful hydraulic pressure, give forth their excess of oil, leaving for use a finely flavoured powder—a product, which, when prepared with boiling water, has the consistence of tea, of which it is now with many, beneficially taking the place. Its active principle being a gentle nerve stimulant, supplies the needed energy without unduly exciting the system. Sold only in labelled tins. If unable to obtain it of your tradesman, a tin will be sent post free for 9 stamps.—James Epps and Co., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London.

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ROTHWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A meeting of the above Council was held on Wednesday night, in the Council Chamber, Councillor G. Armitage presiding. There were also present Councillors J. Abbishaw, (vice-chairman), W. W. Harrison, J. W. ..., J. Smith, T. Oliver, J. Hargreaves, ... Armitage, B. Taylor, J. Oliver, C. Sykes, ... Milner, H. Nicholls, J. Stead, with the deputy clerk (Mr. Barrett), medical officer (Dr. Stevenson), surveyor (Mr. J. T. Pears), nuisance inspector (Mr. Jones), and assistant clerk (Mr. Wilkinson).

HIGHWAYS.

The Highways Committee had considered the tenders for work on the highways, and recommended the acceptance of the following for one horse and man per day, on condition that Mr. Brown and Mr. Fatkin accept the work at the same figure as the rest:—No. 1, ... ct, W. Brown, 6s 6d; No. 2, W. Brown, ...; No. 3, J. Cooper, 6s; No. 3,A,' 2s, (for sweepings on Saturday night in ... well), W. Brown; No. 4, H. Fatkin 6s; No. 5, Thompson, 6s; No. 6, Richard ... hall, 6s; No. 7, J. Cooper, 6s; No. 8, ... alton, 6s; No. 9, W. Armitage, 6s. For stone leading, per ton, the following tenders were accepted No. 1 district, H. Fatkin, 1s 1d; No. 2, W. Brown, 1s; No. 3, W. Brown, 1s 4d; No. 4, H. Fatkin, 1s 1d; No. 5, R. Marshall, 6d; No. 6, R. Marshall, ... 6d; No. 9, Mrs. Gould, 1s 3d.

The Committee instructed the clerk to write the East and West Yorkshire Railway Company asking them to erect a boundary wall opposite their houses in Wood Lane; notice was also to be served upon the company, that if the necessary work in connection with the waste water from their engine sheds is not properly dealt with, the Council will execute the work, and charge the Company with the cost.

On the motion of Mr. T. Oliver and Mr. Hargreaves, the minutes were approved.

SANITARY BUSINESS.

The Sanitary Committee recommended the acceptance of the following tenders for the removal of night soil:—No. 1, W. Blythe, £24; No. 2, A. Barraclough, £13; No. 3, W. Brown, £11 10s; No. 4 and 5, B. & R. Thompson, £38; these are all in ... well; No. 6, Royds Green, B. & R. Thompson, £2; No. 7, Stourton, H. Fatkin, ...; No. 8, Carlton, R. Marshall, £25; No. 9, Ouzlewell Green, W. Lunn, £5; No. 10, Lofthouse, W. Lunn, £23; No. 11, Robin Hood, I. Whiteley, £23; No. 12, Thorpe, ... Gould, £12.

The Committee decided that a 9 inch sewer be laid in Carlton, for the purpose of draining Mr. Bland's property.

Messrs. Drew and Ward's tenders for the supply of oil for Lemonroyd, were accepted, the order to be given alternately to each.

A tumbler cart to cost £25 10s 0d was ordered to be purchased.

The minutes were confirmed.

HEALTH REPORT.

The Medical Officer reported that during the past five weeks there had been 46 births registered in the district (27 males and 19 females). 29 of these were in Rothwell (17 males and 12 females), and 17 in Lofthouse with Carlton (10 males and 7 females). There had likewise been 15 deaths, all in the Rothwell portion of the district (5 males and 10 females). Six cases of infectious disease had been notified, all being now convalescent; no case had been reported during the past 3 weeks, so that the district might at present be considered free from such diseases.

BUILDINGS.

The Building Committee recommended the approval of the following plans:—for 12 houses and one shop at Rothwell Haigh by Mr. J. Newton, subject to sufficient ashpit accommodation being provided; for outbuildings at the 'Elephant and Castle,' Lofthouse; for a twelve stall stable by Mr. ... Smith, Commercial Street, for wash house by Miss M. L. Hargreaves, Smithson Street; for shed at Newmarket House, subject to block plan being provided. Plans for 2 houses at Robin Hood by Mr. Hartley were approved. Plans for 8 houses by Messrs. G. Armitage & Sons were approved subject to the boundary wall being referred to the Highway Committee. The Committee recommended that a sum of not more than £1 0s 0d be spent in shrubs for laying out the front of the Council Offices.

The minutes were approved on the motion of Messrs. J. Hargreaves and Milner.

FINANCE.

The following is the Finance Committee's estimate of probable expenditure for the current 12 months:—

	£
Salaries	404
Sanitary	1300
Street Lighting	600
Other roads	1900
Loans and interest	2236
Establishment Charges	250
Election expenses	40
Legal Charges	60
	£6790

The receipts from the Hunslet Rural District Council for sewage treatment, and from the County Council for use of tools on highways, amount to £383, so that the net amount required from the rate is about £6396, which a rate at 1s 6d in the £ will about cover.

On the motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Sykes, the estimate was approved and a precept of a 1s 6d rate given.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The garden land at Church field was let to Mr. Armistead, for £8 per year and the field adjoining to Mr. Blythe at £3.

The agreement with the Ardsley Council for water supply at 9½d per thousand gallons was sealed, the minimum supply to be 50,000 gallons per day and the maximum 100,000.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending April 22nd, was £374; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £223, thus showing increase of £151. For the 16 weeks ending April 22nd, the return is £5460, against £3712 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £1748.

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hunslet Rural District Council was held at the Offices, Glasshouse Street, on Wednesday afternoon, when there were present Mr. J. Farrer (chairman), Rev. A. J. Irvin, Messrs. Knight, Fryer, and Nicholson, with the clerk (Mr. Pindar), and medical officer (Dr. Buck).

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN.

On the motion of Mr. Fryer, seconded by Mr. Irvin, Mr. Farrer was re-elected chairman; and on the proposition of Mr. Irvin, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Knight was appointed vice-chairman.

A MIDDLETON IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. Knight had given notice of a motion to the effect that the cost of the improvement of Thorpe Lane, Middleton, by doing away with a dangerous ditch by the roadside, be made a special expense, and charged to the township of Middleton.

Mr. Fryer seconded.

Mr. Nicholson proposed as an amendment that the cost be charged on the Council.

There was no seconder, however.

On the motion being put, Mr. Knight and Fryer voted for the proposition, and the Chairman and Mr. Nicholson against.

The Chairman: Now, we are as we were.

Mr. Knight: No, you have the casting vote. How are we now; Mr. Clerk?

The Clerk: You decline to make it a special expense.

The Clerk produced the agreement, from which it appeared that Mr. C. E. Jarvis was to give up the ditch on the Council building a stone wall—which it was stated would be about 300 yards long. One tender had been received, the amount being £234 16s 3d, but the Clerk said there would also be the cost of drainage and legal expenses.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Irvin, that the work be proceeded with at once, and that the agreement be sealed.

THE WOODLESFORD STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

The Local Government Board wrote with reference to the application for sanction to borrow £700 for street improvements at Woodlesford, requesting that the areas of the whole of the land proposed to be acquired, and of the portions which were respectively to be resold and appropriated for the widening of Station Lane, be shewn on the plan.

THE LIGHTING OF WOODLESFORD.

The Rothwell Gas Company wrote stating that they were prepared to continue the gas main along Woodlesford Lane providing that the Council and Rothwell District Council would erect lamps for the whole district, which was not at present lighted by lamps.

It was agreed that the Hunslet Council do their part if Rothwell are prepared to do theirs, and that the Clerk be instructed to write Rothwell on the matter.

THE LEEDS CORPORATION BILL.

The Chairman reported the proceedings of the special committee appointed by a conference of the Rural District Councils of the West Riding to consider the sanitary clauses of the Leeds Corporation Bill. He said the committee had considered the amended regulations, and they were of opinion that these were still unsatisfactory. He was afraid that the County Council would not themselves take steps to oppose the bill. In fact, they were given to understand that the District Councils would have to oppose on their own account.

Mr. Knight proposed that the Hunslet Council express their willingness to join in opposition, and to contribute their share of expenses in proportion to the rateable value, on condition that at least eight or ten other Councils join; also, that, if the County Council opposes, the committee be empowered to support that opposition.

The Rev. A. J. Irvin seconded, and the resolution was carried.

The Chairman said the committee had done good work, and had secured considerable modifications. What District Councils wanted, however, was to be able to deal with the matter direct through the West Riding County Council, without the intervention of Leeds.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It was decided to purchase a fire hose cart for Templenewsam for a sum of £15.

On the motion of Mr. Fryer, seconded by Mr. Knight, it was resolved to petition against the Rating of Machinery Bill (by which it is proposed to exempt machinery from rating.)

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A.

Mr. Siddall, jun., was the speaker on Sunday afternoon last, and there was a good attendance to hear him, his last visit and address to the P.S.A. being still fresh in the memory of the members. The subject of the discourse was "The best of everything," in which the speaker shewed that the best of talents, actions, etc., should be given for Christ who gave his best for mankind. The soloist was Mr. Thompson, who acquitted himself well in "The Star of Bethlehem" and "The Flight of Ages." The Bible lesson was read by the chairman, Mr. J. Morton. The speaker and soloist were heartily thanked for their help.

STOURTON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB.

In connection with the above, a grand social has been held this week in the Central Hall, Board School. Mr. F. Bell and Mr. J Underwood acted as M.C's, there being a large number present. Mr. C. Milner and Mr. Smithson supplied the music.

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OULTON & WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Board was held in the Woodlesford Board Schools on Monday evening last. The members present were Mr. H. Trinder (chairman), Mr. W. H. Newsome, Mr. T. Batt, Mr. J. T. Lygo, and the Rev. A. J. Irvin, with the clerk (Mr. R. J. Smith.)

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

DISINFECTION OF SCHOOLS.

Great dissatisfaction was expressed (owing to the schools being disinfected on Saturday, April 8th.), that the school-rooms had to be cleaned on the Sunday following, also preventing the Sunday School being held.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The balance brought forward was £177 1s 7d; lettings £2 1s; balance in Treasurer's hands £179 2s 7d.

The following accounts and salaries were passed for payment on the motion of Mr. Batt and Mr. Newsome:—

	£	s.	d.
School cleaners	3	0	0
Extra cleaning	1	2	6
Expenses of delegate to Federation of School Boards	0	5	0
Midland Railway Co, (season ticket)	0	17	0
The "Yorkshire Post" Advertising	2	1	0
The "Leeds Mercury" ,,	1	7	0
Rural District Council, water	0	18	6
Leeds School Board, deaf child	3	3	0
Teachers' salaries	52	18	4
L. Wilson, repairs	0	5	0
E. J. Arnold & Sons, books, etc.	5	11	6

ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS.

A letter was read from the Welsh Union of School Boards asking for the support of the Woodlesford Board in securing a representative on the Executive Committee.

Another letter from the Moss Side School Board, Lancashire, was also read, drawing attention to the support of Mr. Routledge, the clerk, for a seat on the Executive Committee.

These matters were left over for a special meeting which will be held for the discussion of the agenda of the above Association, and instructions given to the representative.

TEACHING STAFF.

A letter was read from Miss Burley, pointing out that the Carlton Board would not grant her release until the 27th. Also a letter was read from Mr. Bouch, who had been appointed assistant master, saying that he could not enter upon his duties until May 2nd. Both of the teachers expressed regret for the inconvenience. Seeing that Mr. Parkin was handicapped, a teacher had been brought out of another school to meet the emergency.

MISCELLANEOUS.

After reading a couple of letters from Mr. Farrer, expressing his disapproval of the Board's decision on the prize question, the Board went into committee on the right of way business.

FUNERAL OF MR. RICHARD WALKER.

The remains of the late Mr. Richard Walker, for 42 years head gardener at Oulton Hall, were interred in the churchyard of that village on Friday afternoon last, in the presence of a large assembly of relations and friends. Some few months ago the deceased gentleman retired from work on a pension and went to reside at Headingley, but only a short period of well earned rest was allowed to him, and soon the symptoms of a malignant disease manifested itself, which ran its course with such vigour that only a few weeks' real illness culminated in death about 8 p.m. on Tuesday, the 18th inst. Mr. Walker was 71 years of age, and came to Oulton in 1856; for some years previous having been employed in the gardens of a relative of the Calverley family at Birkenhead. He was well-known, being successful as a grower of calceolarias and cyclamen, and had read numerous papers on the culture of these and other plants before the Paxton Societies at Leeds, Wakefield and other places; from several of which handsome floral tributes were received; in addition to one from the men employed in the Oulton Hall gardens. The mourners included:—Mr. Alfred Walker, and Miss L. A. Walker (son and daughter), Mrs. S. Smith (daughter), and Mr. James Walker (brother), Mr and Mrs. J. W. Walker (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. S. Smith and Mrs. Alfred Walker (son-in law and daughter-in-law), Miss Dora Walker and Masters Alfred and Thomas Dudley, and Gordon Heselden Walker (niece and nephews), Mrs. Walker, (Rothwell), Mr. L. Brunton, (Leeds), Mr. Kay, (Leeds), Mr. Freshwater, (Swillington), and others.

ROBIN HOOD P.S.A.

In connection with this Society, a capital time was experienced last Sunday. Mr. Joseph Horner, D.C., of Ardsley, presided over a fairly large congregation. Mrs. Denney, of Liversedge, was announced as soloist, but owing to sickness, she had to cancel her engagement. The speaker, however, compensated for any loss which might have been felt on that account. Mr. Dickenson, city missionary, of Bradford, gave an exceedingly quaint and matter-of-fact address on "Sick of Home." The speaker said that he wanted to just have a little talk on the parables found in Luke 15. He was quite sure no one could give *his* address, nor did *he* want to give anyone else's. The speaker said he was glad that his Master, Jesus Christ, was not one of those who are always wondering what people would think, but was one of the thick-skinned sort who did what he considered right, fearless of consequences. The Scribes and Pharisees severely criticised Christ because they wanted to hinder, and the speaker was afraid the race was not extinct. He could do with criticism when it was meant to help. A boy in pushing a wheel-barrow up a steep hill was met by a gentleman, who told him he was not doing the work in a scientific manner, but should do this, that, and the other. The boy, almost out of breath, and looking with his keen clear eye at the gentleman, exclaimed "Come and gie us a lift, mister." The speaker hoped that all critics present would, as the boy had said, be among the helpers, for every good cause. Mr. Dickenson divided the prodigal's life into three periods—1st, The period of *madness* when he left home; 2nd, the period of *sadness* when he was among the pigs, and 3rd, the period of *gladness* when he went back to his father's house and could sing "Home, sweet home." The address, ten minutes longer than usual, was thoroughly interesting throughout.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady who has been cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by means of Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent 1,000 to his Institute, in order that those deaf people who have not the means to procure the Ear Drums may have them free of charge. Apply by letter to Branch A. K. U. of the Nicholson Aural Institute, Ealing Dean London, W.

HEARD IN THE STREETS.

CONTRIBUTED.

THAT some people are not pleased with certain leaders in religious matters playing billiards.

THAT the Primitive Minister took up the cudgels in defence of innocent amusements, billiards included, at a meeting held last night.

THAT a full report of Mr. Alderson's paper on "Should a Christian play billiards?" will be given in next week's *Times.*

THAT such questions are largely a matter of conscience and circumstances.

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THAT the Council is shewing commendable activity just now in improving our main streets.

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.]

Next Wednesday, in the large Hall of the Mechanics Institute, Rothwell, the Dramatic Society will repeat the performance entitled "Shaughraun," which was given a week ago. The funds of the Dramatic Society are very low, in fact, I believe the cash box is empty, while the file is decorated with some unpaid bills, and it is well to remember that like other societies the Dramatic cannot be run without money.

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The funds raised by the sale of tickets for next Wednesday's performance, will be devoted to the benefit of the Dramatic Society. The price of admission, I am told, will be one shilling the front seats, and sixpence the other parts of the house. It is to be hoped there will be a crowded house. The society deserve well of the Rothwell public, for the efforts they have put forth on various occasions in support of good objects.

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The next special effort to raise money to pay for the recent extension to the building of the Mechanics' Institute will be I believe, a rummage sale. The idea is very seasonable. Very shortly Spring cleaning will disturb the serenity of mind of man. I believe it is the intention of the Mechanics Committee to ask householders when turning out the contents of drawers, cupboards, and lumber rooms, to put aside any article of little or no further use to them, things they have not room for, or are tired of looking at, articles of clothing out of fashion, pictures, crockery, ornaments no longer of interest to the owner, but at a rummage sale would find purchasers. Lady house-keepers are asked to make a note of this.

METHLEY PRIMITIVE BAZAAR.

A two days Bazaar was opened in the Methley Primitive School-room on Saturday last, the object being to raise about £50 for the Trust and Organ fund; considering that the whole affair had only taken twelve weeks in getting up, it was a decided success. The school was prettily decorated with streamers and other effective embellishments. The Rev. J. A. Alderson, minister, presided at the opening ceremony, and congratulated the workers on the way they had striven to make the affair a success; he trusted that the amount aimed at would be raised. In asking the Rev. F. Winterburn, of Selby, to open the bazaar, he said he was no stranger to them, as he had been a scholar in the school, and the position he now held was due in some measure to the Christian training in the Methley Sunday School. Mr. Winterburn in rising, said he felt somewhat nervous, perhaps due to the fact that it was the first Bazaar he had opened in his old native village. He was pleased they had thought of him, and thanked them for conferring on him such an honour as he would never forget. Mr. R. Milner proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Winterburn; Mr. J. Aston seconded, and Mr. Jackson supported. The stall-holders were:—No. 1 and 2 stalls—Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Hopwood, Mrs. Bedford and Miss Brunt. Fancy and-toy stall—Miss Hodgson and Miss Bilton. Drapery stall—Miss Milner and Miss Wilkinson. Refreshment stall Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Bilton, Miss P. Carr, Miss A. Carr, Miss A. Abrams and Miss Winterburn. Advertisement stall—Mr. F. Green and Mr. H. Jackson. Shooting range—Mr. John Howarth and Mr. W. Milner. Galvanic battery—Mr. Ventum. Fish pond—Miss A. Wilson and Miss A. Ramsden. The Stourton String Quartette, under the conductorship of Mr. James Howarth, gave selections of music during the afternoon, and also in the evening, contributed three short concerts, which were well attended; the items included:—Miss Fanny Howarth, soprano, songs "Holy City" and "Killarney"; Miss Mann, "Uncle John"; Mr. James Howarth, "Queen of the Earth," "Dream of Paradise" and "Mary"; Mr. T. Vickers, humourist, "All for Me," "He's altered his Opinion," "My first Cigar," "The Lady Barber" and "Charabang"; Mr. A. W. Duffill, pianoforte solo "Grand March"; Mr. I. Taylor, violin solo "Weber" Mr. T. Vickers and Mr. James Howarth, mandoline duet "Lavento"; Mr. A. W. Duffill presided at the piano with his usual ability. On Monday, the Bazaar was continued. The total proceeds of the entire effort amounted to £40 2s. 0d.

COMPENSATION ACT CASE FROM LOFTHOUSE.

On Tuesday, at the Wakefield Court House, a case under the Compensation Act of 1897, was brought before the Judge. The plaintiff was Benjamin Cooper of Ledger Lane, and he claimed compensation from the Lofthouse Colliery Company for the loss of his son, George, who he said was his sole means of support. The deceased, who was 18 years of age, was a hurrier in the Lofthouse colliery, and was killed by a fall of roof on 19th September last. The father, in the course of his evidence, said that he had not been able to work since January, 1895, owing to his breathing being bad. He had four other children, but they were all married. He did not earn more than about 2s per week, and that was by "cobbling." His deceased son was the sole means of support. In answer to his Honour, Mr. Felix Palmer, who appeared for the applicant, said he considered that according to the terms of the Act, Cooper was entitled to £150 at least. On behalf of the Company Mr. J. F. Kershaw urged that the father was not wholly dependent on the deceased, and that £58 10s, which had been paid into court, was a reasonable sum considering the circumstances of the case. His Honour awarded £85 16s, being at the rate of 11s per week for three years.

BRASS BAND CONTEST AT YEADON.

The second annual contest promoted by the Yeadon Brass Band, took place at Yeadon on Saturday. Prizes were offered to the amount of £20 10s. There were 21 bands entered, and all competed. Mr. J. Walker, of Batley, officiated as judge, in place of Mr. G. Wadsworth, of Holmfirth, who was prevented from fulfilling his appointment by illness. The awards were as follows:—Test piece, 'Rose Queen' (valse by *H. Round*)—1, Sowerby Bridge Friendly; 2, Belle Vue, Wakefield, (conductor, Mr. B. D. Jackson); 3, Baildon, (Mr. S. S. Simpson); 4, Rothwell Temperance, (Mr. W. Heaps); 5, Richardshaw Lane, Stanningley, (Mr. J. A. Riley). Quickstep (own selection)—1, Hepworth, (Mr. J. Belcher); 2, Rothwell Temperance.

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CRICKET.

ST. AIDAN'S v. OULTON.
Played at Gipton Lodge on Saturday last.

Oulton.

G M Abbey, b Crosfield	17
E Boothroyd, b Crosfield	11
W Smith, b Crosfield	0
H Mitchell, b Crosfield	6
F Killingbeck, run out	2
W Inman, b Halloran	43
O Inman, b Crosfield	8
W Higgins, c Rose b Crosfield	3
F Murtland, not out	2
C Briggs b Halloran	4
J Jefirey, c Halloran b Crosfield	1
Extras	8
Total	105

St Aidan's.

W Rose, b Briggs	11
Galloway, b Higgins	0
D Halloran, c Smith b Murtland	3
H Crosfield, b Briggs	22
T Lincoln, c Mitchell b Briggs	6
T Dickson, not out	2
G Fenwick, not out	10
Extras	2
Total for 5 wkts	56

CARLTON v ARDSLEY.
Played at Carlton on Saturday last.

Ardsley

C W Hardley, c W Speak b S Ely	4
D Bedford, run out	0
J W Jackson, b E Ward	1
O Watson, b S Ely	4
H Clayton, b J Speak	0
J Wood, not out	3
J Illingworth, c Bell b J Brown	8
H Whittaker, b J Speak	2
E Watson, b J Speak	0
J Day, b E Ward	1
J Turner, not out	0
Extra	1
Total	24

Carlton

H Rinder, c and b Jackson	2
J Brown, b Illingworth	3
S Ely, st Bedford b Jackson	15
T Brown, b Jackson	0
J Rinder, st Bedford b Illingworth	1
W Speak, b Illingworth	0
J Speak, st Bedford b Illingworth	1
A Thackrah, b Jackson	3
E Ward, not out	10
A Ward, b Jackson	0
W Bell, st Bedford b Illingworth	1
Total	36

WOODLESFORD v METHLEY—Played at Woodlesford on Saturday last. Scores:—Woodlesford—G G Hewitt 0, T Britton 9, H Parkin 28, J R Hewitt 9, T Collin 31, Boddy (not out) 7, Johnson (not out) 15; extras 3; total 102. Woodlesford declared their innings closed. Methley—Inman (not out) 11, Westerman 0, Cheeseboro 1, Kaye 0, W Tranmer 0, Spencer 8, S Tranmer 0; extras 4; total for 6 wkts, 24.

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET MATCHES.

At Rothwell—Rothwell v Lofthouse.
ROTHWELL FIRST ELEVEN—Dr. Buck (capt), H Morgan, Joe Walker, R Whitehead, R N Lunn, A Cripps, H Greenwood, T Dobson, H Wormald, Hy Dacre, M Fowler; Reserve, W Smith.
At Lofthouse—Rothwell 2nd v Lofthouse 2nd.
ROTHWELL SECOND ELEVEN—Wm Fox (capt), Joe Fox, Jas Lunn, T Parker, H Brown, A Cromack, W H Easton, T Bridges, W Denton, Alf Cripps, J E Brown.

WEDNESDAY.
At Castleford—Rothwell Tradesmen v Castleford T.
ROTHWELL TRADESMEN'S ELEVEN — M Fowler (capt), Dr Buck, Dr James, J Walker, E Milner, H Wormald, J Elstob, J Stead, H Forrest, A Batty, J Frobisher.

STACK FIRE AT LOFTHOUSE.

At the Wakefield West Riding Police Court on Monday, a man named John Booth, alias Chester, alias Fearnley, said to be a clerk of Humber Gate, Leicester, was committed for trial charged with arson. Shortly after eleven o'clock last Friday night, a fire was discovered in the stackyard of Mr. Wm. Lunn, farmer, Lofthouse, where there were seven large stacks of hay. When the Wakefield City Fire Brigade reached the place, the middle stack was on fire. Before the flames could be extinguished, one of the stacks, containing about 30 tons of hay and worth about £100 was destroyed, which is covered by insurance in the Globe Office, the other six stacks being saved. Soon after the fire was discovered, a man was seen leaving the stackyard, and he was detained and handed over to Police Constable Denny. The prisoner said he was at Leeds on Friday, and left there about 4-30 p.m and stayed at a public house on the road playing at dominoes until 9-30 p.m. When he got near Lofthouse he saw the stack fire, and met a man running away in an excited state. He (prisoner) went into the stackyard, where there were a lot of people, and one of them said "That's the man," and he was taken into custody. The prisoner was committed for trial at the Assizes.

BICYCLE STOLEN AT ROTHWELL HAIGH.

On Monday, at Wakefield, John Thomas Kelly, forgeman, Leeds, was charged with stealing a bicycle, value £10, the property of Joseph Norman Hargreaves, son of Wm. Hargreaves, Esq., C.C., of Haigh Villa, Rothwell Haigh. On Saturday prosecutor was riding on his machine on the Leeds and Wakefield Road, and on jumping off prisoner came up, remarked that it was a nice machine, and asked if he might have a ride on it. Prosecutor said he might, and prisoner then jumped on and rode away. He returned with the machine on Sunday, saying he had been to Pontefract. Mr. E. Lodge appeared for the prisoner, and contended that there was no felonious intent. Prisoner, who was suffering from some mental aberration, had acted foolishly, but had not intended to steal the machine. He had left his father's house at Kirkstall on the Saturday, and his people heard nothing of him again until he was in custody of the police. The Bench let prisoner off with a caution.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN BAND OF HOPE.

An entertainment was given by the above on Wednesday evening, Mr. A. Ward presiding. Recitations were rendered by a number of the children, who had been carefully coached by Miss Batty, and songs were given by Miss F. Gibson and Mr. Thompson. A dialogue was carried out by three young men, Messrs. J. Gibson, W. Lunn and H. Goldthorpe, and musical selections by the Wesleyan Choir. During the evening Mrs. T Young kindly presented prizes to the children who have made the best attendances. The Society seems to be in a healthy condition, according to the report of Mr. A. W. Seanor, the secretary, and there was a large attendance at the meeting. Thanks were given at the close to all who had assisted in the evening's programme.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

On Sunday afternoon last, Mr. Paul presided over a good attendance. Mr. Jackson, of Dewsbury Road, was the speaker, his subject being "A Godly Life." Mr. Joseph Nash, of Stourton, was the soloist, his songs being "He shall give his angels charge" and "Dream of Paradise"; a violin obligato to the latter was played by Mr. James Howarth. Mr. T. W. Crossland ably accompanied.

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RECEIPTS.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance at commencement			1171 6 6
Overseers' Contributions:—			
Middleton	General	60 0 0	
"	Highways	140 0 0	
"	Special	354 18 4	554 18 4
Oulton-cum-Woodlesford	General	80 0 0	
" "	Highways	186 0 0	
" "	Special	648 4 9	914 4 9
Templenewsam	General	58 0 0	
"	Highways	136 0 0	
"	Special	300 0 0	494 0 0
Thorpe Stapleton	General	2 0 0	
"	Highways	5 0 0	
"	Special	0 0 0	7 0 0
Water Revenue—Rents and Charges		644 0 4	
" —Meter Rents		29 15 10	
" —Connections		5 5 0	679 1 2
Tadcaster Rural District Council—Water in bulk			149 7 0
West Riding County Council—Main Roads			590 0 0
Agricultural Rates Grant			60 10 6
Bank Interest			10 9 9
Rents of Property			1 13 0
Sundries			3 18 5
West Riding County Council—Salaries			70 0 0
Contribution by Owners to Cost of Waterworks			193 5 2
			£4899 14 7

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
GENERAL EXPENSES:—		
Salaries	145 0 0	
Establishment Charges	91 5 11	
Legal Expenses	6 4 8	
Hospitals	0 8 6	
Infectious Diseases Notification	0 15 0	
Disinfecting Expenses	2 1 8	
Street Watering and Scavenging	13 15 6	
Travelling Expenses	10 4 7	
Deputation "	2 16 0	
Election "	0 0 0	272 11 10
HIGHWAY EXPENSES:—		
Main Roads	336 18 0	
District Roads	595 6 8	
Salaries and Establishment Charges	45 0 0	977 4 8
SPECIAL EXPENSES:—		
Loans (Instalments and Interest)	570 9 2	
Sewerage Works	384 11 5	
Sewage Disposal	75 16 0	
Water Works	277 10 9	
Water Fittings	3 15 9	
Public Lighting	207 14 9	
Scavenging	164 1 5	1683 19 3
Leeds Corporation—Water Supply		802 8 0
Ardsley Urban District Council—Water Supply		256 17 10
Balance at end of Half-Year		906 13 0
		£4899 14 7

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TENDERS.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

TENDERS are invited for the ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS to the above Schools. Plans and Specifications may be seen, and Bills of Quantities obtained at my Offices, Rothwell, on or after Wednesday next, May 10th.

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Rothwell, May 5th, 1899. WALTER E. RICHARDSON, Architect.

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Friday, May 5, 1899.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the Offices, Hunslet, Dr. Hawkyard presiding. There were also in attendance:—Mr. G. Fryer (vice-chairman), Mrs Woodcock, Mrs. Dickenson, Rev. A. J. Irvin, Rev. M. J. Dillon, Messrs. Houghton, Robb, Knight, Butterick, Seddon, Banks, Edwards, Charlesworth, Hargreaves, R. Bamforth, (the newly-elected member in place of Mr. J. Hirst, retired), the clerk (Mr Mee), and assistant clerk (Mr. Ward).

The Chairman, before the business commenced, extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Bamforth, the new member, and trusted that his term of office would be a successful and pleasant one for the township he represented.

Gifts of papers were acknowledged from Mrs. Woodcock and Mr. Charlesworth.

The vagrants relieved during the fortnight were reported at 189, the number during the corresponding period last year being 343.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the above Committee, the proposed new Infirmary diets were further considered.

It was proposed by Mrs. Woodcock, that in the No. 4 Dietary, fish be given on Friday as well as Tuesday, and that the minced beef be given on Sunday, instead of Friday, in place of the meat and potato pie. Also that the mutton broth be doubled in quantity; seconded by Mr. Dillon, and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mrs. Dickenson, that subject to the foregoing resolution, the Guardians be recommended to express their approval to the proposed dietaries; seconded by Mr. Dillon and carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mrs. Dickinson and Mr. Banks, Annie Holland was appointed Assistant Nurse at a salary of £20, with the usual emoluments.

The minutes were approved, the dietary, table at the request of the Chairman of the Committee being referred back.

CHILDREN'S HOMES

The Children's Homes Committee had considered tenders for boys' suits, and recommended the acceptance of Messrs J. Batty & Sons for suits 1 to 3, at 6s 6d, and 4 to 7, at 10s per suit. The Master had asked if boys on reaching 13 years of age, could leave school to work in the garden or shoemaker's shop. The progress of the boys at school was ordered to be ascertained from the schoolmaster. The gift of a quantity of magazines from Mrs. Dickenson was acknowledged with thanks. The assessment of the Homes had been reduced from £225 to £187.

THE NEW WORKHOUSE.

A deputation of the Guardians had waited upon the Local Government Board, with regard to the plans for the new Workhouse, when the same were discussed with the Local Government Board's architect and officials, and several alterations suggested. Instead of having the bacterial tanks for sewage treatment, the Local Government Board advised that arrangements be made with the Rothwell District Council, to lay a drain and treat the sewage at Lemonroyd. They also objected to hospital accommodation being provided at the workhouse for the children, and recommended that the fifth Children's Home be used as an infirmary, so that the children might be kept away altogether from the workhouse. These and other suggestions were favourably received by the deputation.

Mr. Butterick remarked that the Local Government Board's proposal as to the fifth children's home had previously been advocated by their medical officer, Dr. Buck.

THE OFFICE ALTERATIONS.

Mr. Simpkiss, the contractor for the alteration of the offices, had refused to sign the contract, without their was a strike clause; this will likely delay the commencement of the alterations for some time.

REV. J. A. ALDERSON ON RELIGION AND AMUSEMENTS.

"SHOULD CHRISTIANS PLAY BILLIARDS."

There is a branch of the Christian Endeavour Society connected with the Rothwell Primitive Methodist Church, and in consequence of the wide-spread interest and difference of opinion on the question placed at the head of this article, the pastor, the Rev. J. A. Alderson (who has taken a somewhat prominent part in the inauguration of the billiard table at the Mechanics' Institute), announced that he should read a paper on the subject at their next meeting. The society is, of course, a small one, and a number of persons would gladly have swollen the attendance, had the meeting been thrown open. By the invitation, however, of the essayist, an opportunity was afforded us of attending the meeting on Thursday evening (27th.), and we have pleasure in publishing the paper and some notice of the discussion afterwards.

There was a good attendance of young people of both sexes, and, while in some there might be zeal without discretion, the earnest desire evidently felt by all to act rightly, was very gratifying. The proceedings were opened devotionally, and after other formal matters, Mr. Alderson proceeded as follows:—

"The plain man wishing to obtain a view of life, and of his place in it, which shall satisfy what is best in him, finds it an immensely puzzling circumstance that one half the world appears to believe there is no religion in pleasure, and the other half that there is no pleasure in religion. Obviously there is a big mistake somewhere, and it is worth while trying to see whether, by investigation, we cannot put our finger on it.

"It should be clearly borne in mind that amusement is both necessary and allowable, it has a legitimate place and function in the world. The belief that it has not this, has by all men of sound judgement, long since been relegated to the lumber room of exploded fancy. The Puritan condemnation of amusements was forced upon them by the dissoluteness of the age in which they lived. The Puritan tradition, however, is no longer dominant in the churches of our country. Christians openly allow themselves indulgences, and permit their children amusements which 50 years ago would, in Nonconformist churches, have led to expulsion.

"The Puritanical condition of life would be as impossible in this enlightened age, as would be the re-introduction of the tyrannies under Bloody Mary.

"Much evil has been wrought by opposing all amusement as sinful. Those gloomy and moody parents who frowned down all recreation as wicked, and who refused to provide it for their boys and girls, have too often found that sinful amusements had been sought out secretly and indulged in. How frequently do such children turn out badly in life? Their hearts become prematurely callous, and by their own wilfulness they dash themselves over the precipices of life.

"The Christianity that teaches we are to be morose, sullen, crabbed and gloomy-looking, is not the Christianity of the New Testament. A faculty was never bestowed on humanity which it is a sin to exercise; we might as justly denounce the playfulness of a kitten and the friskiness of a lamb, as denounce innocent recreation. These things come from God and therefore are allowable. Recreation is not ruin, and fun is not all foolishness.

"We cannot keep the bow always bent, it must be relaxed at times. We do not mean by this that religion is restraint, and recreation relaxation. No! Amusement is part of our religion. It is not a moral back-door by which to escape from religion, it is an important element of our religion. We dare not divorce Christianity and amusement, for they have been wedded by God. We unbend the bow of severe exertion that we may bend it again better than before

"The question now confronts us where are we to draw the line?

I.—*We must draw the line at Amusements that clash with any clear duty.*

"Solomon says "There is time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance." Therefore there is a time for amusement. But it is not the time for it when it is in collision with duty. Those pleasures which debar from discharging the obligations of life are ill-timed and should be strongly vetoed. All amusements that seek to usurp the place of any distinct work which we owe to God or man, are in the catalogue of the forbidden.

"Duty is too serious a thing to skip for pleasure however attractive, save the pleasure which flows from its discharge

II.—*We must draw the line at Amusements that are physically, mentally, or morally injurious.*

"Hundreds turn night into day to visit places of amusement where glittering excitements cause the head to whirl and the heart to beat quicker than its wont. All such amusements are sinful, they are enervating to corporal life, tend to physical collapse and premature death.

"This is an age of cheap books. We rejoice in this, as being one of our highest pleasures. But together with the pure has come the pernicious. Those trashy, blood and thunder novels which pour from the press of to-day, are eagerly read as amusement, by many. They are perused in seclusion where they undermine the foundation of high thinking.

"We do not censure *in toto* the novel, because there are many which go to educate and elevate the mind. The high-class fiction should create neatness of phrase as well as broaden our sympathies and knowledge.

"There are other amusements as well as vile literature which nourish loose mental habits. We need not name these, it is enough to say that any amusement which tends to destroy our aptitude for clear and cool calculation should be debarred.

"There are places of amusement in our large towns and cities which are the very gates of hell to our youth—places where moral poison injects itself through every pore.

"All amusements which do this are unquestionably wrong. That place must be avoided where the impure song is sung, the unchaste word uttered, the unseemly gesture used, the sinful act disguised and made attractive. Such things terribly damage us and haunt us like spectres. We carry this moral taint till our dying day. Thousands of England's fair sons and daughters have been ruined through contact with these suggestive evils.

"We must, if we want to be true to religious principles, steer clear of all amusements which interrupt, however slightly, the growth and culture of the soul, which make us less careful and prayerful, and lessen our love for the Bible.

"III.—*We draw the line at amusements which lead into sinful surroundings.*

"There are amusements which in themselves may be harmless, but which become harmful because of the company into which they lead. They conduct into sinful society, perhaps into sinful companionships, and lure the thoughtless youth on to destruction. All such we must shun as we would shun the very devil himself.

"The question has been frequently asked of late "Should a Christian play billiards?" To which I answer, it all depends whether he can afford the pleasure or not. It is an evil in any professing Christian, who spends his money in going to watch football and cricket matches, but is unable to spend sixpence a month in supplying themselves and families with a magazine of pure and elevating literature.

"It is a mistake in young men to spend sixpence an hour in playing billiards, and yet deny themselves the means of making themselves efficient teachers of the Word of God. Money ought not to be spent in mere amusements, which is needed for enhancing the comforts of home, for the culture of heart and mind, and for qualifying themselves for Christian service, and carrying on the work of God.

"But to return to the question. Now, I suppose no man in his senses could be found to maintain that there is anything sinful in knocking about three ivory balls on a table covered with green cloth, anymore than it is sinful to knock wooden balls about in croquet, or indiarubber balls at tennis, or a solid leather ball at cricket, or an inflated leather ball on the football field. These things without doubt, are harmless in themselves, but each and everyone of them may become harmful, if indulged in a sinful environment.

"For instance, take the Billiard Table recently placed in the Mechanics' Institute of our town. Every member of that Institution must, in the first place be a respectable citizen, no intoxicants are allowed on the premises, swearing and gambling are strictly prohibited. Every precaution is taken by the Committee to keep the atmosphere pure, healthful and refining. Under such circumstances, where can the evil arise?

"Remove that table into the public room of an inn, play the game midst the associations of coarse and vulgar jokes, impure stories, blasphemous language, frequent sippings of the ale, and then public opinion will be unanimous in declaring that billiards under such conditions, would be polluting and sinful.

"Don't think that I am for one moment assuming that there are such conditions to be found in our midst. I believe the licensed victuallers of Rothwell have too much self-respect to tolerate anything so low, but as everybody knows, these hell-traps do exist in our country, and it is to save our young men from these dens of vice that such Institutions are erected as the one our town can boast, wherein young men can combine instruction with recreation, amidst a pure environment.

"IV.—*In conclusion, let me say that the great rule of life may be found in Paul's words "Whatsoever ye do,——do all to the glory of God."*

"Jesus prayed "not that Thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from the evil." "Sacred" and "Secular" are words which have no meaning for a Christian man. All life is to be sacred, work as well as worship, week-days as well as Sabbaths, pleasure as well as duty, and the glory of God is to be the supreme end and motive of life.

"That holy man of God, Charles H. Spurgeon, said that he could smoke a cigar to the glory of God, I can smoke two. I can also play a game of billiards to the glory of God. Billiards trains both the mind, the hand and the eye, and developes that greatest of all Christian virtues "patience," therefore after a quiet game of billiards I feel the better able to pursue my daily labour, for I can think more clearly and talk better.

"Finally; if we enter as God's children, into the meaning and purpose of our earthly life: if we regard it, not as given to us for the passing pleasures of a day, but as an education of the character, a disciplining of the will, a serious preparation for the greater life of eternity; above all, if we set before ourselves constantly "the chief end of man which is "to glorify God," we shall have the rule and all the guidance we need in daily life

"Just as the needle of the compass although it may seem to waver for a moment and to tremble from side to side, turns at last, steadfastly pointing to the pole, and thus guides the sailor in his perilous voyage across the pathless sea, so the secret attention to God, within our own hearts, will direct us safely in all the perplexities and uncertainties which may beset us, and save us from ever making "shipwreck of faith."

On concluding the paper, Mr. Alderson invited full and free discussion, jocularly asking him "Who is without fault, let him cast the first stone." The first stone, however, was not of hard material, and was really in support of the paper. The speaker was more in earnest, and voiced 'talk' that has been going about, respecting hinting that a minister's entire time should be given to purely religious duties, and closing with the advice given in the Epistle of St. James, 1st chap, 27th verse. Another of the audience protested against the notion that a minister shall have no recreation, and remarked that as working men they believed in an eight hours day of work, so they could not think hardly of a minister who went into some recreation or other, so long as it was innocent and taken moderately. Further answering this objector, Mr. Alderson endorsed these remarks, and then reminded his friend that the words about 'Pure and undefiled religion,' were addressed to the whole church, not to ministers only; he also directed the attention of his accusers to the 26th. verse in the same chapter, as to 'bridling not his tongue.' Referring to the remark of one speaker that playing billiards was a game of chance, and that the loser paying for both sides was as bad as a pigeon flying match, or horse racing, the essayist stated that even when the agreement was for the loser to pay, the money did not go to the winner, but to the funds of the Institute, and win or lose, the players had the pleasure of the game. After referring to a number of good men, ministers, of various Churches, Mr. Alderson said that he was not the only one, by many, in their own Church, who enjoyed a game at billiards; what he did, right or wrong, he did openly; and they might be sure of this, that he never did secretly what he did not do openly. Several other young people spoke, on one side or the other, all the addresses being marked by genuine good feeling, and no doubt a great deal of misunderstanding will have been swept away, and an amount of information gained, as a result of this interesting meeting. Perhaps the best guide in matters of this sort is a well disciplined conscience, judging not others, but judging one's own actions, and so acting that one's influence shall be thrown on the side that one believes is the best, and most likely to do good to the larger number.

The meeting closed with the good advice to stand by each other, and think the best of each other as members *of the Christian* Church and family.

THE ROTHWELL ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

The members of this society travelled to Morecambe on Saturday last, to take part in an orchestral competition promoted at the Winter Gardens. The competitions, vocal and instrumental, commenced on Wednesday and a large number of entries having been received, there was considerable interest manifested in the events. Four orchestras entered for the contest, the test piece being *Schubert's* fine overture "Rosamunde." The first to face the judge was the Colne Orchestral Society, numbering over 50 performers and a remarkably good rendering was given of the overture. Accrington New Church School Orchestra followed, with over 30 players, but were obviously behind the Colne band. Then came the Lancaster County Asylum Orchestra, who for their numbers (between 30 and 40) played very well. The Rothwell Orchestral Society brought up the rear, but were outclassed in point of numbers and weight, so that it was scarcely fair to judge them from the same standpoint as the others. The players numbered 27, under the conductorship of Mr. Lawford Firth, and a fair rendering of the piece, and received quite an ovation at the close from the 4 or 5,000 people present. Dr. J. F. Bridge, the adjudicator, in giving his decision, complimented the Rothwell Orchestra on their plucky effort, when pitted against larger bands, and stated that Colne would be placed first, Accrington second, Lancaster Asylum third, and Rothwell fourth. Only two prizes were offered, but by the kindness of two ladies, Mrs. Greg and Mrs. Clarke, the other two bands would each receive a prize. This statement was received with loud applause.

SUCCESSFUL YORKSHIRE STUDENTS.

The Agricultural Department of the Yorkshire College, Leeds, was last year reorganized, the most important improvement being the acquisition by the Joint Agricultural Council of a farm situated at Garforth where the students are taken for instruction in Practical Agriculture. The effect of this change appears to have greatly improved the efficiency of the Agricultural Examination of the Highland Agricultural Society open to English and Scottish students; two young men from the Yorkshire College successfully obtained the Diploma and Life Membership while a third was awarded the 1st. Class Certificate of the Society. The Examination is one conducted by specialists in the sciences underlying the practice of agriculture, and also by a body of very practical farmers, one of whom is Mr James Hope, one of the members of the Royal Commission on Agriculture. Out of thirty-six candidates, who presented themselves only nine were awarded Diplomas, and considering the large number of Colleges competing, the Yorkshire College did well to secure two out of the nine.

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OULTON INSTITUTE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The fifth annual meeting of the above Institute, was held in the club-room on Tuesday evening last, when there were about 50 members present under the chairmanship of the Rev. E. H. Dykes.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last general meeting, which were approved.

The following is the report:—The past year—the fifth of its existence—has been marked by the further usefulness of the Institute. A Dressmaking Class, under the auspices of the Yorkshire Ladies Council of Education, and the supervision of a local Committee, and a Shorthand Class, under the tuition of Mr. Walter Smith, who generously gave his services, have been organized and successfully taught. The Committee desire to thank all who have contributed to the success of these classes; they feel encouraged to extend this branch of the Institute's work next winter.

The Committee again place on record their appreciation of the assistance given by the friends of the Institute, including Mr. Farrer for the gift of two fire-extinguishers; Mrs. Farrer, a picture; Mr. A. I. Greenwood, a bicycle for competition; to those who gave prizes for the Handicap, and all who promoted, and contributed to, the Entertainments, and particularly to those who conducted the Dancing Class which so materially swelled the income of the Institute.

The financial position of the Institute has improved. The only outstanding liability at the close of the year is £20 on the Billiard Table Loan. An increased income of nearly £50 has enabled the Committee to pay off all accounts due, and, in addition to the payment of £10 on the Loan, they have been enabled to spend £18 19s. on the painting of the older portion of the Institute. Relying on the same generous support they hope to complete the decoration of the Hall, its Ante-rooms, and Club-room, during the summer months. The amount received for Lettings shews a satisfactory increase.

Whilst the past year has not been marked by any big event, the Committee feel that progress has been made in widening the influence of the Institute, and they trust that the expansion will continue, and that the goodly heritage the village now possesses will become a centre from which much good will radiate."

The statement of accounts comprised the following:—Income—Balance in hand 7s 6d; members' subscriptions, £28 13s 6d; concerts, dancing class, &c, £44 11s 9d; billiard and bagatelle tables, £43 17s 1d; lettings, £20 5s 6d; sale of papers, £3 15s 0½d; library fines, &c., £1 11s 8d; loan of chairs, &c., 19s 3d; shorthand class fees, £1 7s 0d; bank interest, 6d; making up a total income of £143 8s 9½d. The main items of expenditure are:—Fire and light, £28 15s 8½d; newspapers, &c., £12 7s 5d; tradesmen's accounts, £26 2s 5½d; painting, £18 19s 0d; caretaker's salary, £13; interest and repayment of loan, £11 4s 0d; with other items, bringing the total expenditure up to £141 3s 11½d, thus leaving a balance in hand of £2 4s 10d.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and financial statement, said they were decidedly satisfactory, the only outstanding account being the £20 on the Billiard Loan, and he heartily endorsed the last paragraph of the report. He thought it most important that the Institute should be more than a place of recreation, it should be a centre of education and benefit to the village. He recommended a Men's Mutual Improvement Society, consisting of lectures, &c., and being near centres like Leeds and Bradford, he thought there would be little difficulty in getting competent and learned men to give the lectures. He also recommended Cookery Classes for the benefit of the wives and daughters of the village, and made reference to his being stationed at Barrow, where educational subjects had been extremely advantageous to the working classes; he hoped the Institute would still progress and prove a great benefit to Oulton.

Mr. J. Kilburn seconded.

Mr. Batt pointed out in reference to the item for concerts, etc., that previously all proceeds had been devoted to the Building Fund, but this year it had been put down to the general account.

The adoption of the report was carried unanimously.

Mr. Walter Lockwood proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, and in doing so, said the games committee had done beneficial work, and if the Education or Library Committee followed in the same lines, they would also render a great benefit to some, if not the majority of the members of the Institute.

Mr. T. W. Hullah seconded, and Mr. Batt responded on behalf of the Committee.

A vote of thanks to the auditors, Messrs. Cockerham and T. W. Hullah, was proposed by Mr. Walter Smith and seconded by Mr. E. Jowitt.

Mr. T. Batt proposed a vote of thanks to the secretary and treasurer, and in doing so drew attention to the large amount of work which Mr. Boothroyd had to carry out, whilst Mr. Murtland had proved himself to be an efficient treasurer.

Mr. B. W. Higgins, in seconding, said in reference to Mr. Boothroyd, they all knew him, and the successful manner in which he transacted the duties he took in hand; as regards Mr. Murtland he was a very careful treasurer.

Mr. Murtland and Mr. Boothroyd responded, and in doing so, the secretary said since the balance sheet was made up they had had the pleasure of receiving from the Vicar the sum of £9 18s as proceeds from the Parish Tea, so that they had now got a nice little nest egg to commence the current year with, which would no doubt come in handy for the decorating some of the rooms. Out of the five years he had been connected with the Institute, there had been 106 meetings called, three of which he had missed through illness; the time was coming when he should have a little help, as the work of the Institute was increasing very considerably, and encroached on other duties; it was therefore necessary that they appoint somebody to help him, so that he would be able to train him for the vacancy, as he should like to retire from the position.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—president, J. Selwin Calverley, Esq.; hon. secretary, Mr. E. Boothroyd; hon. treasurer, Mr. T. Murtland; who were all re-elected. There was a poll taken for vice presidents and committee, the result being as follows:—vice-presidents—Mr. T. Batt 35 votes, Mr. B. W. Higgins 29, elected; Dr. James 22. Committee—Messrs. Wm. Poole 43, G. M. Abbey 40, Walter Smith 37, J. Cockerham 36, Dr. James 34, W. Inman 32, E Jowitt 25, elected; Messrs. A. Sharpe 19, W. H. Thompson 16, J. T. Morrison 15, R. Murtland 9, E. A. Higgins 8.

Mr. B. W. Higgins moved, and Mr. T. Batt seconded a vote of thanks to Messrs. J. Kilburn and W. Lockwood for their services as scrutineers and for the impartial manner in which they had carried out their duties.

Messrs. T. W. Hullah and J. Kilburn were appointed honorary auditors for the ensuing year. A vote of thanks to the chair concluded the business.

"THE SHAUGHRAUN."

After the hearty reception with which the members of the Rothwell Amateur Dramatic Society were received in their first performance of the Irish character drama a fortnight ago, it was a matter of general remark that such a clever performance—entailing considerable expense, and labour on the part of the respective performers—should be repeated at an early date, and by special request and at popular prices, the Society's latest production was successfully repeated on Wednesday last. The eagerness with which the seats in both parts of the house were taken up immediately on the doors being open, and the crowded state of the room when the curtain rose, was highly gratifying to the promoters, and was, perhaps, the highest compliment that could be paid the entertainers, whose success a fortnight ago, had evidently been well noised abroad. It was evident to those who witnessed the play before, that several weak points had been remedied, the most noticeable, perhaps, being in the character of Captain Molineux, represented by Mr. R. R. Jones, who first appeared after only a week's time in which to master his part, and consequently could be excused a little hesitancy. Mr. Jones had evidently embraced well the opportunity afforded him of mastering his part on Wednesday night, he shewed more confidence, acted better, and made an ideal military officer. Dr. James, as the Shaughraun, was well wedded to his part, the ease with which he ran off long harangues of his exploits, and the reality he threw into the various acts fully maintaining for his name a place amongst our best amateurs. Mr. J. W. Daft, as the villain, has undoubtedly made his mark, and kept up his character amongst the audience as one worthy of a high niche of honour amongst our local actors. The gay squireen as represented by Mr. H. Clark, and the grave parish priest impersonated by Mr. J. Hirst, had important parts to play, and played them well, both gentlemen exhibiting admirably marked powers of adaptability. Although Mr. Haslegrave lost himself once, his acting was better than on the former occasion, and his powers of elocution distinctly improved. Mr. C. E. Brooke-Hunt had little to do as Sergeant Jones, but his bearing on the stage gave a good impression, whilst in the character as an accomplice of the deep-dyed rogue 'Harvey,' his get up and dramatic action suggested good material. Of the lady amateurs Mrs G. Wilson as Conn's mother was principal; her Sligo slang, representation of Irish maternal affection, and many other qualities of the typical Irish hut-dweller, was distinctly clever. Miss Suddaby adapted herself well to the character of the Sligo lady, and scored well-merited appreciation. Mrs. Newsome pourtrayed quite true to life, the part of lover of the Irish convict, whilst Miss Butterfield in a similar relation to Conn, made just the vivacious and open-hearted sweetheart Conn would be naturally supposed to choose.

Suitable music was supplied by Mr. J. Young (piano) and Mr. J. Oakley (violin), and pleasurably filled in the intervals between the acts.

The entertainment was in support of the Dramatic Society, whose funds, with such a crowded house, will be very deservedly replenished.

ROBIN HOOD P.S.A.

Councillor Womersley, of Leeds, who also preached morning and evening, presided over a large congregation, in spite of the attractions of a sunny afternoon. In the absence of Miss Nichols, of Stourton, through sickness and family bereavement, Mr. H. Curry, of Livermore Brothers, undertook the duties of vocalist for the afternoon. Mr Curry gave "The Flight of Ages," in falsetto voice as his first song, and afterwards, to the surprise of many in the congregation, treated his audience to a beautiful rendering of "The Holy City" in the baritone register. Miss J. E. Brown, of Leeds, was the speaker, her subject being "Burnt Bibles and Living Truths." A capital address was built up from the story of Jehoiakim burning Baruch's roll, as recorded in Jeremiah 36th. chapter, which was read as lesson by Mr. F. Grimshaw. Miss Brown said that, however much men might despise, forget, neglect or try to destroy the Bible, they could never forget the truths it contained. So long as we were guided by the Bible precepts, so long should we be great, but the speaker was sorry to see that certain newspapers had determined to publish a "Sunday" edition, and Miss Brown hoped that no man or woman present would ever buy a single copy of any paper which issued a Sunday edition. These sentiments were warmly appreciated by both officers and members, as evinced by numerous reponses.

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EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

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The Rothwell Amateur Dramatic Society at the Mechanics' Hall on Wednesday night last, repeated the performance, "Shaughraun," to a packed and highly delighted audience.

Throughout, the play was rendered in fine style, the general opinion being that most of the parts were executed even better than before. This was especially the case with Mr. Brook-Hunt and Mr. Haslegrave, who went through their parts with increased confidence and vigour, and much improved intonation of voice.

Miss Butterfield was just as delightful as she always is.

Miss Suddaby's fine dramatic powers were effectively displayed, while Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Newsome acquitted themselves remarkably well.

Dr. James, who is a first favourite on the Rothwell boards, took on immensely, his light comedy being highly relished by the audience.

Mr. Clark and Mr. Daft, who represent perhaps the most striking characters in the play, filled their parts admirably. Of Mr. John Hirst's play this much may be said that although he did excellent service when the piece was last rendered, he did still better on this occasion. As an actor, Mr. Hirst is always painstaking, reliable and impressive.

Mr. Jones, during the interval since a fortnight ago, has much improved in the dialogue, while his dignified military bearing and command of countenance were as finely marked as before.

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The Dramatic Society have every reason to congratulate themselves on a most successful night.

The way the folk in Rothwell and District respond to their efforts to entertain and amuse is pleasant to reflect upon. And the members have this further encouragement to persevere in the work of their Society—that they not only add a new interest to village life, but have tangible evidence that the people, gentle and simple alike, are willing through their medium to benefit any good cause, and on occasion, the funds of the Dramatic Society.

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After the performance, the players and attendants, along with a few friends, met together in the chess room, where coffee and other refreshment were partaken in quite Bohemian fashion.

At the ceremony of proposing votes of thanks, amongst others, Mr. Harry Ives was very highly complimented (as representing Mr. Vickers, whose theatre is at present located at Rothwell) for the generous services he has rendered to the Dramatic Society in general, and the production of "Shaughraun" in particular.

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Amongst the leading spirits who have in hand the task of raising money to pay off the debt recently incurred by the enlargement of the Mechanics' Institute, the talk is still of a jumble sale; in other words, a bazaar at which miscellaneous articles could be sold.

Spring clearing is on; from cellar to garret the brushes are at work; shelves, walls, floors, are getting their annual extra scrubbing. The contents of drawers, closets and store-rooms are being overhauled.

Hats, caps and bonnets, as good as new, but out of fashion; suits of clothes, or single garments, coats, overcoats, vests; ladies' attire of wonderful cut, shape and material—last year's pride. These things and a hundred others which bother and fret the tidy housewife, are wanted at a jumble sale.

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Let me assure householders they can get rid of these cast-offs, and at the same time benefit the building fund of the Rothwell Mechanics' Institute, which is much in need of help.

Talking to a person the other day and mentioning the project of a rummage sale, he said gaily "go on with it at once and put me down for a case of butterflies, some doormats and a stuffed monkey." That man was evidently poking fun at me.

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Old coins, old watches, rings, brooches, walking sticks, umbrellas, pictures, tables, chairs, bedsteads, nic-nacs, ornaments. That old violin that hangs there on the wall—silent these many years—the deft fingers that once coaxed melody out of it now in eternal rest, may we ask for it for our jumble sale? In other hands, that old violin will repeat the melodies of former days, reviving sweet memories of the past.

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Books ancient and modern, work-boxes, fans, gloves, birdcages (with or without the songster inside); shawls of ancient pattern, perfect in condition, with the scent of lavender on them.

Just what you please, anything you have no real need for, things you are tired of seeing laid about, fire screens and—but stop! You know what is wanted and the object for which these things are wanted. A postcard or letter addressed to Mr. Morton, the secretary of the Institute, or to the hall-keeper, indicating the articles offered will be received with thanks and the good things sent for.

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Volunteers are wanted, members of the Institute, to assist to carry the work through—to talk about it to their friends and neighbours and to collect the material for the jumble sale. Friends of the Institute are asked to step up and give a helping hand, and thus lighten the labour all round.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending April 29th, 1899, is £352; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £279, thus showing increase of £73. For the 17 weeks ending April 29th, the return is £5812, against £3991 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £1821.

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HEARD IN THE STREETS.

CONTRIBUTED.

THAT the Oulton Institute is in a flourishing condition.

THAT considerable interest is manifested in the election of officers.

THAT the members are very enthusiastic.

THAT the Oulton people cater for the rising generation.

THAT the executive of the Rothwell Mechanics should pay a visit to the Oulton Institute.

THAT they will learn a few wrinkles, especially as to Billiard Room management.

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THAT they have a rattling good parson at Oulton who is a great extempore preacher, and knows black from white.

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THAT Oulton lamps put Rothwell *lighting* in the *shade*.

THAT some of the Gas Committee may get lost in a fog—or in the dark.

THAT it is too soon to do without lamps before the end of May.

THAT the Chairman of the Gas Committee should go in for an extension of time.

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THAT the Dramatic Society richly deserve the splendid success achieved last Wednesday, and are welcome to the fine pile of cash they netted.

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THAT one member of the audience longed for a 'swag' out of the big pitcher, in the 'wake' scene, at the theatrical performance on Wednesday night.

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THAT something had gone wrong at *Times* Office last week, when several paragraphs belonging to this column were found at the end of the P.S.A. report.

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THAT the Council should push on with the completion of the new road and especially the new bridge. The opening of this new artery will be a great credit to the town, and be an attractive promenade first, and by and bye, an excellent business venture.

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THAT Rothwell is proud of its Orchestral Band, and the kind and helpful words addressed to the members by the Judge at Morecambe.

WESLEYAN TWENTIETH CENTURY SCHEME.

Local meetings are now being held in this circuit in connection with this great scheme for raising a million guineas from a million Methodists, and although several villages have yet to respond, the Rothwell circuit has already received promises from members and friends reaching 500 guineas. As there has been no canvassing or special application yet made, it may very well be anticipated that this small circuit will raise near 700 guineas before the 1st. January, 1901.

A meeting was held on Wednesday evening at Rothwell, the Rev. J. B. Maltby in the chair, when the Rev. Enoch Green, Mr. J. R. Seanor, J.P., (circuit treasurer), Mr. W. Stephenson (circuit secretary), and Mr. G. W. Batty (Rothwell secretary), addressed those present. Several additional promises were made, making for Rothwell alone 247 guineas. Mr. Green gave a number of interesting illustrations of the way in which Methodists of every grade, especially those who are poor, are anxious to have a guinea in the fund and their names on the Historic Roll. He remarked that it had been said that the smallest result of Methodism is the good the Methodist church itself does, and that its larger results are seen in its influence during the past 150 years, on the Church of England on one hand and the Nonconformist churches on the other. So he might say that the smallest result of this Million Guinea Scheme was the benefit the money will confer on the various objects to which it is to be devoted; but that the greater benefits will be seen in the new life and energy of the Methodist Church itself, and in all the other churches of the land.

At the close of the meeting a good number of names were signed on the Roll, the sum of 42 guineas being handed over to the local treasurer.

A similar meeting was held on Tuesday at Carlton, when Mr. Seanor, Mr. Stephenson, and Mr. A. Pickersgill accompanied Mr. Maltby, and a number of additional promises were made.

Also, at Ouzlewell Green last night, there was a nice gathering of friends and the list of contributions increased

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A.

On Sunday afternoon, Mr. Shurmer addressed this meeting on "The resurrection historically considered," during which he very forcibly shewed by arguments and statements outside the gospel narrative, how strong and convincing are the proofs of this great doctrine and fact. Mr. C. Arnott, of Oulton, sang two solos; and Mr. Denton occupied the chair, also presenting hearty thanks to Mr. Shurmer for his address, and also to the singer. Next Sunday concludes the present session.

OLD FALSE TEETH BOUGHT.

Many ladies and gentlemen have by them old or disused false teeth, which might as well be turned into money. Messrs. R. D. & J. B. Fraser, of Princes Street, Ipswich, (established since 1833), buy old false teeth. If you send your teeth to them they will remit you by return post the utmost value; or, if preferred, they will make you the best offer, and hold the teeth over for your reply. If reference necessary, apply to Messrs Bacon & Co., Bankers, Ipswich.

CASUAL ELECTION OF A GUARDIAN AT HUNSLET.

Mr. Richard Bamforth and Mr. Jas. Hardman were the candidates for the vacant seat on the Hunslet Board of Guardians, caused by the resignation of Mr. Jos. Hirst. Mr. Bamforth has been elected, securing 699 votes to Mr. Hardman 668. Mr. Bamforth took his seat at the Guardians' meeting on Wednesday last.

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CRICKET.

Will the Secretaries of Cricket Clubs kindly forward list of Fixtures, Reports of Matches (both first and second elevens), and List of players chosen as early as possible.

OULTON v METHLEY.

Played at Methley on Saturday last.

Methley.

I Sherwood, run out	6
C Inman, c E Higgins b Greenwood	13
J Keighley, c W Inman b H Higgins	8
J Mosby, c Abbey b H W Higgins	0
R Cox, lbw b Greenwood	4
E Pyrah, st W Inman b H Higgins	0
W Westerman, run out	4
A Thornton, c Morley b Greenwood	1
J Holsworth, c Briggs b H Higgins	0
J Inman, not out	0
A Cheesbrough, b H W Higgins	1
Total	37

Oulton.

G M Abbey, not out	7
E A Higgins, not out	1
Total for 0 wkts	8

Rain stopped play.

Bowling Analysis—Oulton:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
L E Greenwood	13	6	21	3	7.
H W Higgins	12.3	4	16	5	3.1

Bowling Analysis—Methley:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
J Sherwood	2	0	4	0	.4
E Pyrah	2	1	4	0	.4

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN v CASTLEFORD T.

Played at Rothwell on Wednesday last

Rothwell

J Walker, b Branfoot	1
H Morgan, st Patrick b Allison	6
E Milner, b Allison	13
H Wormald, b Allison	6
Dr Haigh, b Branfoot	3
J Stead, b Allison	2
T Wormald, b Branfoot	0
P Inman, b Branfoot	0
H Brown, b Allison	0
W Bedford, b Allison	6
J Wrather, not out	0
Extras	2
Total	39

Castleford T.

Beevers, lbw b Milner	1
Branfoot, c Morgan b J Walker	19
Senior, st Walker b Milner	3
Patrick, b Milner	8
Fish, c Haigh b Walker	3
Allison, not out	4
Extras	12
Total for 5 wkts	50

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET MATCHES.

At Rothwell—Rothwell v Methley

ROTHWELL FIRST ELEVEN—Dr. Buck (capt), Joe Walker, Rev F G Witt, H Morgan, W B Richardson, H Wormald, J W Chadwick, J W Smith, Hy Dacre, A Cripps, T Dobson, jun.; Reserve, A E Baines.

At Methley—Rothwell 2nd v Methley 2nd.

ROTHWELL SECOND ELEVEN—Wm Fox (capt), T Dobson, Senr, Jas Lunn, J Bridges, T Bridges, H Brown, T Parker, W H Easton, Alf Cripps, Joe Fox, A Cromack.

LOFTHOUSE CRICKET CLUB.

Lofthouse are engaged in the Oulton and District League this year and intend wiping out their one point defeat of last year, if possible. They are relying on most of their old hands again and trust to have a successful season. Unfortunately, their captain, C. S. Sykes, Esq., of Lofthouse Park, will not be able to look after them much, as he sails early this month on a business trip to Canada and the States. His absence will be felt very much, but we trust his lieutenant will prove an excellent substitute. Farrar is again engaged as a Professional by Primrose Hill, near Huddersfield, and Alan Ward has been engaged by Meltham Mills. We trust both of them will give a good account of themselves. We have pleasure in handing particulars of Farrer's averages for last season, he took both the averages with Primrose Hill, a good feat for any man, especially in his first season.

No. of Inngs.	Runs.	Most in an Innings.	Times Not out.	Avrg.
19	467	86 not out	2	27.5

No. of Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wickets.	Avrg.
228	42	634	67	9.21

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

On Sunday last, the chapel anniversary sermons in connection with the above, were preached morning and evening, by the Rev. J. B. Maltby, of Rothwell. There were large congregations, and special anthems were rendered by an augmented choir. In the afternoon a service of song entitled "The Crossing Sweeper," was well rendered by the choir. Mrs. Whittaker was the reader, Mr. T. W. Crossland conducted, and Mr. Maltby presided.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT STOURTON.

A man named John Carney, 21, of 20 Balmoral Street, Low Road, Hunslet, met with a serious accident on the Great Northern new line, at Stourton, on Monday. The poor fellow fell from the new swing bridge and fractured his spine.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT LOFTHOUSE COLLIERY.

Harry Scott, miner, 25 years of age, who was seriously injured at Lofthouse colliery, has died from a fractured skull.

THE LATE MR. WRIGHT, OF OUZLEWELL GREEN.

We regret to learn that Mr. Richard Wright, market gardener, of Ouzlewell Green an old and respected resident died this morning at half-past eight.

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FACTS AND FANCIES.

ENGLISH TEACHING IN GERMANY.

Prof. Goldburgman: "Herr Kannstnicht, you will the declensions give in the sentence, 'I have a gold mine.'"

Herr Kannstnicht: "I have a gold mine; thou hast a gold thine; he has a gold his; we, you, they have a gold ours, yours or theirs, as the case may be."

Prof. Goldburgman: "You right are; up head proceed. Should I what a time pleasant have if all Herr Kannstnicht like were!"

FUNNY.

It was little May's first Sunday at church, and she thought herself a very important little personage.

At the end of the service the bags were handed round as usual for the collection, and shortly after the congregation left there church.

When they got out, May surprised her mother by saying, "Mamma, what did you get out of that lucky-bag? I got sixpence!"

BOBBIE'S STRATEGY.

Bobbie: "Mamma, suppose some day I should be sailing on the ocean in a ship and an awful big storm should come on, and the ship should be turned over, and then I should be upset right out in the water with just nothing to hold on to. Wouldn't that be terrible?"

Bobbie's Mother: "Yes, Bobbie; it would indeed."

Bobbie (earnestly): "Then, don't you think I might go down to the river with Willie Smith, and learn to swim?"

THE SECRET OUT.

Young Ike Judenheimer prevented his father's shop from being burned down the other day. He said to his school teacher:

"I am not coming to school to-morrow."

"Why not, Isaac?"

"Because we are going to have a fire in our house to-morrow. I heard pa tell ma so last night."

When Ike came home he told his father about the conversation with the teacher, and although most of the goods had been moved out of the shop and the stock was insured for twice its value, the conflagration has not yet taken place.

Young Ike however has not found it any too cold.

HIS REGARD FOR THE SEX.

The steak was tough, undeniably tough. Even the landlady noticed its resistance when the boarder struck it with his knife.

"Madam," he enquired, "did this steak emanate from the flesh of a cow?"

"I don't know," she replied with considerable embarrassment.

"May I ask if you will discover and inform me?"

"What difference does it make?"

"A great deal, madam," he answered. "I have a few adverse remarks to make on its age, but you must know my regard for the sex would prevent my making them if this were of the feminine gender," and then there came a long pause and the clatter of knives and forks proceeded.

SOMETHING INCOMPLETE.

"In reading the newspapers," said a man speaking to an acquaintance, "we sometimes come across a simple remedy that we find to be of very great benefit. The old woman's remedy admits of no explanations, and doctors hoot at it, but it is sometimes found to be of great efficacy. I will give you an instance.

"About three weeks ago I saw a paragraph stating that a handful of cold water applied to the back of the head every morning will prevent toothache. I couldn't see any reason why it should, but I began to try it, and I haven't had the toothache ever since that time."

"That is really quite remarkable," the acquaintance replied. "But tell me, did you have the toothache before you tried the remedy?"

"Well, now I come to think about it, I didn't. Hump, I thought there was something incomplete about it."

HOW TO OPEN OYSTERS.

"Talk of opening oysters," said old Hurricane, "why, nothing is easier, if you only know how."

"And how's how?" inquired Starlight.

"Scottish snuff," answered Old Hurricane, very sententiously; "Scottish snuff, my boy. Bring a little of it ever so near their noses, and they'll sneeze their lids off."

"I know a genius," observed Meister Karl, "who puts the oysters in a circle, seats himself in the centre, and begins spinning a yarn. Sometimes it's an adventure in Mexico, sometimes a legion of his loves, sometimes a marvellous stockbroking operation. As he proceeds the 'natives' get interested; one by one they gape in astonishment at the tremendous and direful whoppers which are poured forth. Then, as they open their mouths, my friend whips 'em out, peppers 'em, and swallows 'em."

"That'll do," said Starlight, with a long sigh; "I wish we had a bushel of 'em here now—they'd open easy!"

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May 24 & 25, 1899—Woodlesford Board Schools, Bazaar in aid of the Parish Room Fund.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

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In aid of the PARISH ROOM FUND,
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TENDERS.

ROTHWELL SCHOOL BOARD.

TENDERS invited for Colour Washing and Painting Rothwell Board School as per specifications to be seen at Council Offices, on Saturday, (Tomorrow). Estimates, endorsed 'Tenders' to reach me on Friday, May 19th.
A. MARSHALL,
Clerk to the Board.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

TENDERS are invited for the ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS to the above Schools. Plans and Specifications may be seen, and Bills of Quantities obtained at my Offices, Rothwell, on or after Wednesday next, May 10th.
SEALED TENDERS endorsed "Tender for Schools" to be sent to Mr. W. Stephenson, Brookdale, Rothwell, Near Leeds, on or before Saturday, May 20th, 1899.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
Rothwell, WALTER E. RICHARDSON,
May 5th 1899. Architect.

DEATHS.

BRIER—May 8th, aged 8 months, Emma Jane, daughter of Harry Brier, Stourton.
ROBINSON—May 9th, aged 50 years, Harriet, wife of John Robinson, Rothwell.
WARWICK—May 6th, aged 59 years, George Warwick, Stourton.

MRS. WILLIAM NEWTON and Daughters, of Carlton, beg to thank all friends for their kind sympathy in their sad bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM

CLAYTON—In loving memory of William Clayton, butcher, who died May 11th, 1877.
"Thy will be Done."

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford, Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton, Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley
Friday, May 12, 1899.

"What should they know of England who only England know?" asked Rudyard Kipling. What indeed? It does one good to get away from the turmoil of partisan politics, and to look broadly into the vast questions concerned in the well-being and the prospects of the British Empire. An opportunity for such quiet and instructive retrospect is furnished sometimes by the meetings in London of the members of the Royal Colonial Institute. Such an occasion was presented on Tuesday. The Hon. Sir John Robinson, lately Premier of Natal, read a most interesting paper on the subject of the "Colonies and the Century." How vastly during our time and the preceding generation the colonies of Britain have expanded and developed was graphically shown by Sir John. They are, as regards mere area, quite six times as extensive as was the case when the nineteenth century dawned. The united population runs into three and a third times as much as it was in 1800; and some eleven millions of such population is of European origination. It is especially gratifying to note that, with all this, the Imperial Federation ideal makes steady and substantial headway. And this must go on unless the Empire is to deteriorate and ultimately die; for, as Sir John Robinson forcibly phrased it, unless the tie which binds Britain to her stalwart offshoots be drawn tighter together, it must in the nature of things inevitably relax and weaken. With a new century looming ahead we stand, so to speak, at the parting of the ways, and the course of coming events must tend either to closer communism or to ultimate disruption, which Heaven forfend! To descend into detail it is conceivable how, when once the grand ideal of confederation has been grasped and completed in Australasia, in Africa, and elsewhere under the flag of England, the way will be clear for the consideration of the vaster project of universal Imperial unity. We want to reach that, and in order thereto, it will be well if we should heed the advice of such practical Colonial experts as Sir John Robinson, who counsels that no measure restricting the limits of local autonomy will ever achieve success. On the other hand, we have reasonable assurance that in matters of Imperial or mutual concern, the Colonies would be quite ready to act in concert with one another and with the Mother Country. Sir John Robinson recognises that if the Colonies are to be granted a share in Imperial legislation or administration they should be prepared to give a guarantee of furnishing their proper proportion of contribution towards the upkeep of the national defensive system. Such subscription towards bearing burden of empire is, of course, an essentiality; and there is no reason to assume that any of our Colonies would wish to avoid doing their part. Our Colonist of to-day is nothing, if not loyal. Sir John Robinson calculates that if all the oversea possessions of Great Britain were to contribute but two per cent of their revenue for the purpose of national defence, the Imperial exchequer would at once be richer by as much as a round million a year. When one looks carefully back on the amazing development of British colonisation during the nineteenth century it is impossible to arrive at any conclusion other than that whatever destiny the Future may have in store for our Empire, history will have to record of it that civilisation has gained immensely by its existence. And when we ask for the wherefore of it all, the answer is that the truest evidence of Britain's Colonial eminence is given by the happier conditions and general betterment of mankind, which the enterprise of adventurous Sons of Albion have compassed. Let us look to it that we grapple to our souls as with hooks of steel our swelling colonies. "Come the three corners of the world in arms, And we shall shock them. Naught shall make us rue, If England to itself do rest but true."

WESLEYAN METHODIST ITEMS.

The Synod for the Leeds District has been held this week. The Rev. E. Workman, formerly of this circuit, and greatly respected by his Rothwell friends, has been secretary of the Synod for many years. This year, however, (although his age has not greatly affected his activity) he has asked to become supernumerary, and in agreeing to his wish, many warm eulogiums were passed on his splendid record of valuable service. He carries with him into his retirement the sincere good wishes of large numbers of friends and former fellow members, both at Rothwell and his other circuits.

At the meeting yesterday morning, the examination took place of eight young men, who have been recommended as candidates for the Wesleyan ministry, including Mr. Adam J. Goldthorpe, of Rothwell. We are pleased to state that Mr. Goldthorpe was one of those approved by the Synod, and he will now be placed amongst those from other parts of the country, who will be subjected to a much severer test, at a meeting of the Selection Committee, to be held in July, probably in London. We are quite sure our readers will join in congratulating our young townsman, and in hoping he may successfully pass the above examination, and be recommended for the approval of the Conference. Should Mr. Goldthorpe succeed, he will be sent to one of the Theological institutions for three years, and after that serve a four years' probation, before being fully ordained as a minister. We trust he will worthily follow the two other Rothwell youths, (Revs. G. H. Armitage and J. T. Gurney) who are so honourably sustaining the credit and good name of their native town and of Methodism.

We understand that mainly through the exertions of our friend, the Rev. G. H. Armitage, a most successful Bazaar was held at his present pastorate, Cudworth, near Barnsley, last week, and that £140 was raised for the local needs. Mr. J. R. Seanor, J.P., kindly performed the opening ceremony, giving five guineas towards the effort promoted by his former Sunday scholar. The Rev. W. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart (late of Rothwell) were also present, and the room was crowded at the opening.

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"EDUCATION, AND THE NERVOUS SYSTEM."

An address, under the above title, was given on Wednesday evening, in the Rothwell Board School, by Miss M. Macmillan, a member of the Bradford School Board; there was a very fair attendance, and considerable interest was evinced in the clear and simple argument pursued by the speaker, on what may be concisely termed, the *natural* mode of educating children, and especially little children.

Starting with a reference to the frequently injurious results of study amongst those engaged in educational pursuits, and also the too numerous attacks of nerve disease in various forms, Miss Macmillan remarked that people were asking, what part does the nervous system take in education, and what are the effects;—and on the answer, that whatever any other part of the human constitution thinks, speaks or acts, is first conceived in the nerve centres, or reacts on those sensitive faculties.

After describing the physiological arrangement of the vast network of nerves, their main trunks, and the connection between these and the motor centres in the brain, she directed attention to illustrations of the foregoing facts in baby-life, child-life, adult life. Some of the greatest men the world has ever known, knew nothing of what we now term education—reading, writing, etc. They had no text books; they went into nature's laboratory, and thence brought forth her treasures.

Beginning with a two weeks' baby, she directed attention to its delicate susceptibility, caused by the net-work of sensitive nerves, and its tender skin, thrilling at the slightest touch, and open, through its million pores, to every outward influence of air or water, or anything else. The whole body is affected by whatever touches one part, and the vast bundle of nerves tingles in sympathy. From this point, the speaker went on to prove that as the child developes, the nerve centres proceed to affect first the whole body, then the principal limbs, then the subsidiary parts of the limbs, and lastly the most sensitive and fragile extremities of the human body. In illustrating this argument, Miss Macmillan pictured the difference between a baby learning to walk on all fours and exerting its whole body, with a man moving along erect and firm; or the way in which a child clutches at an article with both its little hands, as compared with the dainty action of a lady taking up a plate with finger and thumb.

Bringing these natural child movements of the larger parts of the body into contrast with our present system of baby education, Miss Macmillan forcefully proved her case, that the early school life of children should consist in the exercise of the larger parts of the body, and in the use of both arms in the early efforts to write, draw, etc., bringing the fingers into use later on.

Not only is Miss Macmillan strongly in favour of the natural motions and gestures in early education, but she is most urgent on the beneficial effects of natural tints in pictures, of appropriate tones in the paint and colour of the rooms, and the bright and cheery appearance of everything about a school (on this subject she privately expressed great admiration for the general appearance of the Rothwell Schools, and was also pleased with the sunny, airy position of the proposed new Infants' School). The introduction of toys and other objects into school was warmly approved, and even the making of them was advocated. An interesting incident was related about two children whom she knew; the boy, being of a mechanical turn, although only six years old, had made a miniature engine and carriages, and had become quite clever in the name and use of various parts of a train; the girl's hobby was to make passengers of little dolls, which she dressed according to their class or calling, and which she had invested with life histories, all their own; she maintained that these children were better fitted for receiving education than many who attend our infants' schools.

Miss Macmillan then proceeded to speak on the teaching of geography, botany, geology, out in the open air, as they do in France, and concluded her really excellent and instructive address by looking forward to the time when education will be looked upon from a very much higher standpoint than at present, and be conducted on lines similar to those she had sketched. Very hearty applause followed the lady on resuming her seat.

Various questions were asked by members of the audience, and promptly answered by Miss Macmillan. The question of teaching both hands, and using both hands in various school work, was shewn to be advantageous, not only in the immediate benefit, but also in tending to promote the growth and strength of the entire brain, and also of the at-present less used side of the body, it being remarked that any weakness was generally found on the left side of the body. As to the feeling of Inspectors on these proposals, Miss Macmillan urged the teachers, that if they felt a certain mode of dealing was right and good, they should not consider Inspector's opinions and examination results. (Laughter.)

Mr. Martin, on being called upon to propose a vote of thanks to Miss Macmillan, said that she had voiced the opinion and feeling of their best teachers in many of her remarks, and warmly supported her ridicule of judging Infants' Schools by results, (or tape measure). He had once asked a clergyman whether he would like to be paid by the results of his sermons on a congregation; or a doctor by the results of his attendance on patients; neither of them fancied such a test. And so they could not tabulate the results of a year's teaching by mechanical calculations.

Mr. Howe, of Lofthouse, expressed his great pleasure in seconding the resolution of thanks, and also made some reference to the difficulties under which country teachers labour especially.

Mr. A. Batty, who occupied the chair as chairman of the Board, and had briefly, but suitably introduced the lecturer, very thoroughly entered into the general feeling of those present, in presenting this resolution of thanks to Miss Macmillan, whose address had been most instructive and interesting.

Miss Macmillan pleasantly responded, and while sympathising with the teachers, on the difficulty of doing anything not in the Code, and the uncertainty of retaining their positions should they get across with managers or Inspectors, thought that so long as they did right, their fears would come to naught, concluding with "The life is more than meat, and the children more than grant."

In moving the thanks of the meeting to Mr. Batty for so willingly taking the chair, Mr. Lunn and Mr. Butterick both expressed their great pleasure in being present, and their satisfaction with the address Miss Macmillan had been kind enough to deliver.

RELIGION AND AMUSEMENTS.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Sir,

I have carefully read the Rev. J. A. Alderson's essay on "Religion and Amusements" in your issue of last week, and can come to no other conclusion than that it is a piece of elaborate special pleading, in order to justify his conduct in relation to playing billiards at the Mechanics' Institute. With respect to the question "Should a Christian play billiards?" it all depends, says Mr. Alderson in answer, "whether he can afford the pleasure or not." No consideration here as to whether the indulgence of the amusement squares with the teaching of Christ or the code of Christian duty, oh no! it all hinges on the state of the pocket, "whether he can afford the pleasure or not." Mr. Alderson stands condemned in the eyes of his church and before this community, for having frittered away in billiard playing, precious hours day after day, that should have been devoted to pastoral work, neglecting the calls of his serious vocation, and alienating the sympathy and support of religious people so that he may indulge in a questionable amusement. Shades of Jackson, and Jopling, and Bage!!! Mr. Alderson says, "Jesus prayed 'not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil,'" but, as he knew, that solemn request confers no sanction to Christians to conform to the amusements and vanities of the world. The spirit of Christ's prayer is in perfect accord with the injunction of the apostle, "Be not conformed to this world," and Mr. Alderson incurs a fearful responsibility as a professedly religious teacher when he attempts to justify billiard playing by those pathetic words of the Master, spoken in view of the agonies of Gethsemane and of the Cross. Mr. Alderson provides a series of arguments or excuses that will rejoice the hearts of many of those weak-kneed Christians who are always in the attitude of asking how far they can venture into the world, and how much spiritual risk they may run, and yet not forfeit the Christian name. Let Mr. Alderson and such people ponder the lesson of the following:—A gentleman residing in a mountainous country was engaging a coachman; he asked the first applicant "How near can you drive to the precipice without going over?" and the man said he would drive within a foot of the edge. The second applicant was still more venturesome, alleging that he could drive within six inches of the edge. The third, when the same question was put to him, replied, "Well, I cannot tell, because I always keep as far from the edge as possible." It need hardly be mentioned which of the applicants was chosen. Would Mr. Alderson have dared to read his audacious essay before the Primitive Methodist District Meeting this week? Just a word with respect to Mr. Alderson's ill-timed and offensive remarks about smoking. I presume he would justify the indulgence of this vicious luxury on the low ground of the "pocket" question, ignoring all responsibility as to the bad example he is setting to the young. Effective as Charles Spurgeon was in his teaching and ministry, he would have been far more influential had he crucified this personal appetite for the good of others, and followed his Master and the Apostle Paul in the way of self sacrifice. In recent issues of the *Christian World* there has been a discussion on the popular book "In His steps,—What would Jesus do?" One correspondent says in effect, "I was pondering the momentous question in respect to myself, while sitting by the fire-side smoking my beloved pipe. The thought flashed across my mind 'Would Jesus smoke?' and the thought was so incongruous that I instantly threw the briar into the fire, and I vowed never to indulge again.

Yours truly,
NON-CONFORMIST.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN P.S.A.

Notwithstanding the strong attractions of lovely fine weather, the last "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon" meeting was largely attended, and proved a very enjoyable hour. Strange to say, every position was filled by substitutes, but this did not detract from the success of the afternoon's programme, although it would have been a great pleasure to hear Mr. Blenkinsop, and to listen to the Temperance Band selections. Let us hope these friends will be firmly secured for next session. The chair was taken by Mr. Butterick, who has already efficiently filled that position more than once, at short notice. Mr. Jos. Varley, who had been called on at an hour's notice, gave a capital impromptu address, the title of which might appropriately be named "In a fix, and how to get out of it," illustrating his remarks from Scripture incidents, and from the difficulty the promoters of the P.S.A. were experiencing that afternoon. "Trust in God and help each other," may be given as the gist of "how to get out of a fix." The special music was rendered by Miss W. M. Marshall, who sang "The Gift" in a very tasteful manner, and also *Thompson's* "Abide with me," by request; there were many expressions of pleasure with the young vocalist's performance. Cordial thanks were publicly passed to her, and to Mr. Varley for his excellent address. A collection was taken for the Society's funds, this being the closing meeting of the session.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady who has been cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by means of Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent 1,000 to his Institute, in order that those deaf people who have not the means to procure the Ear Drums may have them free of charge. Apply by letter to Branch A. K. U. of the Nicholson Aural Institute, Ealing Dean London, W.

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

[We are not responsible for the opinions of respondents. ED.]

Ever since your Letter Box col... opened, Mr. Editor, I have annually... Spring of the year, voiced the gene... plaints 'heard in the streets,' with re... our Council's persistence in stoppi... the lighting of our street lamps a... when their continued rays would... important and beneficial service. Ar... in support of an extension of the... season have been advanced, in th... time after time; it is generally ... that in this matter of lighting we... put in the shade by our near neighb... yet we are allowed to grope our w... dark. Let us hope that the contin... of the wayfarers may at last prevail.

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I am pleased to notice, from bill... throughout the district, that our ent... Temperance Band are to hold the... annual Band contest tomorrow. T... moters themselves have carried ... prizes at contests they themselv... visited, they take honourable place... the bands of the West Riding, and... their enterprize in establishi... competition in our midst. I ... increased the prize money this ... 10s 0d and if the weather be fi... I have no doubt but that there will... crowd to listen to the capital perf... of some of our best known comp...

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The Australian team of cricketers ... this week made their *début* in Brita... good general impression at the Cry... ace. They bowled well enough to ... all but three of the South of Engl... in the first innings, and their bat... soon shown to be team against ... than that of their opponents. The... stalks field magnificently too, and ... pleasurably forward to many inte... games in which they will participate... the summer.

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Some of his more ardent admirers ... ting up a memorial in honour of the ... Isaac Pitman, who sought to make ... world pronounce words as they are ... or rather to spell them as they are s... The movement takes the form of get... good portrait painted for national pre... tion of the fine old spelling reformer... father of phonography. Sir Isaac de... such recognition.

HEARD IN THE STREETS

CONTRIBUTED.

THAT the Orchestral Society has b... presented by a lady, with three guine... reward for their clever and plucky effor... the recent competition at Morecambe.

THAT this is a guinea better than ... had gained second prize.

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THAT the continued absence of the R... A. Alderson is felt by a large numb... persons.

THAT he may find something abou... recent paper when he comes back, eith... the people's mouths, or in the newspape...

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THAT Mr. Wimbush, Clerk to the C... cil, is considerably better in health, b... return to Rothwell will not be for so...

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THAT the new Wesleyan Sunday ... will be commenced shortly.

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THAT Albert Ward is doing fin... now, saving his club on Wednesday ... Notts, and standing at 103 not ou... in the match with M.C.C. and Ground.

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THAT Dr. Buck's recommendation ... the empty Children's Home should be u... as Children's Infirmary, will now be ado... seeing that the Local Government B... have also suggested it. All credit to ... little Doctor, nevertheless.

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THAT our lively folks want to be... something, now that the reception... and bazaars are over; let's keep 'e... mischief.

THAT loyal Roddillers ought to be... in favor of some suitable demonstra... celebration of our Grand Old Queen... birthday. Still long may she reign...

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THAT tenders will be asked at next... meeting for erection of the new ... School at Rothwell.

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THAT they have had to do the same ... at Ilkley District Council that they ... Rothwell, and have added to their ... tions for meetings, 'that a member sha... be entitled to read his speech.'

STOURTON AND ROTHWELL HAIGH RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above ... ation was held at the Queen Hotel, ... field Road, Stourton, on Monday last, ... the secretary was able to place befor... members a very satisfactory record ... past year's work. This association hav... roll of nearly 60 members is now enab... take a prominent part in all local a... as was very significantly manifested ... recent School Board and District C... Elections, and at the same time it do... over ook its primary work—keeping a ... ful eye over all matters particularly c... ing the Stourton Ward. The officers ... association hope, too, that at an ea... they may be able to announce a ... reduction in the price of gas supplied... consumers at Stourton, by the Leeds... Council, in response to a second appli... for the desired boon. The officials w... re-elected:—president, Mr. Walter W... vice-president, Mr. J. H. Colefax; trea... Mr. T. Park; secretary, Mr. R. Nicholso...

OLD FALSE TEETH BOUGHT.
Many ladies and gentlemen have by them ... disused false teeth, which might as well be ... into money. Messrs. R. D. & J. B. Fraser, of Pr... Street, Ipswich. (established since 1833), buy ... false teeth. If you send your teeth to them they ... remit you by return post the utmost value; ... preferred, they will make you the best offer, and ... the teeth over for your reply. If reference neces... apply to Messrs Bacon & Co., Bankers, Ipswich.

LITERARY EXTRACTS.

...w were Friendship possible? In mutual ...tedness to the Good and True: otherwise ...ssible; except as Armed Neutrality, or ...w Commercial League. A man, be the ...vens ever praised, is sufficient for himself; ...vere ten men, united in Love, capable of being ...of doing what ten thousand singly would ...o. Infinite is the help man can yield to man.

...HAT men should learn is, to reject all that ...eless in remembrance, and to retain with ...rfulness, all that can profit and amend. ...et not thy sins, that thou mayest sorrow ...repent; remember death, that thou mayest ...o more; remember the judgment of God, ...thou mayest justly fear; and never forget ...mercy, that thou mayest never be led to ...air.—PETRARCH.

...OGS PROTECT POLICEMEN.—The communal ...orities of Ghent have decided to provide ...policemen on night duty with dogs capable ...fending them in the event of attack. The ...riment is an interesting one, and in the ...s where it has been tried it is said to have ...ed excellent results. This is not the only ...e reform which is to be introduced in ...ium. At Schaerbeek, one of the suburbs ...russels, all the policemen will soon be pro... with bicycles, special sheds for which ...to be constructed at all the police stations.

...VING TREES.—A living tree gives out per...ble warmth in a dense forest. The surface ...vered with snow, and its roots, even those ...are nearest the surface, are in unfrozen ...and even in the coldest weather send tiny ...s of sap up to the tree as the promise of ...spring shall bring. Thus each tree gives ...little warmth, and each helps not only it... but all the trees near it. Rivals as these ...are in summer, each one trying to get the ...foothold and the most sunlight, they are ...more companionable in winter, when com... adversity has hard hit them all.

...WHAT BECOMES OF THE PINS?—This ...mon household conundrum has at last been ...ed by an old gentleman in London, according ...*Bazaar*. By a series of experiments con...ted in his back garden he has discovered ...pins go the way of all flesh, and are resolved ...dust. Hairpins, which he watched for one ...dred and fifty-four days, disappeared at the ...of that time, having been resolved into a ...ous oxide, a brownish rush, which was ...n away by the wind. Bright pins took ...ly eighteen months to disappear; polished ...needles nearly two years and a half; brass ...had but little endurance; steel pins at the ...of fifteen months had nearly gone, while ...wooden holders were still intact.

...TO live absolutely each man for himself ...ld not be possible if all were to live ...ther. In course of time, in addition to ...ty, certain more sensitive individuals began ...e a charm, a beauty in this consideration ...others. Gradually a sort of sanctity at...ed to it, and nature had once more illus...d her mysterious method of evolving from ...h and even savage necessities her lovely ...es and her tender dreams. To assert, then, ...some recent critics of Christianity, that ...law of brotherly love which is its central ...hing is impracticable of application to the ...s of society, is simply to deny the very first ...by which society exists.—RICHARD LE GALLIENNE, in "The Religion of a Literary Man."

GIBRALTAR AS A FORTRESS.—As a fortress ...raltar is magnificent, and the Admiralty are ...ring in their efforts to make it stronger year ...ear. Into the British part of the place, ...is the Rock proper that is kept under lock ...key, 10,000 Spanish labourers walk every ...ning, and walk out every night with British ...in their pockets. They are constructing ...es in the harbour or working heavy guns up ...he very top of the Rock, whence they can ...t right across to Morocco without the ...llest chance of an enemy hitting them in ...rn. Along the inner edge of the Rock ...a considerable town, from which the British ...ernment derives a handsome income, but ...aid that the military and naval authorities ...ld be glad to be rid of the civil element ...gether and make the place a fortress pure ...simple, the most powerful in the world, and ...cessible to the uncredentialed outsider.

HAND, HEAD, AND HEART.—Fine art is that ...which the hand, the head, and the heart go ...ther. Greatness of art consists, first, in ...est and intense seizing of natural facts; ...n the ordering these facts by strength of ...an intellect, so as to make them, for all who ...ok upon them, to the utmost serviceable, ...morable, and beautiful. And thus great art ...othing else than the type of strong and noble ...e, for as the ignoble person in the dealing ...all that occurs in the world about him ...nothing clearly—looks nothing firmly in the ...ace, and then allows himself to be swept ...y by the torrent and inexorable force ...the things that he would not forsee, and ...ld not understand; so the noble person look... the facts of the world full in the face, and ...oming them with deep faculty, then deals ...them, in unalarmed intelligence and un...ried strength, and becomes, with his human ...llect and will, no unconscious nor insignifi... agent in communicating their good, and ...raining their evil. Homer sang what ...saw; Phidias carved what he saw; ...hael painted the men and women in ...r own caps and mantles; and every man who ...risen to eminence in modern times has done ...by working in their way and doing the things ...saw.—JOHN RUSKIN.

THE CULTIVATION OF GOODWILL.—Doubtless ...usands of young people, and not a small ...mber of old ones, wish every day of their ...s that they could learn the secret of fascinat... others by means of their graceful, exquisite ...nners. The secret is an open one. It is so ...y to learn, that it lies all neglected by the ...side, while they who would give their dearest ...sure to find it, pass unnoticed. It is only ...—Fill your heart with goodwill to every...y, and then practise at all times the best ...nners you know, particularly at home. If ...begin at home this charming manner ...so to speak, get settled on you, and ...er leave you. Be just as polite to ...r brother as you would to your best friend. ...ive to gain the goodwill of mother, father, ...ers, and children, exactly as you strive to ...goodwill abroad. There is no place for ...ctising manners like the home circle; no ...ce where it will be so appreciated. It will be ...ultivation of heart, mind, and body, this en...vour to feel nothing but affection for the ...ple at home, and treat them as though they ...e worthy of as much consideration at your ...ds as if they were the Queen and her family. ...they are worthy. Then from the home will ...t out around you those sweet, magnetic in...ences which will draw the hearts of mankind ...wards you.

HOW SMITERS ARE SMITTEN.—One day ...uis, King of France, was riding in the forest, ...his gorgeous and guilty palace of Ver...les. He met a peasant carrying a coffin. ..."What did the man die of?" asked the King. ..."Of hunger," answered the peasant. But the ...nd of the hunt was in the King's ear, and he ...got the cry of want. Soon the day came when ...King stood before the guillotine, and with ...te appeals for mercy fronted a mob silent as ...tues, unyielding as stone, grimly waiting to ...the end of their pikes in regal blood. He ...e cold looks; he received cold steel. Marie ...toinette, riding to Notre Dame for her ...dal, bade her soldiers command all beggars, ...pples and ragged people to leave the line ...the procession. The Queen could not ...dure for a brief moment the sight of ...se miserable ones doomed to unceasing ...alor and poverty. What she gave others she ...ceived herself, for soon, bound in an exe...tioner's cart, she was riding towards the place ...execution midst crowds who gazed upon her ...h hearts as cold as ice and hard as granite. ...hen Foulon was asked how the starving popu...e was to live he answered: "Let them eat ...ss." Afterward, Carlyle says, the mob, ...ddened with rage, "caught him in the streets ...Paris, hanged him, stuck his head upon a ...e, and filled his mouth with grass."—DR. N. D. ...LLIS ("*The Investment of Influence*").

A French statistician has calculated that the ...man eye travels over 2,000 yards in reading ...ordinary sized novel.

WOODLESFORD & DISTRICT CHESS CLUB

The presentation of the trophy and distribution of prizes in connection with the above club, took place on Thursday evening last. The trophy, which is a silver 'king,' presented to the club by Mr. J. Farrer, is competed for yearly by the members. The results of this season's tournament show Mr. J. W. Hampshire first, Mr. W. C. Owen second, and Mr. E. A. Higgins third. Mr. Hampshire therefore took first prize, and is the holder of the trophy for a year. The proceedings were opened with a match between teams selected by the two Vice-presidents, Mr. W. Lockwood and Mr. Hampshire, the result of which was a win for Mr. Lockwood's team by one game. After a short interval for refreshments, the business of the evening was proceeded with. In the unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. J. S. Calverley, who is away from home, the prizes were distributed, at the invitation of the Committee, by Mr. W. Lockwood. In the course of his remarks this gentleman showed that each of the successful competitors furnished an example of different styles of play, viz. the solid and painstaking, the impetuous and brilliant, and the fortunate premier, who had won his position by a combination of both. He pointed out the difficulties which now beset the would-be winner of the trophy, as all the members had tried their level best to prevent Mr. Hampshire attaining the honour of the first position. Mr. Hampshire and the other prize winners made appropriate replies, and the proceedings were brought to a pleasant termination by a vote of thanks to Mr. Lockwood for presiding.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the above, took place on Sunday afternoon last, when a large number of people were present. Mr. Hirst, of Gildersome, presided, and gave a very encouraging address on the P.S.A. movement. Mr. A. Paul, the energetic secretary, submitted the report on the half-year, which showed that the interest in the movement had been maintained and that good work continues to be done. On account of indisposition, Mrs. Green, who was announced to distribute the prizes, could not be present, the duty in her absence being discharged by Mr. Green. There were 87 first prize winners and one second. The awards took the form of well-bound books by good authors. Mr. Green gave an appropriate address on "Books that we should read." Miss H. E. Tasker, of the Leeds Philharmonic, was the soloist, her singing of the solos "Saved by a child" and "Safe from Storm," being much enjoyed, Mr. Smith accompanied. The meeting throughout was a most successful one, the Society being evidently in a flourishing condition.

ROBIN HOOD v STREETHOUSE.
Played at Robin Hood on Saturday last.

Robin Hood.	
Booth, run out	3
Hemsworth, b Kirk	4
Dobson, b Kirk	40
D Bramley, b Kirk	4
A Milner, c Bettley b Kirk	1
S Milner, b Morris	11
Austin, b Kirk	8
E Milner, c Bettley b Morris	0
J Doggett, not out	9
G Holroyd, not out	0
Extras	10
Total for 8 wkts	81

Robin Hood declared their innings closed.

Streethouse.	
W Morriss, b Booth	8
Bettley, b Booth	0
Coombes, not out	11
Kirk, c Booth b Hemsworth	6
H Morriss, b D Bramley	0
W Fairnshaw, b D Bramley	0
Eddison, b D Bramley	0
Extras	2
Total for 6 wkts	27

D Bramley for Robin Hood took 3 wkts for no runs.

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN v EAST ARDSLEY.
Played at East Ardsley on Wednesday last.

East Ardsley.	
Rawbottom, st Richardson b Milner	13
Lister, c Milner b Walker	3
Watson, c Dobson b Milner	10
Whittaker, c Dobson b Milner	4
Abson, b Walker	2
Sanderson, b Milner	0
Balmforth b Walker	0
Forrest, b Milner	1
Kellett, run out	0
Dr Ewing, not out	2
Wood, b Walker	0
Extras	2
Total	37

Rothwell Tradesmen	
W E Richardson, lbw b Wood	2
H Wormald, c Dr. Ewing b Wood	6
Dr. Buck, c Watson b Wood	3
M Fowler, run out	0
J Stead, b Wood	0
J Walker, run out	28
E Milner, b Sanderson	26
L Dobson, b Sanderson	3
G Lunn, c Walker b Sanderson	2
J Newton, not out	7
H Taylor, b Sanderson	2
Extras	5
Total	84

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET MATCHES.

At Altofts—Rothwell v Altofts
ROTHWELL FIRST ELEVEN—Dr. Buck (capt), Joe Walker, Rev F G Witt, H Morgan, W E Richardson, Hy Dacre, J W Chadwick, T Dobson, jun., J Bridges, H Greenwood, A Nickols; Reserves, H Brown, T Bridges.

At Rothwell—Rothwell 2nd v Altofts 2nd.
ROTHWELL SECOND ELEVEN—Wm Fox (capt), T Dobson, Senr, Jas Lunn, T Bridges, H Brown, T Parker, Dr J W Haigh, J Smith, Joe Fox, R N Lunn, W Bedford; Reserve, G Turner, W Spurr.

WEDNESDAY.

At Rothwell—Rothwell Tradesmen v Burley T.
ROTHWELL TRADESMEN'S ELEVEN—Dr Buck (capt), Dr James, J Walker, M Fowler, E Milner, J Stead, H Wormald, W Inman, J Horner, A Batty, G Lunn.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected COCOA, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk—Sold only in packets and pound tins, by Grocers labelled—"JAMES EPPS & CO., Ltd., Homoeopathic Chemists, London."

THE LADIES' COLUMN.

There is a growing tendency on the part of the leaders of fashion in all ranks of society to adopt an improved style of dress, and whether for day or for evening wear the materials employed in the making up of any sort of costume are richer and more costly than ever they have been before.

Every kind of silk is fashionable this season, and the demand for blouse-bodices and skirt blouses made of plain and fancy stripe glacé silks is unprecedented. Foulards have come into favour again for garden parties and fête gowns of every kind, and old lace is chiefly used for the decoration of them. Mousseline de soie and real lace scarves with beautifully embroidered ends are a decided feature in this year's fashions, and are worn with the ends spread open in order that the beauty of the embroidered design may be seen to advantage. For this reason the V fronts of bodices and the vests that are worn with fancy coats are, as a rule, worn with as little fulness as possible. Chemisettes and lace jabots are therefore not in favour this season.

For ordinary walking costumes French wool poplins and cashmeres are very much worn, and the demand for French cashmere robes, embroidered with silk in a darker shade, is very great. Although fabrics of every kind are rich in quality, they are very low in price at the present time; therefore, anyone who has the time and inclination to make her own dresses can acquire a really handsome gown for a very small outlay, and to those ladies whose means are somewhat limited, a great saving of money will be effected, for there is a greater scarcity than ever of skilled bodice and skirt hands, consequently the prices that have to be paid for labour are very high.

Tailor-made sleeves are fitted so tightly to the arms that it is really impossible to wear any sort of bodice or blouse beneath that has sleeves, and the newest idea from Vienna is the making of thumbholes in order to keep the sleeves in position and prevent any wrinkles or creases appearing.

Loose-fitting and sac back coats are not at all in favour this year, and the principal feature is that every sort of coat or open-fronted jacket has a five-seamed back, *i.e.*, the garment is made with two side pieces each side, and without exception there is a seam down the centre of back of all the newest designs from the Australian capital.

Eton coats and short open-fronted jackets of every description are exceedingly fashionable this season on account of the great popularity of glacé silk shirt-blouses; therefore, any sort of coat that has to be worn closed, such as a double-breasted reefer or a plain Chesterfield, is not fashionable except it be for travelling.

At this season of the year it is a very difficult matter to get a well-made coat and skirt at a reasonable price, for work is plentiful and labourers few; therefore, a costume of this kind, if ordered in the usual way from a ladies' tailor, must be very costly, on account of the high prices that have to be paid to skilled workmen and the limited number of hours that they are permitted to work.

THE SPRING CAPE.

The spring roundabout cloth cape, as arranged for 1899, is usually cut in triple fashion; while for driving, golfing and travelling these wraps are certainly suitable, and in such instances very becoming capes of the kind can be very easily manufactured at home. No lining is actually necessary, yet it will add much to the appearance of the garment. If a lining is decided upon it will be as well to choose a contrasting shade, such, for instance, as a white lining to a black cape, or one of a soft salmon shade when the cape itself is of a dark green colour.

AN HOTEL FOR WOMEN.

That long talked-of and much-postponed institution, the hotel for women, is at last a fact, at any rate so far as America is concerned. The corporation is organised, the capital is partly raised, the property is selected, the plans are drawn, and the project is as nearly realised as anything could be short of actual accomplishment. It is intended that the hotel shall be especially for those who are supporting themselves as artists, literateurs, teachers, clerks, and in similar pursuits, or are studying therefor; that it shall be of steel frame and fireproof, and shall have all the modern conveniences and the usual adjuncts of a superior hotel, and a capacity for five hundred guests. Ample parlours, reading, music, and sewing rooms, restaurants and tea rooms, elevators and electric plant, and every usual provision for comfort and health have been arranged for in the archetectural plans.

MONOGRAMS ON GLOVES.

The monogrammed glove is the very latest thing, and, of course it is worn only by the extremists of fashion. To make the monogrammed gloves, you get a pair of plain kid gloves, with as little stitching upon the back as possible. Black and white are the best colours. Now mark upon the back of your glove your monogram, or get it stamped there. With silk the colour of your walking dress you now embroider the monogram, making it about the size of a shilling. You will find that it is very becoming to the hand, and the custom of wearing the embroidered glove will grow upon you until you want no other.

SUCH IS WOMAN.

In every known country in the world woman is regarded from a different standpoint. Her status has been graphically and tersely defined by Madame de Lambert, who expresses herself thus to her compatriots:—The one most indefinable being in the world is woman. Carry your thoughts over the different nations of this globe and you will scarcely find two alike in their ideas on that subject. In Africa woman is a slave cringing under a cruel master. In India and China she is an animated machine, wound up simply to minister to the pleasure of some ugly baboonish man. In Turkey she is a pretty, jewelled plaything (generally bought in the market), easy to lose, and therefore has to be kept strictly guarded under lock and key. In Spain she is somewhat of a dangerous enemy, whom it is advisable to shut up now and then. In Russia she is a sad, miserable companion, whom it is considered good to beat from time to time. In Poland she commands. In America she tyrannises. In France she is adored as a divinity, when she is not set to work in the fields or to sweep the streets. In England she is generally on a submissive equality—esteemed, admired, loved.

A RECORD TROUSSEAU.

Miss Fair, now Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, jun., has the most expensive trousseau ever owned by an American girl. Her lingerie alone cost what most people would consider a fortune—over £5,000. The lingerie she wore on her wedding-day alone cost £2,000. It is made of cloud-like Indian lawn, trimmed with the rarest of point lace, over a hundred years old. The trousseau is trimmed entirely with real lace, and made by hand. Each garment is a copy of a model made purposely for Miss Fair. The most elaborate part of her lingerie was made either in Paris or Vienna. Her wedding petticoat is a billowy mass of white ruffles, striped with insertions of point lace. The petticoat is made of web-like India lawn, trimmed with graduated ruffles. There are four ruffles, and each one is striped with inserted bands of point lace and made gay by dainty little bows of pink ribbon. The corset cover which belongs to this same fabulously costly set is cut extremely *décolleté*. Almost the entire front of the little bodice is made of point lace, shaped in deep vandyke points. The corset cover is somewhat longer than the usual model, and below the waist line it is cut in pointed tabs, finely hemstitched. On the shoulders are soft little rosettes of delicate pink ribbon.

An average man of eleven stone has, it is said, enough iron in his constitution to make a plough-share.

The advance of civilisation is already evident in the Philippines. One million bottles of beer have just arrived at Manila.

CRICKET.

Will the Secretaries of Cricket Clubs kindly forward List of Fixtures, Reports of Matches (both first and second elevens), and List of players chosen as early as possible.

OULTON DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Results up to and including May 6th.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	D'wn.	Pts
Middleton Park	2	1	0	1	3
Oulton	2	1	0	1	3
Rothwell	2	1	0	1	3
Whitwood	2	1	0	1	3
Altofts W Riding	2	0	1	1	1
Carlton	2	0	1	1	1
Lofthouse	2	0	1	1	1
Methley	2	0	1	1	1

HENRY HODSON, Woodlesford, Sec.

ROTHWELL v METHLEY.
Played at Rothwell on Saturday last.

Methley.	
C Inman, b Morgan	0
J Keightley, c and b Chadwick	11
J Sherwood, b Morgan	0
R Cox, b Chadwick	2
E Pyrah, b Chadwick	0
R Thompson, b Morgan	1
N Kaye, c Morgan b Walker	11
J Mosby, b Morgan	2
J Holdsworth, b Morgan	0
S Laycock, b Walker	0
W Westerman, not out	8
Extras	11
Total	46

Rothwell.	
H Dacre, b Sherwood	0
W Richardson, c Westerman b Pyrah	2
J Walker, not out	26
T Dobson, run out	0
H Morgan, b Thompson	9
J W Chadwick, not out	6
A Baines, b Sherwood	1
Extras	4
Total for 5 wkts	48

Bowling Analysis—Rothwell:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
H Morgan	14	6	14	5	2.4
J W Chadwick	11	3	19	3	6.50
Joe Walker	3	1	2	2	1.

Bowling Analysis—Methley:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
J Sherwood	10	2	19	2	9.50
E Pyrah	6	0	19	1	19.
R Thompson	3	0	6	1	6.

OULTON v LOFTHOUSE.
Played at Lofthouse on Saturday last.

Oulton.	
G M Abbey, b Parkin	3
E A Higgins, b Parkin	39
J Jeffrey, c Marshall b Parkin	6
H Mitchell, b Aveyard	4
L E Greenwood, lbw b Brook	38
W Inman, b Scott	31
W Smith, run out	10
F Killingbeck, c Hall b Parkin	20
E Boothroyd, not out	15
Extra	6
Total for 8 wkts	172

Oulton declared their innings closed.

Lofthouse.	
J Noble, b Greenwood	6
T Parkin, b Greenwood	29
J B Aveyard, c Abbey b Briggs	1
S B Brook, c Greenwood b Briggs	0
J Horner, b Greenwood	5
J Marshall, b Briggs	0
F Newbould, b Briggs	0
E Atkinson, c Jeffrey b Briggs	0
W Dixon, run out	1
U Scott, b H W Higgins	1
A Hall, not out	0
Extras	9
Total	52

Bowling Analysis—Lofthouse:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
S B Brook	8	1	33	1	33.
U Scott	11	3	48	1	48.
T Parkin	12.4	4	34	4	8.2
J Aveyard	9	1	24	1	24.
A Hall	7	0	27	0	.27

Bowling Analysis—Oulton:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
C Briggs	8	5	15	5	3.
L E Greenwood	12.3	5	23	3	7.2
H W Higgins	4	2	5	1	5.

WHITWOOD v ALTOFTS WEST RIDING.—Played at Whitwood on Saturday last. Scores:—Altofts—Cooper 1, Phillips 15, T Teasdale 9, Kaye 7, Bednall 14, W Teasdale 7, Wales 5, Rowley 14, Pollard 3, Mosby 10, Whittingham not out 3, extra 1, total 95. Whitwood—Procter 2, Rayner 10, Barrett 0, Tolson 4, Jackson 14, Overton not out 17, Plimmer not out 46, extras 5, total for 5 wkts 98.

ROTHWELL 2ND v METHLEY 2ND.
Played at Methley on Saturday last.

Methley.	
Martin, c J Lunn b J Bridges	47
Cheesborough, b J Lunn	0
Dickenson, c T Bridges b J Bridges	10
Wailes, b J Lunn	2
Harrison, b J Lunn	2
G Cass, b J Bridges	1
Grayson, b T Bridges	10
Spencer, run out	7
Dickenson, lbw b J Bridges	8
Wright, b T Bridges	4
Woodhouse, not out	5
Extras	5
Total	101

Rothwell.	
W Bedford, c Cheesbro' b Wright	0
H Brown, run out	2
Jas. Lunn, b Grayson	4
J Bridges, c and b Grayson	0
T Bridges, run out	14
W Fox, c Wright b Cheesborough	14
A Pickersgill, c Cass b Grayson	5
T Parker, handled ball	3
A Nichols, run out	7
J Smith, b Cheesborough	1
W Taylor, not out	0
Extras	4
Total	54

WOODLESFORD v EAST ARDSLEY.
Played at East Ardsley on Saturday last.

East Ardsley.	
J Stoppard, b Johnson	26
C W Hartley, b Bates	46
W Lister, c Hodson b Collin	2
H Clayton, hit wkt b Collin	0
J Illingworth, b Bates	5
O Watson, c Collin b Bates	19
H Whitaker, b Bates	3
J Wood, c Collin b Audsley	3
Dr. Ewing, c Butler b Collin	0
J A Rhodes, not out	4
J Walker, b Bates	1
Extras	4
Total	113

Woodlesford.	
H Parkin, c Walker b Wood	16
G Johnson, c Watson b Illingworth	0
H Audsley, c Illingworth b Watson	22
J R Hewitt, not out	23
G G Hewitt, not out	8
Extras	4
Total for 3 wkts	73

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ROTHWELL CRICKET CLUB.

LIST OF FIXTURES—1899.

Date.	Name of Club.	Ground.	Result
Apr. 29	Lofthouse	home	Draw
May 6	Methley	home	Won
13	Altofts	away	
20	Carlton	home	
27	Middleton	away	
June 10	Oulton	home	
17	Whitwood	home	
24	Lofthouse	away	
July 1	Methley	away	
8	Altofts	home	
15	Carlton	away	
22	Cup Tie—A bye		
29	do. —Sandal	home	
Aug 5	Middleton	home	
12	Oulton	away	
19	Whitwood	away	
26	Winners v Rest.		

SECOND ELEVEN.

Apr 29	Lofthouse	away	
May 6	Methley	away	Lost
13	Altofts	home	
20	Carlton	away	
27	Middleton	home	
June 10	Oulton	away	
17	Whitwood	away	
24	Lofthouse	home	
July 1	Methley	home	
8	Altofts	away	
15	Carlton	home	
Aug 5	Middleton	away	
12	Oulton	home	
19	Whitwood	home	

LOFTHOUSE CRICKET CLUB.

Apr. 29	Rothwell	away	Draw
May 6	Oulton	home	Lost
13	Whitwood	away	
20	Middleton	home	
22	Upper Batley	home	
24	Linthwaite Hall	home	
27	Carlton	away	
June 10	Methley	home	
17	Altofts	away	
24	Rothwell	home	
July 1	Oulton	away	
8	Whitwood	home	
15	Middleton	away	
22	Cup Tie—Roundwood Colliery	away	
29	do. —Second Round	home	
Aug 5	Carlton	home	
7	Upper Batley	away	
12	Methley	away	
15	Linthwaite Hall	away	
19	Altofts	home	
26	East Ardsley	home	
Sept 9	East Ardsley	away	

SECOND ELEVEN.

Apr. 29	Rothwell	home
May 6	Oulton	away
13	Whitwood	home
20	Middleton	away
27	Carlton	home
June 10	Methley	away
17	Altofts	home
24	Rothwell	away
July 1	Oulton	home
8	Whitwood	away
15	Middleton	home
Aug 5	Carlton	away
12	Methley	home
19	Altofts	away
26	East Ardsley	away
Sept 9	East Ardsley	home

WOODLESFORD CRICKET CLUB.

Apr 15	Rothwell	away
22	Methley	home
29	West Hunslet	away
May 6	East Ardsley	away
13	Farnley	home
20	Knottingley	home
22	Bruntcliffe	home
23	Swillington	home
27	Garforth	home
June 3	Methley	away
10	Leeds Parish Church	home
17	Bruntcliffe	away
July 1	East Ardsley	home
8	Leeds Parish Church	away
22	Knottingley	away
29	West Hunslet	home
Aug 5	Garforth	away
19	Farnley	away
Sept. 2	Swillington	away
9	Rothwell	home

SECOND ELEVEN.

Apr 15	Rothwell	home
22	Methley	away
29	West Hunslet	home
May 6	East Ardsley	home
13	Farnley	away
20	Knottingley	away
June 3	Methley	home
10	Leeds Parish Church	away
July 1	East Ardsley	away
8	Leeds Parish Church	home
22	Knottingley	home
29	West Hunslet	away
Aug 19	Farnley	home
Sept 2	Swillington	home
9	Rothwell	away

ROBIN HOOD CRICKET CLUB.

Apr 15	Darton	home
22	Ardsley G.N.R.	home
29	Leeds Golden Fleece	home
May 6	Streethouse	home
13	Flanshaw	away
20	Hanging Heaton	away
27	Crofton	home
June 3	Streethouse	away
10	Hanging Heaton	home
17	Darton	away
24	Outwood Church	away
July 1	Flanshaw	home
8	Holbeck Wesleyans	away
22	Ardsley G.N.R.	away
29	Cup Tie—Horbury Westfield	home
Aug 5	Outwood Church	away
12	Beeston Wesleyans	home
19	Leeds Golden Fleece	away
26	Crofton	away
Sept 2	Holbeck Wesleyans	home

SECOND ELEVEN.

Apr 22	Beeston Wesleyans	away
29	Stourton St Andrews	away
May 20	Hanging Heaton	home
27	Crofton	away
June 3	Stourton St Andrsws	home
10	Hanging Heaton	away
24	Outwood Church	home
July 8	Holbeck Wesleyans	home
15	Gawthorpe Congregational	home
Aug 5	Outwood Church	home
12	Gawthorpe Congregational	away
26	Crofton	home
Sept 2	Holbeck Wesleyans	away

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He was unable to withdraw his head, and when a porter entered the compartment and endeavoured to assist him by tugging at his legs he complained with no small alarm that he was in danger of suffocation.

There was nothing for it but to send on the young gentleman with his supports to the next station. Here the astonished officials uncoupled the carriage and ran it into a siding. A file and a saw were secured, and after considerable trouble the lad was released.

Another remarkable story is told by a passenger who escaped uninjured from a serious railway smash in Suffolk. Seing a fellow-traveller searching anxiously among the wreckage with a lantern, he offered to assist in the search, and thinking the old man had lost his wife, asked in a sympathetic tone: "What part of the the train was she in?"

Raising his lantern and glaring at the kindly-disposed passenger, the old man shouted with indignant distinctness that triumphed over physical infirmity, "She, sir! she! I am looking for my teeth!"

THE MODERN BATTLE-FIELD.

No description of a battle which has yet been written would fit a great battle such as would be fought at the present day, or at any time in the future, between two great armies equally well provided with the newest arms and equipments. So many and such complete changes have been made in artillery, muskets, and tactics since the last war was waged between two great civilised powers that, in order to draw a picture of what a battle would be between two such combatants, we must have recourse to the "scientific imagination" of an expert in modern military matters.

Colonel Cherfils, Professor of Tactics in the French Government's military school, has drawn such a picture, from which we may gain a clear idea of the awful destruction which would a company such a fight.

The battle-field, he says, will end with the enemy's main line, and begin where death begins—that is to say, at the effective range of the artillery, a little less than two miles.

Modern cannon can, indeed, carry a greater distance than this; but the limitation of human vision, and the likelihood that the ground will be broken, tend to bring nearer this first boundary of the battle-field.

Within the range of two miles we shall have three zones of combat—first, the cannon zone; second, the rifle zone; and third, the moral zone.

The zone of the cannon extends from a distance of 1,500 yards to 3,000. Fifteen hundred yards is the range of the newest rifles used by infantry. Up to this point the cannon must have prepared the way, by outdoing the work of the enemy's cannon, for the terrible destruction of the modern repeating rifle, with its smokeless powder.

Though the rifle will carry 1,500 yards, its deadliest work will always be done within a range of about half that distance, from 700 to 800 yards.

Inside the 700 yards line would be a zone of almost certain death. Certainly no body of men could stand under full fire within it without being totally destroyed in a short time.

Here, then, the "moral zone" begins. It must be entered even if it means death, by one party or the other, if either is to be overcome. To be able to pass it will involve the complete crushing of the other side. The enemy must be so completely overcome by the storm of fire so vanquished already from the point of view of "morale"—of courage, or ability to endure—that the sight of masses of men bearing bayonets, advancing through the smokeless but fetid air, will cause them to cast down their weapons and take to flight.

But, if the advancing host is morally weaker or more shattered than the opposing army, if it is not prepared to face almost certain death under the musketry fire of an army which does not flinch now in spite of all the slaughter that has gone before, it has small hope of over-coming; it must itself be crushed.

Modern military adjuncts are mechanical to a high degree; but, in this moral zone of the future battle-field, hearts of iron will be of as great a value to the commander as they ever were in any wild hand-to-hand sword and battle-axe combat of past times.

It is, perhaps, the unknown terrors of this space, where smokeless magazine rifles will hurl a rain of lead which will almost fill the air, that is the most effective guarantee of peace between the armed and menacing nations of to-day.

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Friday, May 19, 1899.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the Offices, Hunslet, Dr. Hawkyard presiding. There were also in attendance—Mr. Fryer (vice-chairman), Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs Woodcock, Rev. M. J. Dillon, Rev. A. J. Irvin, Messrs. Banks, Butterick, Robb, Houghton, Bamforth, Edwards, Hargreaves, and the clerk (Mr. Mee), and the assistant clerk (Mr. Ward).

WORKHOUSE VISITING COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the above Committee, the Dispenser reported that the initial cost of a supply of distinctive bottles for lotions, &c., would be £1 8s 3d, and suggested that the bottles should only be lent to the patients. It was proposed by Mr Banks, that a supply of distinctive bottles be procured; seconded by Mr. Seedon, and carried unanimously. Mr. Seddon reported that the sub-committee had purchased a litter of 10 pigs at a cost of £8 15s 0d; ordered that the action be approved. The proposed new Infirmary Diets were further considered, on a reference from the Board. It was proposed by Mrs. Woodcock, that the quantities remain as at present for each dinner, but that minced beef be supplied on Thursdays, mutton on Sundays and Wednesdays, fish on Tuesdays and Fridays, broth on Mondays, and soup on Saturdays; seconded by Mr. Houghton, and carried unanimously. It was proposed by Mr. Robb, that the Medical Officer be asked to report to the Committee in future, whenever he considers any nurse inefficient, or not carrying out her duties properly; seconded by Mrs Dickenson, and carried unanimously. It was proposed by Mrs. Woodcock, that the Guardians be recommended to advertise for a trained night nurse with a knowledge of midwifery, at a salary of £30 per annum; seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously. It was proposed by Mr. Robb, that the Guardians be recommended to give a month's notice to determine the tenancy of the house belonging to them in Hillidge Road, and to empower the Committee to take the necessary steps to fit it up for the accommodation of nurses; seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously. The Ladies' Committee reported that Alice Cullen is full of complaints as to her treatment, and enquired if provision could not be made for the old sick folks to have a rest during the day without the trouble of undressing. A letter was also received from the Ladies' Committee stating that Mary Brown complained that she had told the Matron of a severe pain she had in her right side, but no notice was taken of it. The Matron stated that Mary Brown saw the Doctor last week, but he did not think there was anything to be taken notice of. Resolved that the sick people be allowed to lie down in the day time, provided they take their boots off. It was proposed by Mr. Houghton, that permission be given for the friends of any inmate over 60 years of age, to take him or her out for a week or fortnight's leave during the months of June, July, or August, next ensuing, on condition that married men be not allowed out without their wives; seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously. The Master submitted a letter from the Secretary of the Beeston Manor Lodge stating that Saturday, June 3rd, has been decided upon for an outing to Horsforth. It was proposed by Mrs. Dickenson, that permission be given for the inmates to go; seconded by Mr. Seddon, and carried unanimously. It was proposed by Mr. Fryer, that the Clerk write the owner of the last block of cottages erected near the Workhouse, with reference to the windows looking into the sleeping wards; seconded by Mr. Robb, and carried unanimously.

The minutes were proposed for confirmation by Mr. Dillon.

The Chairman remarked that he had had an interview with Mr. Blair, of the Leeds Infirmary, respecting the question of training nurses; so far as he could see there was no hope of the Institution lowering the standard on which their certificates were issued, or any arrangements being made by which the nurses could take a modified course of training.

The minutes were confirmed, the question of nurses and of the windows overlooking the Workhouse premises being referred back.

CHILDREN'S HOMES.

In connection with the business of this Committee, Messrs. Butterick and Irvin had inquired into the progress made by the boys at the Board and National Schools, and recommended that some who would be useful at the Homes be allowed to leave school. Tenders were considered for the lime and colour washing of the Homes, the Committee dividing on Messrs. A. & G. Barker's tender of £28, and Mr. C. Dawson's, Hunslet, at £27 2s. Messrs. Barker secured the work by a narrow vote. A quantity of red garden edging tiles were ordered at 8s 6d per 100. Particulars of the cost of the Homes for the half-year were considered. The Superintendent reported a scarcity of water in No. 3 home, and the matter was ordered to be reported to the Rothwell Council's Inspector. A parcel of books from the Rev. A. J. Irvin was received with thanks.

Mr. Butterick proposed the confirmation of the minutes, and spoke very hopefully of one or two of the boys whose stay at school was recommended for a while longer. As to the maintenance of the Homes, it was satisfactory to know that the cost per head only ran to 10s 3½d, notwithstanding that they were somewhat seriously handicapped with the initial cost of the buildings. The Committee were now able to do without paying for assistance in the garden, the whole work being done by Mr. Ward and the lads. (Hear, hear).

The motion was seconded by Mr. Irvin, and carried

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to £375. The question of extra work in the Clerk's office referred by the Board to the Committee, resulted in a resolution being carried to pass on to the next business. In connection with the casual election expenses, the bill for printing was further deferred for further particulars. An account for £1 7s 9d from the Rothwell District Council for fixing meter in the Homes at Rothwell Haigh, was again brought before the notice of the Committee, but no further action was taken in the matter, the account being out of date.

Mr. Banks proposed the confirmation of the minutes

Mr. J. Hargreaves said he was tired of hearing about this account owing to the Rothwell District Council, and he thought if the account had been rendered after time, application should have been made to the Local Government Board for sanction to pay it; it was a pity for two public bodies to get at loggerheads about such a trivial thing, and already he believed their existed some strong feeling on the matter

Mr. Butterick said it was no fault of the Committee why the account was not paid; the Rothwell Council was at fault in not sending the account in within the statutory time.

The minutes were eventually confirmed, and a resolution passed to make application to the Local Government Board for power to pay the account in question.

THE COUNTY RATE.

It was reported that notice had been received from the County Rate Committee of the new county rate basis, and attention was called to the fact that there was a slight increase in all the townships, but that in Rothwell the increase was out of all proportion to the increase in the rateable value.

Mr. J. Hargreaves said the Rothwell call had gone up 8⅔ per cent, and would make a difference of £100 to Rothwell but he did not think they could get any redress.

RATING OF MACHINERY.

In reply to a communication from the Board asking him to oppose the Rating of Machinery Bill, Mr. J. Lawson Walton. M.P., wrote stating that he regretted that he could not see his way to oppose the bill Fair justice demanded, in his opinion, that the House should pass it regardless of consequences. There was for them this comfort, however, that its chances of success were practically nil.

OLD FALSE TEETH BOUGHT.

Many ladies and gentlemen have by them old or disused false teeth. which might as well be turned into money. Messrs. R. D. & J. B. Fraser, of Princes Street, Ipswich, (established since 1833), buy old false teeth. If you send your teeth to them they will remit you by return post the utmost value; or, if preferred, they will make you the best offer, and hold the teeth over for your reply. If reference necessary, apply to Messrs Bacon & Co., Bankers, Ipswich.

ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE BAND CONTEST.

The third annual band contest, promoted by the Rothwell Temperance Band, took place in Mr. Brook's field on the Marsh, on Saturday last. The weather, upon which the success of such an undertaking almost absolutely depends, was most inauspicious, rain falling heavily during most of the time the bands were on the stand. There were 14 bands entered, and 12 competed, namely:—Rothwell Old, Carlton, Lee Moor, Horbury, Hepworth, Clayton, Sowerby Friendly, Leeds Postmen, Richardshaw Lane, Wakefield Belle Vue, Morley, and Castleford Temperance. Morley were drawn to play first, but refused to take the platform, and were fined 10s. according to regulations. All the other bands in turn refused, and were mulcted in a similar penalty, and Morley at last had to take their turn as drawn. The attendance on account of the rain was only meagre, those who braved the elements being staunch supporters of the competing bands, or ardent lovers of band music. Mr. G. Wadsworth, of Holmfirth, was adjudicator and placed the prizewinners as follows:—Selection, "Rose Queen"—1, £7, Morley; 2, £4, Clayton; 3, £2, Hepworth; 4, £1, Castleford Temperance. Quickstep—1, £1, Morley; 2, 10s. Sowerby Friendly.

THE JUDGE'S REMARKS.

MARCH CONTEST.

No. 1 Band:—Morley—"Knight of the Road." Band opens capitally, *Tempo* a little slow, but all binds well together, a beautiful cornetist, and all solo instruments play well, band playing well from beginning to end, and marks well done.—1st prize.

No. 2:—Wakefield Belle Vue—"Avondale." A fair start, tone good, cornet uses tongue too fluent rather, reverse harmony not very nice seems to meet a little grangy, bass solo well played, but horns at fault, accompanists do fairly well.

No 3:—Rothwell Old—"Honour the Brave." Starts with a poor attack, basses seem fair, soprano poor, and cornet not very good, march is too much for you, vamping fair but not in good time, bassi solo badly done, and trio very crippled and hurried at times

No. 4:—Leeds Postmen—"Honour the Brave." Band opens fair, but horn flat, euphonium fair and vamping also, bass solo good, soprano and horn are both too flat, and trio begins rather slowly, the 2nd and 3rd cornets are sometimes too loud for other portions, especially in vamping strain.

No 5:—Carlton Temperance—"The Challenge." Tone not very full at start, accompanists seem eager and not measured, cornet fair at times, soprano flat, bass solo too unsteady; trio euphonium fair, cornet not distinct in runs, all seems to travel very unsteady no precision and much resembles a mechanical instrument out of repair.

No. 6:—Clayton—"Avondale." Opens with good attack, cornets good in duet, reverse harmony very fair, bass solo well played, trio counter melody good, soprano good tone, horns not in good tune always.

No. 7:—Castleford Temperance—"Honour the Brave." Opens with a good tone, euphonium good, bass a shade light at times, vamping good, in repeat inside a little loud, bass solo fairly played, trio not in good tune, cornet is good, but baritone and horn are much out. I expected something better from the opening you gave, horn bad on sustained notes, and general rendering thick and stiff towards finish.

No. 8:—Richardshaw Lane—"Leferbreve." A good attack, quavers work well, euphonium nice, *p* nicely down, repeat good, marks well done, bass solo well begun, chief fault a little untunable, trio fairly played 1st., again another good start (cornet slips), and now you seem inclined to hurry, but this is a good all round performance, and next to No. 1 so far.

No. 9:—Hepworth—"Viva Birkenshaw." Opens smartly but not all in good tune, cornet slips but plays well, basses good, euphonium capital, tuning better now you have got warmed up, horn spoils band towards end both in delivery and untunefulness, not equal to No. 8 scarcely.

No. 10:—Lee Moor—"Profundo." In poor tune to start, soprano thin, cornet too stiff and disjointed, this band is in bad tune, strikes me you are a young lot, trio something painful, in solo, basses do better than I expected, bar 18 and after (1st. strain) cornet phrases very abruptly and band much out of tune to end.

No. 11:—Sowerby Friendly—"Honour the Brave." A nice opening, band seems good, one wrong note here, vamping good and neat, soprano and cornet are very good, bass solo nice and steady, tempo fair, trio well played, 2nd. time through the vamping is grandly done and band makes a good clean finish.—2nd. prize.

No. 12:—Horbury—"The Elephant." A fair start, basses out at bars 4 and 8, 2nd. too loud almost for *p*, bass solo comes out fairly well, trio cornet nice at entry but for slips, last strain tone of band good but general rendering thick, second time through, overblowing is frequent and horns too drawling and out of tune.

TEST PIECE—"ROSE QUEEN VALSE."

No. 1 Band:—Morley—(conductor Mr. A. Holden). Introduction—opens nicely, basses good, cornet very nice and also inside portion, echo good and soprano plays well, *lento* capitally done, duet grandly done by both. 1st Valse—nicely started, *tempo* a little too slow, horn good. (2nd strain), all goes well. euphonium grandly played, and the cornets in duet very good, only fault a shade slow. 2nd Valse—Another good start, euphonium doing well, and cornets again capital in duet. (2nd strain), well played by all. 3rd Valse—Horn very good and accompanists also, soprano also good, basses and all well measured. (2nd strain), tone of band good and basses are grand, euphonium still plays well, and middle portion very neatly played. Coda—Well entered, euphonium again very good, cornet plays beautifully all the way, basses all right, just the length for me, *p* and *ff* good contrast. *Tenuto*—Well played to end, I call this a very good rendering, all about the best I have heard this season on these valses.—1st prize.

No. 2:—Wakefield Belle Vue (Mr. B. D. Jackson). Introduction—Opens with good tone, cornet good, soprano a shade flat, horn also a little under pitch, *piu lento* fair otherwise (duet), baritone not very good, euphonium fair, you don't do this very well together. 1st. Valse—*Tempo* too slow, yet the two crotchets after beat came in too fast for the time being, (2nd. strain) euphonium is good here, cornets not very neat in slurred notes, bars 1, 5 and 9, *p* and *ff* good contrast. 2nd. Valse—Yet too slow, accompaniments are however better and cornet nice here, basses also nicely played, 2nd. strain well played but seems a little dragged, soprano good 3rd. Valse—Horn unsafe and a little flat, soprano fair, repeat ditto. 2nd. strain, band has a good tone here but accompaniments are now too dragging. *Coda*, cornet very good, band all fair but much too slow, you are a long way from 76 dotted minims per minute, *tenuto* fair but accompaniments too short rather, close good.

No 3:—Rothwell Old—(conductor Mr. S. Fowler). Introduction—Not precise at opening, basses most faulty, soprano flat, echo very rough. *Piu Lento*—BB♭ bass very good, soprano flat at close, duet too tame and euphonium much too sharp on the last note *F*. 1st Valse—*Tempo* much too slow (sleepy) vamping portion poor, trombones are badly played, euphonium not very good, cornet is the best. 2nd Valse—A poor delivery here all round except cornet which is not bad. (2nd strain), basses here are fair, vamping again poor, close very bad by trombones holding some notes out quite too long. 3rd Valse—Horn only fair, soprano ditto, you both seem unsafe, a very drawling style here, too broken and yet too mechanical and stiff. *Coda*—begins out of tune, accompaniments very untrue and some of you blowing much harder than others. The trombones are much like a German street band. *Tenato*—The basses are in bad tune at bar 5, a poor rendering on the whole.

No. 4:—Leeds Postmen. Introduction—Not quite precise, basses good and horn good. *Piu Lento* nicely played, duet well done and tone good. 1st Valse—*Tempo* slow, horn good and cornet also, (2nd strain), euphonium plays well but for slips, on the whole fairly rendered. 2nd Valse—Cornet starts well, and euphonium also, close not good by inside portion. 2nd. strain, this is a little overdone by inner parts, others good. 3rd. Valse—Horn produces a good tone, soprano also but slips almost frequently and is also rather under pitch. 2nd. strain, basses are good and accompaniments are much better; euphonium makes a mistake, was restarting the waltz, and quite upsets the band for a few bars. *Coda* fair but for misfortune by euphoniumist, horn good again euphonium good, and cornets play well in duet in second strain, *p* and *ff* good. *Tenuto* not in so good tune as previous, pause good.

No. 5:—Carlton Temperance (Mr. A. Newton). Introduction—Only a fair start, better at bar 5, *piu lento* fairly nice, soprano good though a shade out of tune, duet not well done, too detached and not well balanced. 1st. Valse—Much too slow, horns, etc., much out of tune now, 1st. horn does not measure notes half correct in finishing up first strain. 2nd. strain, accompaniments poor, not at all stylish, euphonium only fair. 2nd. Valse—You continue in the same rut. 2nd. strain, a trifle better but much too slow. 3rd. Valse—No amends, inside portion very poor. *Coda*, attack poor at bars 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, now the vamping is badly done, no balance whatever. *Tenato* continues the same, the basses on the whole are the best portion.

No. 6:—Clayton (Mr. W. Heap). Introduction—Opens smart, cornet nice, echo good, *pin lento* well done, soprano good to close, Baritone a shade flat on *A* close, duet very nicely done. 1st. Valse—A bit slow but much better than some, all well played. 2nd. strain, euphonium plays well and the accompaniments fit nicely, 2nd. Valse—Well entered, cornet grand and also soprano, euphonium good, and accompaniments go very nicely. 2nd. strain, basses are good and euphonium keeps up well, this figure is well played. 3rd. Valse—Horn a little nervous, soprano does well but slips. 2nd. strain, euphonium still good and band also. The time is very nicely measured though a shade too slow. *Coda* well started by cornetist, accompaniments do well in this band, and cornet very nice always, *p* and *ff* good. *Tenuto* tone good and finale well played.—2nd. prize.

No. 7:—Castleford Temperance (Mr J. W. Stamp). Introduction—This is another smart opening rather fast if ought, echo well played. *Piu Lento* good, though soprano a little too flat, duet very nicely done. 1st Valse—*Tempo* commences about the best yet, but you soon pull up to time of others about, horn not good here. 2nd strain, euphonium very good, cornet fair, band and accompaniments are good. 2nd. Valse—Basses fairly nice though would stand a little more warmth, other portions fairly good. 2nd. strain, much better on the whole. 3rd Valse—Horn plays well here and band is very nice, soprano good in repeat. 2nd. strain well played by all. *Coda*—Basses not very good at bars 2 and 4, (not quite together). *Dolce* begins better, horn as in first valse, not quite clear in runs. *Tenuto* well played on to end.—4th. prize.

No. 8:—Richardshaw Lane (Mr. J. A. Riley). Introduction—Fair at start though a little too *staccato*, *piulento* well done on the whole, soprano ends up a little flat, duet baritone good and euphonium moderate, very fairly done. 1st. Valse—Fairly opened, horn good. 2nd. strain, bass trombone tells very well here, the best I have heard today on this instrument, euphonium and cornets also good. 2nd. Valse—Second cornet rather too loud in duet here, soprano good, and euphonium also. 2nd. strain, band fairly good but accompaniments are a trifle too loud, soprano good. 3rd. Valse—Horn good tone, euphonium nice and soft, this waltz is well rendered by all. *Coda*, attack good. bass and accompaniments are playing very fair here, and horn moderate 2nd. strain, cornets good, and bass trombone again good *Tenuti* played with good tone and band makes a good finish. Fifth in order of merit to-day.

No 9:—Hepworth (Mr J. Belcher). Introduction—A good start, good tone, cornet nice echo good, *piu lento* good but not quite tunable at close, duet well done but baritone almost missed *G*. 1st. Valse—Basses are nice and band proceeds all horn good. 2nd. strain, euphonium very well, *p* and *ff* well done, soprano but slips slightly. 2nd. Valse—Good cornet nice, and soprano good. 2nd. strain band has good tone, *tempo* slow rather some good playing, band good at *ff*. Valse—This is also nicely entered, horn well, in repeat soprano a little although well played. 2nd. strain, basses euphonium good, in fact the rendering very creditable all round. *Coda*, attack ly good. I rather like this performance some parts, horn again fairly good. strain, general rendering fairly good, euphonium plays well all the way, *tenuto* good for horn being a trifle flat, finish very —3rd. prize.

No. 10:—Lee Moor (Mr. J. W. ...). Introduction—A fair opening up to piu then soprano very flat. Duet, you drag long in the first dotted notes (*G* and *F* not in fine tune. 1st. Valse—Not precise start, accompaniments not true, and comes in too soon at bar 28. 2nd. strain rough and unsteady all through 2nd. Valse —Cornet plays too wide and detached euphonium can not get in his part consequently. 2nd. strain, euphonium ... and Band still coarse. 3rd. Valse—Horn seems nervous, soprano also unsafe certainly playing under difficulties appears to be pouring down). You keep at all steady here or things would be much better. *Coda* opens fair, at dolce you seem unsettled, horn again comes in soon in repetitions of first waltz. 2nd. is better, *tenuto* too slow and coarse a poor finish.

No. 11:—Sowerby Friendly (Mr. ...ler). Introduction—A good opening net good and basses play well, echo soprano also fair, duet, well together only fair. 1st. Valse—Too slow, ... horn very fairly played. 2nd. strain, ably done by all, euphonium good and trombone also. 2nd. Valse, cornet play, euphonium good and basses also strain, this is also well played and accompaniments are good. 3rd. Valse—Horn but slips, soprano brings out a good 2nd. strain, band seems good, I ... basses play crotchets almost too short the cornets here are getting almost too prominent, otherwise all is good. *Coda* entry, cornet plays well, the inside portion does not always please me, as you get steady at times, horn fair again a little better than before, basses play well, *p* and *ff* done. *Tenuto* tone good, finish smart This is a good rendition and runs close the prize winners.

No. 12:—Horbury (Mr. J. Gawthorpe) Introduction—Not a bad start (under circumstances) cornet good, echo good, a little out, soprano fair, duet fairly but euphonium a little too loud and also at close. 1st. Valse—Accompaniments here and not in tune. *Tempo* too ... horn part not rightly measured. 2nd. cornet only fair. euphonium only moderate and accompaniments not neat; perhaps too dark for you. you appear somewhat unsettled. 2nd. Valse—soprano good here, inside portion out of tune 2nd. strain basses fair, soprano however, holds on too long at close, and a portion of band also on the drag in latter strain. 3rd. Valse Horn plays moderately here, but soprano seems pinched. 2nd strain, euphonium better and band fairly good. *Coda*—enters unsafe, and appears tired and ... Euphonium also falls off, *p* and *ff* too alike. *Tenuto* out of tune and lumpy, only poor, soprano does best to end.

P.S.—I overheard some very bad language just as the last band entered on the platform—something abominable. If the words came from any of the bandsmen, it was enough to upset the other members. Or, if it came from another party, it was quite enough to discourage you all. Whoever it was I would advise them to keep away from such events, until they can guard their tongues against such vulgarity as was here indulged in.

GEO. WADSWORTH,
Adjudicator, Holmfirth.

THE LOFTHOUSE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.

The above association held their dinner at the Elephant and Castle Inn, on Thursday last, Mr. J. Dobson, of Carlton, being in the chair. Considering the wretched weather a fair muster sat down to the excellent meal provided by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Howson. After dinner the usual toast list was gone through, the first being "The Queen," proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. Howe, the Lofthouse Glee Society lending their support to it by ably rendering "Here's *life and health*." The chairman then called upon Mr. J. Simmons, of Leeds, who had come down to address the meeting. Mr. Simmons gave an interesting address of over one hour's duration and considering the wide field traversed, everything was put plainly before his hearers with great clearness, and on resuming his seat he met with hearty applause. The glee society gave several glees during the evening and songs were ably rendered by Messrs. B. Holroyd, W. Peace, W. B... and the chairman. Mr. Simmons also gave two recitations, in quite the professional style. A most pleasant evening concluded with votes of thanks to the Host and Hostess, the glee society, the speaker and the Chairman.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady who has been cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by means of Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, sent 1,000 to his Institute, in order that those people who have not the means to procure the Ear Drums may have them free of charge. Apply by letter to Branch A. K. U. of the "Nicholson Institute, Ealing Dean London, W.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the railway for the week ending May 13th 1899, is £308; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £249, showing increase of £59. For the 19 weeks ending May 13th, the return is £6..., against £4504 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £1970

TO MOTHERS.—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is pleasant to taste; it produces natural quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." Of all Chemists, ... per bottle.

RELIGION AND AMUSEMENTS.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Mr. Editor,

Before replying to your correspondent's ungenerous and ungentlemanly attack on myself, I think it is only fair and reasonable that the public in general, and myself in particular, should have the name and address of the writer. Therefore I trust in all fairness, the same will be forthcoming to the press during the week. At the same time, it would be interesting if he would inform us when he became a Nonconformist, and to what particular Nonconformist church he belongs. It would also expedite matters, if he will give his data or authority for the sentence "*Mr. Alderson stands condemned in the eyes of his church, and before this community.*"

The Manse, Yours faithfully,
Rothwell, J. ARTHUR ALDERSON.
May 16th, 1899.

Dear Sir,

With the majority of your readers, I have been much interested, and more or less pained, in the perusal of the two articles for and against billiard-playing by Christians. There is no doubt that there is need for frank and open discussion of the subject of "Religion and Amusements"; only, if any good is to come of it, we must be willing to allow everybody else the right to his own opinion, just as much as we claim to hold our own. Surely, the time has gone by (except amongst the most bigoted and ignorant), when men wish others to believe that the truth rests with one man, and that man myself. Time was, when the Church of Rome burnt at the stake those who dared to have different opinions to hers. It is also, remember, one of the tenets of thousands of bigoted imitators of that Church, (but who eat the bread and use the Churches of Protestants) that all, except themselves, are outside God's Church, and I suppose, out of the reach of gospel blessing. Teetotallers used to say, that a man could not be a Christian unless he abstained from all drinks other than tea, milk or water. Let all such persons as would mould everybody's opinion on religious matters especially,) after his own particular pet shibboleth, take to heart the boundless capacity of Christ's own words, when his disciples found one who was not of their company, casting out devils, "Forbid him not; for he that is not against us is for us." (Luke 9c. 50v.) Now, I freely acknowledge that, in my opinion Mr. Alderson did too much at that billiard room, when first opened, and laid himself open (being a public man) to spending too much time there. But it was only like the man. What is his principal characteristic? Earnestness, I think; whatever he takes up, he does with his might. And I would ask those who speak and write so strongly and unkindly, and untruthfully, too,) has he not raised the Primitive Methodist Church in Rothwell to a higher and more flourishing condition than it ever was before. Think of his earnestness in mission work, in raising a bazaar, in collecting subscriptions, in erecting a house, in securing a place, (and a useful place) on the School Board. What other minister of any Church can look back on such financial, numerical and social success such as he can, and in so short a time? And so, when he found a number of his young people wanted some means and place of amusement, he instituted the Recreation Club (if it may be so called). And when this billiard table was established, he saw in this, a means of drawing men away from the public house associations and the result is as he anticipated. It is not so many years since cricket or chess or draughts were considered as very wicked games. And it is quite true that the game of 'billiards' was associated only with public-houses, and had therefore got a shady name. But who will now excommunicate a Christian of the highest character, because he plays cricket or chess; and no more can the game of billiards be put in an evil category. "Nonconformist" is very unfair, and also incorrect, in saying that Mr. Alderson's only question as to playing this game is, whether a person can afford it or not. This is only one sentence out of a long series of points at which the indulgence in amusements may or may not be allowed;—interfering with duty; being physically, morally, or mentally injurious; it leading into sinful surroundings; if used to excess; it preventing the better and higher purposes of life. A word to those who are so ready to place wrong constructions on every item of a man's life, should it not tally with their own judgement of what is right. Let me ask then, what right have they to judge so one-sidedly, unless they themselves are prepared to stand the same test. I have heard of people saying "Well, if a Christian can play billiards, I can go to the races," "If so and-so, a member of the Church, can listen to a topical song, I can go to the music hall," "If Mr. So-and-so attends a Social, I shall never enter a place of worship again, where he is." Such talk is most ridiculous, and will stand as a very poor reason in the day when all thoughts and actions will be weighed. Let a man remember that "every tub must stand on its own bottom," in the great day. I think "Nonconformist's" strong language is rather mean, seeing that his letter is written under a *nom de plume*, while his target is well-known; he ought, at least, to have signed his name, or else have written in a less impertinent, even libellous, strain; some of his language is unworthy of any person claiming to teach others (as "Nonconformist" attempts to do in his letter) and is certainly a serious injury to the good name which is attached to his effusion. My main argument is, that to him that feels any action to be sin, it is sin; and no man should be judged by one single act, apart from his general character and works.

Yours respectfully,
A CONSTANT READER.

Sir,

I question one's right to publicly dictate one's neighbour's private and personal actions. He is not responsible to me. But Mr. Alderson invites criticism by publishing his views, which in the abstract are mainly sound, although rather loosely expressed. But certainly, the propriety of any given amusement or other action does not primarily depend on one's ability to afford the expense Mr. Alderson admits this; therefore I think "Nonconformist" is hardly fair to him in seizing upon a loosely worded sentence in my friend's paper, and trying to pillory him as holding an opinion which in fact he repudiates. An occasional game of billiards at our worthy Institute, or elsewhere under proper conditions, may be both lawful and expedient, but a minister has need to be particularly circumspect lest he cause a weak brother to stumble, who being a "babe" may be unable to distinguish between the spirit and the letter. Mr Alderson must reconsider his references to Puritanism. He is either unacquainted with its essential principles, which is hard to believe, or else he ignores the patent fact that they are the most potent factors in our Modern Commonwealth. Does he mistake the excresences for the substance? He might as well confound his pedobaptism with New Testament teaching and practice! "Nonconformist" prefers to be anonymous when accusing "the brethren" Who *art* thou that judgest another?" Who certified you that C. H. Spurgeon's ministry would have been more influential had he banished his cigar? I will contend that his "weed" increased his influence, for it left him without any trace of the Pharisee. His cigar never deprived the widow and orphan of a shilling, nor diminished his entire devotion to his Master's service, whilst his self-sacrifice might not compare unfavourably with even that of "Nonconformist," who goes to an impossible sensational novel for an argument, and asks "Would Jesus smoke?" The question is as unprofitable as "Would He eat onions, or game when it's high?" "In His steps" appears to exalt mechanical aping, altogether ignoring the truth that unless one is "in *Him*," then "in His *steps*" is utterly vain.

Rothwell, Yours etc.,
May 15th, 1899. J. SHURMER.

Dear Sir,

I was very much pained and grieved to read the spiteful letter of "Nonconformist," in your last issue. I should like to say a word or two about the three ministers that he names, having known two of them intimately (Revs. Jackson and Bage); two more unlikely men could not have been found; they were very much of the same sort as Mr. Alderson, always bright and sunny, mixing with the people; none of your fiddle-faced Christians. I think some of our Primitive friends will bear me out, when I say that I don't think that either of the ministers named would have objected to a game of billiards, or a pipe of tobacco. Just think of the numbers of young men that go to the billiard room for an evening, who used to spend most of their evenings at the public house; and if such gentlemen as our Vicar and the Rev. J. A. Alderson mix with them, let us hope that they may be like "leaven leavening the whole lump." There was a time when our president, the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, was very much misunderstood. Some of us well remember the battles that he and Dr. Rigg fought, and yet where will you find a man that has done more real good in the Wesleyan Church. Just one word about Sheldon's beautiful book "In His Steps;" it is a charming little book to read, but quite impossible to carry out in every-day life. In reading Christ's life we find something there that we can imitate safely. Do not let us come under the same condemnation as was administered to the Pharisees of old by "straining at gnats and swallowing camels," or by being so particular as regards the "mint and anise and cummin," while omitting the "weightier matters of the law, judgement, mercy and faith," (Matthew, xxiii chapter, 23rd. verse). I might say in conclusion, that I do not smoke or play billiards, but because I do not do it, I am not going to condemn every one else that does.

Yours etc.,
WESLEYAN.

Sir,

Last week two events occurred in the Parish of Rothwell which would almost make one believe that he had been transferred to one of the worst parts of Ireland during the time of the agrarian outrages. 1st event—A poor dumb animal is tied down, and cut and hacked about in a diabolical manner. 2nd event—A local Captain Moonlight gets behind a wall and fires at a passer-by. Luckily the weapon was only a poor one, and little damage was done, but the intention was there. The first event I leave to the police. The second requires explanation. If in the above you substitute a man who dare not sign his own name for 'Captain Moonlight,' and for the wall a *nom de plume*; also change weapon into a letter appearing in the *Rothwell Times* for last Friday, you will see my meaning. The whole letter is a vicious attack on a Christian minister, by one who signs himself by a name adopted by a large section of the Christian community. What an exhibition of the Christian law! "Do unto others as ye would they should do unto you." What obedience to the command! "Love one another with a pure heart fervently." What strict following of the injunction! "Judge not, that ye be not judged!" Yet sir, I am not concerned in defending the Rev J A Alderson, for that gentleman is well able to take care of himself, but, as secretary to the Recreation Committee of the Mechanics' Institute, I am concerned in the question as to whether amusements such as are challenged ought to be encouraged or not. Throughout the whole letter there is not a single argument against amusements, but the writer tells a fairy tale which he has probably taken from some child's composition book. Next comes a reference to Mr. Sheldon's famous little book "In His Steps," with an account of a young man throwing his pipe into a fire. How many smokers have not done the same thing if their pipe was worn out or if it disagreed with them and next day (if it was not convenient the same day) have gone straight away and bought another? Your correspondent says "What would Jesus do?" Well, sir, I am not good at riddles, so do not pretend to know. What I do know is that Jesus would never write an anonymous letter with the object of injuring any man. I take it as an axiom that what is not right for a minister to do is not right for a layman to do, and when your correspondent denounces the Institute's amusements he denounces the action of the whole of the members of the Institute in placing chess and draughts and billiards in the building, and amongst those members are most of the leading Nonconformists of Rothwell. I should like to know the name of the writer, just to see what he has done for the social welfare of the village. The Mechanics' Institute is the only institution here where men of all shades of thought can meet on one common platform, and work for the good of the whole community. The Committee have given an opportunity to the inhabitants to join in sound healthy amusements under proper restrictions. They are trying to make the Institute what it ought to be—the centre of the social life of the village. They do not expect any one to spend the time there that should be occupied by his ordinary vocation. No youth under eighteen years of age can use the billiard table at all. No one can use it more than once during an evening except in special cases. No intoxicants are sold, neither swearing nor gambling are allowed, and the Institute is closed at a reasonable hour, yet we are told that the Committee have introduced a questionable game. Questionable amusement forsooth! If billiards is not preeminently a game of skill then I should like to know one. Now, Sir, either the committee is right or the individual who is ashamed of his name is right. As the two are diametrically opposed, one must be wrong, and I leave it to the judgement of your readers to say which it is.

H J MARTIN.

Dear Sir,

I hear that the Methodists of Carlton are speaking strongly against religious people playing Billiards. I knew that the above had reached an ideal state of living, and could boast with the Pharisee of being better than other men, but we were not aware that they were so far advanced in other worldliness as to enable them to dictate to their Brethren at Rothwell in "holy things." At Carlton there are two good Methodist Chapels and both congregations combined would not half fill one chapel, so that the Methodists of Carlton, with all their goodness seem to have some difficulty in getting their neighbours to believe in them. My advice to them is to try and cultivate a more peaceable condition of things within their own borders, and learn to bear and forbear and remember that "Charity is kind"; then much that they now see through dimmed glasses will disappear. I will not say anything in justification of a game of billiards as all persons with common sense know that in everything it is not the use, but the abuse wherein lies the evil. Presuming that the energetic Committee are making the Mechanics' Institute attractive in order to keep young men out of the public houses and off the streets, I say success to them, and will do all I can to protect them from the narrow minded bigotry of such folk as the Carlton Methodists.

Yours truly,
A WESLEYAN.

Dear Sir,

"Let him that is without fault cast the first stone," and "Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones," are probably items which "Nonconformist" might profitably take to heart, as we all know that "there is generally most 'thrusting' where there is least room." Whoever Nonconformist is, he is too good for this world, without a doubt. He couldn't "say boo to a goose," one would think. Yet I may be wrong there, for is not his scurrilous attack on Mr. Alderson incapable of proof and worthy of an action for libel? That may be, but the slanderer has not the manliness—not to say Christliness—to sign his name. He throws his stones from behind a wall, coward that he is. It is the Christian (?) capable of mean, contemptible, scurvy tricks, as these, who hinders the cause of Christianity. "Would Mr. Alderson have dared to read his audacious essay before the Primitive Methodist District Council" he asks. I should think he would. Why not? It might do those 'weak-kneed ones' good. Nonconformist's remarks on smoking are arrant nonsense. How does he know that Charles Haddon Spurgeon would have been more useful as a non-smoker? How does he know that Jesus would not smoke? The fact is, he thinks they ought not, therefore says they would not.

Yours truly,
ANTI HUMBUG.

Dear Sir,

I am not a very good writer and this is my first attempt at writing to a newspaper editor, but I feel so annoyed at your Mr. Somebody's attempt to stab our esteemed minister in the dark that I must say a word. When Nonconformist says Mr. Alderson stands condemned in the eyes of his church, he does not speak the truth. Do n the pit we should say it's a lie—and more than one has said that already. Whatever disapproval has been expressed has come from two or three young men who are not responsible parties and will know better when they get older. The officials of our church to a man (and their wives too) stand behind our minister in this matter, for we are not conscious that he has ever neglected his duty in seeking harmless pleasure. If he must not play a game of billiards then we must not play croquet on our lawn, nor have any more failings out over other games we have on the chapel premises. We all agree that we have never had a more diligent pastor, why his heart and pocket are always open to help his flock, and when we have been unfortunate enough to have our members in the Leeds Infirmary he thinks it no trouble to go two or three times a week to see them. Is that neglecting duty? He has worked harder than any other minister we have ever had, and we have had some good ones. The longer he is with us the more we like him we believe he means what he says and tries to act conscientiously. We never have been so prosperous as a church as we are now, thanks to his wise and efficient leadership, and I hope someone better able than myself will give Mr. Nonconformist the snubbing he has merited. Our Minister can do it if he will.

Yours truly,
A LOYAL PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

Dear Sir,

The letter signed "Nonconformist" in your last week's issue, struck me as being inspired by an intolerant and bigoted spirit. Evidently the writer is a sour ascetic, to say the least. Innocent pleasure and amusement taken as draughts of cool, refreshing water, at intervals of work, to "Nonconformist," is sinful, especially if the amusement takes the form of billiards. "Nonconformist" rebukes Mr. Alderson severely for occasionally playing a game at billiards. But for good deeds—a diffuser of cheerfulness and healthy sentiment, and freedom from the vices condemned by Christ. I would tack Alderson against "Nonconformist." But I don't know who "Nonconformist" is! Will he come out from behind the mask, and let us fight this thing through in the open light of day? Is the game of billiards, as a recreation, sinful? For I take it, if it is sinful for the Christian, it is also sinful for the philosopher, who does not profess to be a Christian. In other words, is the play wicked if indulged on the part of a Christian; but mere innocent pastime to the philosopher? The question is raised in "Nonconformist's" letter, would Jesus smoke? But why not go a step further and ask, would Jesus play billiards, chess or cards? My opinion is he would, if born in the environment, and under the shadow of the Twentieth Century. Of course, that is mere supposition, about which every man may exercise his own judgement, "Nonconformist" included At any rate a game at billiards is calculated to raise the dead, and cast out devils, as "Nonconformist" could prove in his own proper person, if he would take a hand at the game occasionally. Such operations were well within the scope of Christ's doings while on earth. He also healed the sick, cleansed lepers, gave sight to the blind. The devils we have to cast out at this day are those which were imported into our blood and bones, by the asceticism and vile practices of our progenitors, of what are known as the dark ages It was a virtue in those days to live in filth, to scarify the flesh, wear a hair shirt next the skin, trudge about with hard peas in their shoes, and in other ways mutilate the body, for the good of the soul, and at the bidding of such narrow-minded bigots, as our friend "Nonconformist" who, I take it, is saturated through all his tissue as well as blood and bones, by the virile ichor flowing from the period indicated. I would commend to him the more modern view that 'Religion never was designed to make our pleasures less." Now, Mr. Editor, I trust you will give to the Correspondence on this subject fair play, as usual, in your Columns. We are going to read moral lessons; reprove and admonish each other, split hairs, quote texts, give our opponent an occasional splash in the eye with ink, and use short pieces of floor boards, instead of staves, to batter each other's swollen heads.

Yours truly,
BILLY YARDE.

[The shoal of letters on above subject shews great interest in the matter of billiards and who should play. We are somewhat surprised, however, that they are all on one side. Next week, we hope that, the arguments against the game, against the Mechanics' Committee, and against Christians playing will be as largely represented, and that the numbers of persons who are said to be 'against,' will be found champions worthy of fighting side by side with 'Nonconformist.'—ED.]

OULTON ST. JOHN'S A.F.C.

The ninth annual general meeting of the above club was held in the Institute, on Friday last, Mr. E. Boothroyd occupied the chair. The honorary secretary's report showed that the first team had played 29 matches, out of which 14 had been won, 9 lost, and 6 drawn, and had scored 60 goals as against 44 goals made by their opponents. The 'A' team had played 16 matches, 6 won, 6 lost, and 4 drawn; scoring 23 goals, against opponents 26 goals. The third string played 8 matches, out of which 5 were won, 2 lost, and 1 drawn, and had scored 24 goals against 16 for opponents. The financial position of the club was in a flourishing condition, as the receipts amounted to £35 1s 7d, and expenditure £26 4s 8d, leaving a balance of £8 16s 11d in the hands of the honorary treasurer. It was again decided to take part in the West Yorkshire League. Mr. B. W. Higgins moved that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the retiring officials, which was carried unanimously. Officers for season 1899-1900 were then elected as follows:—President, J. Selwin Calverley, Esq; vice-presidents, Mr. B. W. Higgins and the Rev. E. H. Dykes; captain of first team, Mr. W. Inman; vice-captain, Mr. D. Raybould; captain of 'A' team, Mr. C. Hullah; vice-captain, Mr. P. Inman; committee, Messrs. H. W. Higgins, R. Jowitt, C. Weddall, B. Moore, C. Hutchinson, T. Hurdus, W. Parkinson and J. T. Morrison; the last-named was later elected to the office of hon treasurer, so there is one vacancy on the committee. Messrs. J. W. Morley and Walter Smith were elected auditors, and Mr. F. Bradley, hon. sec. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. Boothroyd, for his able service in the chair; Mr. Boothroyd responded.

SHOCKING CRUELTY TO A HORSE AT STOURTON.

On Wednesday, the 10th inst, in a field on the south side of the Long Bridge, a horse, belonging to Mr. Alfred Benson, of Hunslet, had been put out for the night. Before morning some person unknown tied all its legs together, pulled it down to the ground, tied it to a tree and stabbed the poor animal all between the ribs. The animal, in a pitiable condition, was discovered next morning by Mr. Levi Taylor, of Stourton, being in a dying condition. The police are making every effort to bring the perpetrators of the inhuman act to justice.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

On Sunday last, Mr. Arthur Paul presided over a large attendance at the meeting of the above held in the Stourton Wesleyan Chapel. An excellent address was given by Mr. Verity, of Leeds. Miss A. Collins, of Woodhouse Hill, was the soloist, and gave "Thou didst not leave his soul in hell" and "Angels ever bright and fair" in an appropriate manner.

ROYAL AQUARIUM, LONDON.

A programme of the Whitsuntide holiday performances at the well known Royal Aquarium, London, has been forwarded to us by Mr Josiah Ritchie, the President Managing Director, of the Society. It is of immense length. The six weeks International Chess Congress will open in the Royal Aquarium, St. Stephen's Great Hall, May 30th. The last Congress held was in 1883. Nearly £2,000 will be distributed in prizes.

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HEARD IN THE STREETS.

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THAT the *Roddill Times* is going to be filled from end to end with opinions and letters on Billiard Playing and Mr. Alderson.

THAT on that account there will be no room for the man in the street.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

The first day's services in connection with the above Sunday School Anniversary took place last Sunday, when Mr. Maggs, of Castleford, occupied the pulpit. At all the three services, morning, afternoon and evening, the children sang their special hymns, and recited pieces and Mr. Maggs delivered addresses. The hymns lively and inspiring, were heartily sung the children, being conducted by Mr. L. Harris, and accompanied on the organ by Mr. E. B. Bramley. There were very large congregations present afternoon and evening, and at all the services collections were taken in behalf of the School funds.

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BILLIARD HANDICAP.

A very interesting billiard handicap was concluded at the Mechanics' Institute last night, when Mr. Albert Denton won a very handsome cue. 44 entered for the handicap, including most of the best players of the district. The following gives the winner's course through the six rounds, he being 5 before scratch:—

Round.	Opponent.	Oppnnt's position	Result.
1st.	Mr. A. Nickols	Scratch	100—89
2nd.	Mr. Fowler	Scratch	100—97
3rd.	Dr. James	40 back	100—92
4th.	Mr. Kirk	20 back	100—89
5th.	Dr. Haigh	50 back	104—78
Final	Mr. J. Armitage	Scratch	102—75

At the conclusion of the game, Mr. Newsome, chairman of the Recreation Committee, presented the cue, remarking that though amusements were necessary they were not the chief aim in life, and he trusted that none of the young men present would allow them to interfere with their ordinary work. Mr. A. Denton suitably responded.

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CRICKET.

Will the Secretaries of Cricket Clubs kindly forward List of Fixtures, Reports of Matches (both first and second elevens), and List of players chosen as early as possible.

OULTON DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Results up to and including May 13th.

	Pld.	Won	Lost.	D'wn.	Pts
Middleton Park..	3	1	0	2	4
Oulton	3	1	0	2	4
Rothwell	3	1	0	2	4
Whitwood	3	1	0	2	4
Altofts W Riding	3	0	1	2	2
Carlton	3	0	1	2	2
Lofthouse	3	0	1	2	2
Methley	3	0	1	2	2

HENRY HODSON, Woodlesford, Sec.

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN v BURLEY TRADESMEN.

Played at Rothwell on Saturday last.

Rothwell Tradesmen

J Walker, b Elliott	1
M Fowler, c H Briggs b Elliott	0
E Milner, b Seed	1
H Wormald, c Elliott b Seed	10
H Morgan, b Chappel	21
J Stead, not out	16
Dr Buck, c Taylor b Chappel	6
G Lunn, b Chappel	0
Dr Haigh, b Chappel	0
H Brown, run out	0
C P Ward, b Chappel	0
Extras	1
Total	56

Burley Tradesmen.

T Seed, lbw b E Milner	33
W Gray, run out	1
J Chappel, b E Milner	0
Elliott lbw b Milner	0
Feathers, b E Milner	8
H Briggs, b Walker	0
Taylor, run out	0
Barker, b E Milner	2
Movley, th out b Walker	1
S Smith. b E Milner	0
J Wright, not out	1
Extras	9
Total	55

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET MATCHES.

At Rothwell—Rothwell v Carlton

ROTHWELL FIRST ELEVEN—Dr. Buck (capt), Joe Walker, Rev F G Witt, H Morgan, W E Richardson, J W Chadwick, T Dobson, jun., H Greenwood, Hy Dacre, H Wormald, H Brown; Reserve, Jas Lunn.

At Carlton—Rothwell 2nd v Carlton 2nd.

ROTHWELL SECOND ELEVEN—Wm Fox (capt), Jas Lunn, T Bridges, J Bridges, J W Smith, Joe Fox, G Brown, Dr J W Haigh, W Spurr, W Bedford; Reserve T Parker.

WEDNESDAY.

At Rothwell—Rothwell Tradesmen v North Leeds.

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN'S ELEVEN—M Fowler (capt), E Milner, H Wormald, J Walker, Dr Buck, W Inman, G Lunn, J Stead, Dr James, H Forrest, J Horner.

TO DEAF PERSONS.—Some three years ago, a lady, cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, gave £1,000 to his Institute, so that poor persons, unable to purchase the Ear Drums, should have them free. This Fund was added to by other noble people, until over £5,000 worth of the Drums were given away to the worthy poor. Now another lady has placed at the disposal of the Institute, £5,000 worth of the Ear Drums to be given free to the poor. The Dr. Nicholson Aural Institute, the most successful of its kind in the world, is not conducted for profit, but to do the greatest good to the greatest number. Every penny earned or donated is spent in benefiting the deaf. The address is The 1373, NICHOLSON INSTITUTE, GUNNERSBURY, LONDON, W.

COMING EVENTS REGISTER

The proprietors of this journal propose opening a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

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A BRAVE GIRL.

One of the last acts of the late President Carnot of France, was the sending of a medal of the French Legion of Honour to a little American girl named Jennie Carey, who lives at Muckford, Indiana.

Last year, while a train on the Pan Handle Railroad, having on board several distinguished Frenchmen, was bound to Chicago and the World's Fair, Jennie Carey, who was then ten years old, discovered a trestle was on fire, and that if the train, which was nearly due, ran upon it a dreadful wreck would take place.

Thereupon she ran out upon the track to a place where she could be seen for some little distance. She then took off her red flannel skirt, and when the train came in view, waved it backwards and forwards across the track.

It was seen, and the train stopped. On board of it were 700 people, many of whom must have suffered death but for Jennie's courage and presence of mind.

When they returned to France, the Frenchmen in the train brought the occurrence to the notice of President Carnot, and the result was the sending of the medal of this famous French society, the purpose of which is the honouring of bravery and merit, whenever they may be found.

A COUNTRY OF BOATS.

China has more boats on her waters than there are in all the rest of the world combined. She is the best watered country on earth, and has more wonderful waterways. Suppose you could stretch a river wider than the Amazon in an almost straight line from London to Vienna.

Supposing that it were navigable for the biggest ocean steamers for that distance from May to October, and let ships from Russia, Germany, England, and other parts of the world, sail through it and load at its wharves. This would be about what can be done on the Yangtse Kiang, below Ichang.

If you wish to carry out the comparison, however, you must let the great river extend further south-east. If you could stretch it on in a straight line it would go to the Caucasus Mountains, and still be navigable for large boats and barges. You must push it further south-east to Cabul, in Afghanistan, and you will be somewhere near its source.

It is said to be 3,500 miles long, and it has its rise in the mountains of Thibet, and has tributaries all along its course. It taps two great lakes, which give it canal communication with other provinces, and most of the tea of the world comes from the land south of it, and is shipped across the Poyang Lake and sent to Hankow for sale.

In an inn—I decline to say which, in an Italian town—I decline to say where—every room, including the bed in which I tried to sleep, contains a card with this fine specimen of "English as she is wrote" in those parts:—"In order to evitate all the disagreements of the travellers, gentlemen the foresters are incessantly prayed to address themselves their reclamations instantly to the bureau."

A tenant went to see his landlord about a house he had just taken, and about which he had some fault to find. He mentioned several drawbacks, and then said:—

"And, furthermore, Mr. Oppenheimer, the cellar, is full of water."

Mr. Oppenheimer, the landlord, eyed him with reproach, and then exclaimed:—

"Vull of vater! Vell, vat you expect? Vull of champagne?"

The other night a young urchin came into a small shop, bringing with him about half a dozen dolls to sell.

"How much are they?" asked the master of the shop.

"A penny each, sir, and they are well worth twopence," he replied.

"How do you know they are worth twopence?" asked the master.

"Because they were marked that price at the shop where I pinched 'em," was the unexpected reply.

There is always something going on, no matter where we may be, if only we have eyes to see it; but undoubtedly some places are more favoured than others.

Manchester Man: "I should think you would find life very dreary?"

Welsh Villager: "Here? Inteet, this is a pretty lively place for its size."

Manchester Man: "I should not suppose, from the look of things, that anything ever happened here."

Welsh Villager: "That's where you are mistaken. Why, it ain't so very long since we had an eclipse of the moon."

A police magistrate is questioning a tramp whose bearing indicates that he has seen better days.

"You look as if you had been a gentleman," he remarks.

"Yes, sir," says the prisoner, with a sigh, "Once, sir, I was worth thousands."

"Gambled, eh?"

"No sir."

"Squandered it in riotous living?"

"No sir."

"Then, to what were you abdicted?"

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Assistant Overseer,
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Dated this 25th day of May, 1899.

ROTHWELL SCHOOL BOARD invite Tenders for the various works required in the alteration of and additions to Rothwell Board Schools, Carlton Lane. Plans, specifications, etc., can be seen at the office of Mr. W. E. Richardson, architect, Rothwell, on and after May 27th., next. Tenders, sealed and endorsed 'Tender,' to be sent to me not later than June 2nd. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted

A. MARSHALL,
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DEATHS.

WILKINSON—May 20th, aged 71 years, Stephen Wilkinson, butcher, Rothwell.

Rothwell Times,

Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley

Friday, May 26, 1899.

THE HOLIDAYS.

There has been widespread disappointment this year with the condition of the weather for the Whitsuntide holidays, the samples meted out to us varying in a day from almost mid-winter coldness to the summer thunderstorm. Cold and rain have been the order of things for some weeks past, and as the holidays approached, it was thought that nature in such unwelcome mood would have spent itself; but no, out door enjoyment was doomed, and after the rain, hail, thunder, lightning, moist heat and cool blast, of the days from Saturday to Tuesday, many are not sorry that the holiday is over, and that they are once again settled down to the routine of work once again. The unsettled and rainy weather of Monday spoilt all the local school treats so general on that day, whilst cricket matches were either abandoned or not even commenced; day trippers who got away early in the morning to scenes afar, found that the unwelcome conditions generally prevailed, cyclists shared similar disappointments, and those in our good old town who had no particular programme in view were glad to spend their time indoors or at under cover pastimes such as the Mechanics' Billiard board. The Rothwell Old Band attended the contest at Ardsley, on Saturday, but failed to secure a place amongst the prize winners The Temperance Band had an engagement at a school treat in Hunslet, and the Old Band at Halifax on Monday, but the rain seriously interfered with the success of the demonstrations.

On Wednesday a very successful "Daffodil" bazaar was opened at Woodlesford by the Bishop of Ripon, in support of the funds for the new parish room for the village; the bazaar was re-opened yesterday, by J. Selwin Calverley, Esq., and a substantial sum of money has been netted for the scheme.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A meeting of the above Council was held on Friday night, in the Council Chamber. Councillor G. Armitage presiding. There were also present Councillors J. Abbishaw, (vice chairman), B. Taylor, J. Armitage, T. Oliver, J W. Bulmer, Wr. Hargreaves, H. Nichols and J. Oliver, with the deputy clerk (Mr. Barret), medical officer, (Dr. Stevenson), surveyor (Mr. J. T. Pears), nuisance inspector (Mr. Jones), and assistant clerk (Mr. Wilkinson).

SANITARY BUSINESS.

The Sanitary Committee had decided that a summons be issued against Mr. Mitchell, the owner of the house occupied by Dr. Stevenson, for not complying with a notice to remedy sanitary defects. In one or two other cases of nuisances the Committee recommended the Council to do the work, and charge the owners with the cost.

Mr. James Hargreaves and Mr. J. Farrer attended before the Committee, as a deputation from the Hunslet Board of Guardians, in order to discuss the question of drainage, of the new Workhouse, proposed to be erected at Rothwell Haigh. The Guardians, it transpired, were favourable to a drain being laid through agricultural land on the workhouse side of Wood Lane, to join the main trunk drain through Rothwell. The deputation estimated the cost at about £500, and said the Union would be prepared to bear three-fifths of the cost. The Committee left over the matter for further consideration.

Mr. Walter Hargreaves proposed the confirmation of the minutes. The proposed new workhouse at Jaw Bones, he said, would be a long way from any public sewer, and it would be almost an impossibility to get the drainage down to Stourton; there would also be great difficulties to overcome in getting it into the Wood Lane sewer, but by taking it in a circular route past Low Shops, it could be got into the drains at the west end of Rothwell. The Hunslet Authority, he thought, had made a reasonable offer.

Mr. J. Oliver asked if the drainage could not be taken to Stourton. There were about thirty houses in the Bell Hill district, that would have to be drained at some time, and if the Workhouse drainage was taken in that direction, then these houses could be connected. The houses in question were in a very bad state at present, so far as drainage was concerned.

Mr. Nichols asked if it could not be got into the drain at the Children's Homes.

Mr. Wr. Hargreaves said these two points had been raised at the Committee meeting. In taking it down to Stourton there would be the danger of the level coming out above the surface, and getting it under the Midland railway. The Pontefract road drain, too, was not a satisfactory one in which to put more sewage, as the fall was only one in fifteen or sixteen hundred. He did not think the matter had been gone into by an engineer, but to take it that way would entail more cost, and perhaps the Hunslet people would not entertain the question. With regard to taking it into the Wood Lane sewer, it would be almost a practical impossibility, as they would have to drift through sandstone to somewhere about Padfoot steps.

The minutes of the Committee were confirmed, and a resolution passed, on the motion of Mr. Walter Hargreaves and Mr. J. Armitage, that the Clerk inform the Hunslet Authority that the Council is willing to bear two-fifths of the cost of putting down the new sewer.

HEALTH REPORT.

The Medical Officer reported that during the past three weeks there had been registered in the district, 26 births (19 males and 7 females); 15 in Rothwell (4 males and 11 females), and 11 in Lofthouse and Carlton (5 males and 6 females). There had likewise been 14 deaths (2 males and 12 females), 7 in Rothwell (1 male and 6 females), and 7 in Lofthouse and Carlton (1 male and 6 females). Eight cases of scarlet fever had been notified, 3 at Langley, 2 at Thorpe, and 1 each at Carlton, Rothwell, and Lower Goslem.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

On the motion of Mr. Walter Hargreaves, Mr. R. R. Jones was re appointed Sanitary Inspector and Inspector of Canal Boats at a salary of £78 per annum.

HIGHWAYS.

The Highways Committee had decided that notice be served on the Great Northern Railway Company, to repair the road under their railway bridge within fourteen days, or the Council will do the work and charge the Company with the cost. They also ask them to remedy the dropping of water from the bridge A communication was also ordered to be sent to the Midland Railway Company, asking them to prevent water dropping from under the Long Bridge. The tender of Mr. John Dobson, for leading on the Lofthouse portion of the Leeds and Wakefield road, was accepted at 9d per ton. Tenders were ordered to be asked for the construction of a 36 feet bridge under the new road in Meynell Avenue, Rothwell.

The minutes were confirmed on the motion of Messrs. T. Oliver and B. Taylor.

Mr. T. Oliver inquired what had been done with regard to Green Lane Bridge, and what power the Council had to enforce its dangerous condition being remedied.

The Clerk said the Council had power to compel the bridge being put into a safe condition. He (the Clerk) had written to the Secretary of the Company on the matter, and the Secretary promised to take up the matter along with their engineer. The engineer, it transpired, contended that the bridge was perfectly safe.

Mr. T. Oliver: It's nothing like safe.

As there was also a question of encroachment, it was decided that the Clerk write, pointing out that the bridge is not safe, and intimating that the Committee would have no objection to meeting the engineer on the spot.

It was agreed that Mr. Fatkin's tender of 6s per day for team labour be accepted, and that he be paid £2 per year for storage of tools. The Clerk was instructed to write to Miss Schofield, of Wakefield, calling her attention to the dangerous condition of a boundary wall at her property in Main Street, Carlton, and asking her to put it into good repair.

NEW BUILDINGS.

Plans were approved for the extension to the Rothwell Wesleyan Sunday School; for the new Infants' School in Carlton Lane, Rothwell; for the conversion of Mr. D. Hartley's shop at Robin Hood into two through houses; and for a new house by Mr. W. Cray, at Ouzlewell Green. The plans by Mr. G. Heaton for new house in Meynell Avenue, were disapproved, as there was no block plan, as also were those of Mr. Henry Hartley, of Robin Hood, as they did not comply with the bye-laws.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A number of accounts were passed for payment.

The seal of the Council was affixed to the mortgage deed between the Council and their bankers for a loan of £3822 required for Private Streets repair.

Messrs. Fawcett and Mathers it appears from correspondence read, object to the trees at the bottom end of Queen Street being removed for purposes of private street repair. They would not remove the trees themselves, nor allow the Council to remove them. They also intimated their intention to try and prevent the Council paving and flagging the lower end of the street. It was reported that they had been properly notified of the Council's intention to do the work, and as all was in order it was decided that the matter take its course.

As Messrs. Fawcett and Mathers had not yet paid anything on account of streets already done, and partly owned by them, it was decided that the Clerk take the necessary steps to enforce payment

A General District Rate at 1s.6d. in the £ for the current half-year, was formally laid, on the motion of Mr, Taylor.

LOFTHOUSE-WITH-CARLTON SCHOOL BOARD.

A meeting of the above Board was held on the 17th inst at the Robin Hood schools, Mr. Ridyard (vice-chairman) presiding. There were also present the Rev. G. H. Scott, Mr. Horner and Mr. Dobson, with the clerk (Mr. Lee).

A letter was received from the chairman thanking the Board for their kind message of sympathy with him in his bereavement.

The Board discussed the teaching staff at Robin Hood schools and the best means of filling the vacancy for assistant, caused by the resignation of Miss Dalton. It was felt that a single pupil teacher would be very little use, as, under the new Code they were required to devote half their time to study. Under the circumstances it was decided to appoint two pupil teachers so that when one was studying the other could be on duty. It was felt that the pupil teachers should go through a preliminary examination by the schoolmaster so that he might judge whether they were likely to make efficient teachers, as in the past, scholars had been appointed simply because there were no others, and had turned out failures.

The Board received a letter from the schoolmaster at Ardsley calling attention to the wretched attendance of the Thorp children. Mr. Bell, the attendance officer, was called and asked for an explanation, and after long discussion it was agreed to acknowledge the letter and promise that greater attention should be paid to the matter than in the past, the Board being unanimous in their desire to better the attendance in the whole district. As a step to this end it was decided that the Board resolve itself into a Committee to meet once a fortnight, for the purpose of considering the attendance.

At a special meeting held on Monday last, at Carlton, the new class-room now in course of erection was inspected. The architect was present, and was instructed to draw up a plan for the covering of a portion of the school yard for the use of the children on wet days.

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday morning last, at Glasshouse Street, Hunslet, Mr. J. Farrer (chairman) presiding. The other members present were the Rev. A. J. Irvin, Mr. Knight and Mr. Fryer, with the clerk (Mr. Pindar) and medical officer (Dr. Buck).

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

GARFORTH WATER SUPPLY.

A deputation from the Tadcaster District Council came before the Council to try to make arrangements for a supply of water to Garforth from the Hunslet Council's mains. The Garforth supply is at present obtained from Wakefield.

The deputation, in stating the particulars, said they wanted to know if the Council could guarantee a sufficient quantity (about 30,000 gallons) and at what price the Council would be prepared to sell the water. It was stated that Tadcaster would not be prepared to pay for the Garforth supply at the same price as they were paying the Hunslet Council for the Crossgates and Manston supply, namely, 1s. per thousand gallons.

The question was discussed in committee.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Several questions of highway improvements at Middleton, Woodlesford, and Whitkirk were discussed, and tenders let for the supply of flags and kerbs, as well as tenders for laying.

The audit of main roads accounts was held on Saturday last, and found correct.

The Overseers having offered the Council the use of their room during the proposed office alterations, a vote of thanks was carried, on the motion of the Chairman and Mr. Fryer.

The abstract of accounts for the half-year ended 31st. March, 1899, was approved.

TO DEAF PERSONS.—Some three years ago, a lady, cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by Dr Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, gave £1,000 to his Institute, so that poor persons, unable to purchase the Ear Drums, should have them free. This Fund was added to by other noble people, until over £5,000 worth of the Drums were given away to the worthy poor. Now another lady has placed at the disposal of the Institute, £5,000 worth of the Ear Drums to be given free to the poor. The Dr. Nicholson Aural Institute, the most successful of its kind in the world, is not conducted for profit, but to do the greatest good to the greatest number. Every penny earned or donated is spent in benefiting the deaf. The address is The 1373, NICHOLSON INSTITUTE, GUNNERSBURY, LONDON, W.

THE "DAFFODIL" BAZAAR.

Perhaps one of the greatest drawbacks to the village of Woodlesford so far as its public and social life is concerned, has been the absence of a parish room or institute, in which public gatherings could be held, and provision be made for the educational and recreative requirements of the young folks of the parish. The idea of providing such a meeting-place has long been in the minds of the villagers, and so far back as 1892 Mrs. Irvin commenced collecting funds bound to be involved in carrying out such an enterprise. This nucleus was added to year by year, until in 1898 the amount reached was £92, but up to this time no definite call had been made on the inhabitants themselves, and it was then decided that a general appeal be made to all who might be likely to be interested in the work.

The gift of a site for the building which had been promised by the late Mr. Calverley, was kindly carried into effect by Mr. J. Selwin Calverley, and it was resolved to appeal for further donations, which resulted in the fund being quickly raised to the sum of £250.

It is estimated that the cost of the proposed room and furniture will be about £550, and it is hoped that by means of the present Bazaar and Sale of Work to secure a substantial amount towards the required sum.

It may here be stated that Woodlesford Church was erected in 1870, at a cost of £4,500, and in 1892 the Vicarage was completed at a cost of £2,400, half of which amount was contributed by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and Queen Anne's Bounty Board, together with £50 from the Ripon Diocesan Societies. As there is no Church School in the village, the need of a Parish Room has been the more felt for the purpose of holding the usual meetings in connection with the Church, and for other uses which from time to time may suggest themselves.

With a view to increasing the funds and bringing it up to such an amount as to warrant building operations being commenced, a two-days' bazaar was opened in the Board Schools, Woodlesford, on Wednesday. The 'Daffodil' bazaar was the term by which the gathering was extensively advertised, and this pretty and showy spring flower was to be seen on the programmes, at the approach to the schools, in the decorations of the rooms, on the stalls, and in almost every detail connected with the undertaking.

There was a large and fashionable gathering at the opening ceremony, which took place at two o'clock. Besides the Lord Bishop of Ripon, who had kindly consented to open the proceedings, there were present J. Selwin Calverley, Esq., who was to open the bazaar on the second day, Mrs. Calverley and party, Rev. A. J. and Mrs. Irvin, Rev. N. Bergheim (Swillington), Rev. W. B. and Mrs. Pierson (Rothwell), Rev. E. H. and Miss Dykes (Oulton), Rev. R. Garrad (Oulton), Rev. E. B and Mrs. Smith (Kippax), Mr. and Mrs. White (Roundhay), Mrs. and Miss Lowther (Swillington), Mr. and Mrs. Farrer (Oulton), Dr. and Mrs. Buck (Rothwell), Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hoyle (Oulton), etc., etc.

The Rev. A. J. Irvin, after the singing of the national anthem (it being the Queen's birthday), explained the object of the bazaar, and spoke of various phases of church work in the village. They did not spend all their money on or amongst themselves, however, but sent some away to forward the missionary cause and to some of the diocesan societies. On this occasion they were making a great local effort for a local object, and he trusted those present would freely and heartily respond.

The Lord Bishop of Ripon, in addressing the assembly, said it gave him great pleasure to be present that day. Two or three reasons contributed to that pleasure; one was that they were undertaking a work that would be of great and practical advantage—the provision of a parish room for the needs of the district. Such was necessary to the parish machinery. It would be an assembly parade and drill ground for the parish workers; a centre for social intercourse and recreation, a place where the young life of the parish could be taught, and where local talent could be developed. Another reason why he was pleased to be present was because it was the Queen's birthday. (Applause) This event, he thought, must have been prominent in Mr. Irvin's mind, when he mentioned the date. They all rejoiced in the Queen's 80th birthday, and wished her still longer life and greater prosperity. In opening the bazaar on that day they were drawing together two great thoughts, the one the national life, and the other that which preserved it, local life, local public spirit, local enthusiasm, and local good feeling, because they knew that where these were to be found in the family, and in the parish, the broad Empire over which the Queen reigns was strengthened by such ties and bonds. His third reason was because it was a wet day, and he appreciated their patriotism. He often thought that a person opening a bazaar should not make a long speech, and it was not his intention to stand long between the audience and the saleswomen. The object of the promoters was to get money, and this reminded him of a lad who had swallowed a sixpence, and the mother, rather than send for the doctor sent for the parson, as she said that if the lad had any money about him the parson was sure to draw it out. (Laughter.) He had pleasure in declaring the bazaar open, and wishing it all the success Mr. Irvin and the workers desired, contributing £2 towards it

The Rev. W. B. Pierson, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Bishop for his services, said that when the Queen was born, there was but one church in the ancient parish, and that was at Rothwell. Nine or ten years afterwards, Oulton church was consecrated, and three years afterwards Lofthouse. In 1847 Middleton church was built, and in 1870 Woodlesford. Nor did this include all, for Middleton had increased her influence, and had recently had a church built at Stourton, so that during the present century five new churches had been erected in the ancient parish. In Rothwell, Lofthouse, and Middleton, they had Church Day Schools, provided in order that the children might be given a sound education based on the doctrines of the Church of England. These schools, too, were convenient places of meeting, and centres from which many branches of the church's work was carried on. This village—Woodlesford—had no such centre, and it was to help to provide such a centre that they were met together. He wished the undertaking every success, and had pleasure in proposing the resolution.

Mr. Hampshire, the energetic secretary of the bazaar movement, briefly seconded the motion, which was carried with hearty applause.

The stalls, conveniently arranged around the room, were as follows:—

Stall No. 1—Given and presided over by Mrs. Calverley, Oulton Hall.

Stall No. 2—Given and presided over by Mrs. Lowther, Swillington House.

Stall No. 3—Given and presided over by Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Roberts.

Stall No. 4—Given and presided over by Mrs Irvin, Mrs. Farrant, Mrs. Hampshire, Mrs, Cheswright, and Miss Castle.

Stall No. 5—Church Workers' Stall. Presided over by Mrs. Inman, Mrs. Lockwood, and Miss Thompson.

Stall No. 6—Sunday School Stall—Presided over by Mrs. Craven and Miss Booth.

Stall No. 7—Girls' Friendly Society Stall—Presided over by Mrs. Barker.

Stall No. 8—Flower Stall—Given and presided over by Miss Berry.

Bran Tub given and presided over by Miss Kathleen Roberts.

Stall No. 9—Refreshment Stall—Presided over by Mrs. Parkin, Mrs. Hewitt, and Mrs. Cleaver.

Stall No. 10—Advertisement Stall—Under the management of Mr. Parkin

In the way of entertainments there were exhibitions of wireless telegraphy, and Rontgen rays, demonstrated and explained by Mr. E. Dixon, of Leeds; the phonograph was exhibited by Messrs. G. A. Campbell and H. Farrant, and drawing room entertainments at intervals by Mr. Gerald P[illegible] the well-known drawing room entertainer.

The bazaar was auspiciously re-opened yesterday by J. Selwin Calverley, Esq., Oulton Hall, where all the attractions were again in full swing. Mr. and Mrs. Calverley generously expended money in purchasing at the various stalls, and the total proceeds of the two days' effort amounted to £178 10s. 0d. This is even more than was anticipated, notwithstanding the bad weather.

STOURTON WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

On Sunday last services in connection with the above were conducted by Mr. Wm. Stephenson, of Rothwell. There were crowded congregations all day and the scholars sang the special hymns under the conductorship of Mr. T. W. Crossland, and accompanied by an orchestral band under the leadership of Mr. J. Howarth. In the afternoon Mr. Stephenson gave an interesting address on "Heroes of the past."

On Monday the annual treat was held, but was greatly interfered with by the heavy rain.

STOURTON CHURCH SCHOOL TREAT.

The St. Andrew's School Festival was held on Monday afternoon; the scholars who turned out to sing in the open air had to take shelter in the Board School, where tea was served later in the afternoon to the scholars and friends. Mr. Abraham Smith conducted. Instead of the usual out-door games the night was spent in in-door games in the schools.

STACK OF HAY FIRED BY LIGHTING.

LEEDS FIRE BRIGADE ENGINE IN A PLOUGHED FIELD.

On Tuesday afternoon a large stack of hay 55 yards long and six wide, containing about 100 tons of hay, on the Old Hall Farm, Great Preston, Leeds, occupied by Mrs. Mary Warley, was struck by lightning and set on fire. The Corporation Fire Brigade was summoned by telegram, and proceeded to the place with the one horse tender and the steamer, to which five horses were attached. They found that one end of the stack was in flames, and soon got to work, a large supply of water being obtained from a beck 300 yards away.

After two hours' work the Brigade extinguished the fire, and saved about two-thirds of the contents of the stack. The damage has not yet been estimated, but the stack was insured for £,1000.

The members of the Fire Brigade had a lively experience in leaving the fire, the engine becoming embedded in a ploughed field. Some of the heavy farm horses were attached to it, but it was only after several chains had been spent in the operations that it was extricated.

A MOST DELICIOUS LEMONADE.

Eiffel Tower Lemonade is made from the finest lemons, and the great advantage is that it is partly manufactured in Italy in the midst of the lemon orchards. The lemons are taken direct from the trees to the factory to commence their transformation into Eiffel Tower Lemonade. A 4½d bottle of Eiffel Tower Lemonade makes 2 gallons of delicious Lemonade. If you cannot get it from your Grocer, send 4½d. to G. Foster Clark & Co., 3650, Eiffel Tower Factory, Maidstone, for a bottle.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

On Sunday last, the above services were continued, when the Rev. J. A. Alderson, the resident minister, occupied the pulpit all day. There were large congregations, and special singing and recitations by the scholars. On Whit-Monday the school treat was held, but was seriously interfered with by the rain, as also was the trip to Pontefract Park the day following.

EPPS'S COCOA ESSENCE.—A THIN COCOA.—The choicest roasted nibs of the natural Cocoa, on being subjected to powerful hydraulic pressure, give forth their excess of oil, leaving for use a finely flavoured powder—a product, which, when prepared with boiling water, has the consistence of tea, of which it is now with many, beneficially taking the place. Its active principle being a gentle nerve stimulant supplies the needed energy without unduly exciting the system. Sold only in labelled tins. If unable to obtain it of your tradesman, a tin will be sent post free for 9 stamps.—James Epps and Co., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London.

ROTHWELL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the above Board was held on Friday last, at Stourton; present, Messrs. A. Batty (chairman), T. Park, Elstob, J. Butterick, W. Lunn, B. Richardson, Rev. J. A. Alderson, and the clerk (Mr Marshall) and the attendance officer (Mr. Denton).

TEACHERS.

The minutes of the Management Committees shewed that the salaries of Miss Stead and Miss Kirkby had been increased to £45 and £40 respectively; also that a grant had been made to the Caretakers for extra work entailed by the Continuation Classes, Mr. [illegible]ay receiving £2, and Mr. Leathley 30s.

At Stourton, the Board has lost the services of a valuable teacher in the Infants' School (Miss Lee) who resigned her post in order to get married, and enter on a joint situation which she and her husband have secured. The resolution accepting her resignation, also indicated the Board's regret and appreciation. Miss Batty, in accordance with arrangements made some time ago, will be transferred from Rothwell to Stourton, after the holidays. A letter was also read from Mr. Ducker resigning his appointment at Stourton, which was agreed to.

The Clerk reported that Miss Macmillan, (member of the Bradford School Board) delivered a most instructive lecture on May 10th., on "Education, and the Nervous System," and there was a very fair attendance.

According to arrangements, two candidates for the situation of Assistant Master at Stourton, had interviews with the Board, and it was resolved that Mr. J. Newton, formerly of Beeford, near Hull, be appointed on and from June 19th., at a salary of £80 per annum.

Mr. Gribben, of Ilkley, received permission to give a short lesson in each school, illustrating how the blind are taught reading, arithmetic, etc., and also giving examples of the manual instruction.

TENDERS.

It was unanimously agreed that the tender of Messrs. A. & G. Barker for painting, colouring, etc., required at Rothwell School, be accepted, the interior of four rooms being done for £7 10s 0d, and the entire exterior of the premises for £12 10s.

The Clerk was authorised to advertise for tenders for the works necessary in the erection of the new Infants' School, and alteration of Mixed School, in the daily and local weekly papers.

Sundry repairs were also ordered to be done, and a short list of wants to be supplied.

FINANCIAL.

On the motion of the Rev. J. A. Alderson and Mr. Butterick, the following cheques were ordered to be signed, in payment of accounts and salaries.

	£	s.	d.
Public Works Loan Board ..	24	5	4
Rothwell Haigh Teachers salaries	69	14	8
Rothwell Teachers salaries ..	77	9	10
Stephen York, ...	2	5	0
C. A. Rickard	1	16	9
Rothwell Gas Company ..	6	19	4
J. & J, Charlesworth.. ...	8	3	10
Deputation Expenses	7	7	0
H. Lockwood	27	10	0

An artistic and more pretentious looking form of cheque had been prepared and supplied by the London and Midland Bank, which is now used for the first time.

The balance at present in the bank is only £15, but a payment is past due from the Overseers, and some £96 will be to hand on the 1st. June.

MISCELLANEOUS.

There being a probable case for the Industrial School, the Clerk was asked to look into the matter for next meeting.

Mr. Lunn gave notice that at next meeting he will move that the Board take steps for raising the standard of exemption from school attendance, from the fifth standard, as at present, to the sixth.

The Chairman said that as Mr. Lunn and he had only that evening returned from London, they would be glad to postpone their report of the Association's meeting to a later day.

It was agreed that a special meeting of the Board be held at Rothwell on Friday, June 2nd., when the tenders for the new buildings will be considered.

SUDDEN DEATH AT WOODLESFORD

At Woodlesford, yesterday afternoon, an old woman, named Alzia Thompson, aged 72, wife of William Thompson, a retired labourer, died suddenly while carrying some clothes to hang on the line. She had lately suffered from bronchitis.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending May 20th, 1899, is £323; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £263, thus showing increase of £60. For the 20 weeks ending May 20th, the return is £6797, against £4767 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £2030

COMING EVENTS.

TO MORROW'S CRICKET MATCHES.

At Middleton—Rothwell v Middleton Park

ROTHWELL FIRST ELEVEN—Dr. Buck (capt), Joe Walker, Rev F G Witt, H Morgan, W E Richardson, J W Chadwick, T Dobson, jun., H Greenwood, Hy Dacre, W Bedford, T Bridges,; Reserve, H Wormald

At Rothwell—Rothwell 2nd v Middleton 2nd.

ROTHWELL SECOND ELEVEN—Wm Fox (capt), Jas Lunn, H Wormald, R N Lunn, W Spurr, H Brown, J W Haigh, Joe Fox, G Turner, J E Brown, J Smith; Reserves, R Whitehead, J Lunn.

WEDNESDAY.

At Featherstone—Rothwell Tradesmen v Featherstone

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN'S ELEVEN—M Fowler (capt), Dr Buck, E Milner, J Stead, J Walker, Dr James, H Wormald, G Lunn, A Batty, W Inman, H Forrest.

OLD FALSE TEETH BOUGHT.

Many ladies and gentlemen have by them old or disused false teeth, which might as well be turned into money. Messrs. R. D. & J. B. Fraser, of Princes Street, Ipswich, (established since 1833), buy old false teeth. If you send your teeth to them they will remit you by return post the utmost value; or, if preferred, they will make you the best offer, and hold the teeth over for your reply. If reference necessary, apply to Messrs Bacon & Co., Bankers, Ipswich.

HEARD IN THE STREETS.

CONTRIBUTED.

THAT the weather this *Wetsuntide* is the most wretched we have had for years

THAT the best place for comfort and pleasure has been inside.

THAT the billiard room was well patronised from early morning till late at night,

THAT it was a pity more inside attractions were not provided, in the Mechanics', or the various school-rooms.

THAT the theatre scored well each evening.

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THAT the 'Billiard-playing' correspondence has been all the talk, and poor 'Noncon' has got it hot.

THAT 'Non-con' will 'bloss up' after all, and shew fight, nothwithstanding his nine opponents.

THAT Mr. Alderson has acted wisely in holding back.

THAT Mr. Shurmer's letter is hardly what people expected, and does not exactly fit the man.

THAT 'A Constant Reader' places the matter fairly and dispassionately before the public, but is rather tame as compared with the feeling on the subject.

THAT 'Billy Yarde's' letter is the funniest and Mr. Martin's the hottest of the lot, and provided good reading for leisure moments.

THAT there's plenty of room for more on both sides.

THAT it would be well if both sides kept closer to the question of "Religion and Amusements," or "What recreation may a Christian engage in?"

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THAT the Clerk to the School Board, being taken ill, could not attend the Association's meeting in London, and invited Mr. Lunn to take his place.

THAT Mr. Lunn did *not* go to see the Queen at Kensington.

THAT he and Mr. Batty were very much pleased with their trip.

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THAT somebody at the Council Offices took care to maintain the loyal character of Rothwell, on Empire Day, and there were several private citizens who also displayed bunting.

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THAT it is high time the Council did something to prevent water standing between Mr. George Newton's and Mr. T. Wormald's (Wood Lane), as children walk in it and catch cold.

THE HANDLE OF THE HATCHET.

Near me on the table as I write, on the top of a pile of old books, lies a hatchet that looks to be even older than the books. I notice how smooth and worn the handle is, especially at the place where it has been so often gripped by people in hammering and chopping. The edge is dull now, and the back is flattened and bruised, showing what a lot of effective work it has done in its time—all because it is made of good stuff, both blade and handle. Nobody ever makes the mistake of ever trying to use a hatchet except in one way—taking it by the handle.

What of that, then? you ask me, and why all this jabber about a rusty old hatchet on the top of a pile of rusty old books. I'll tell you in the twinkling of a marlinspike. The text is, "The importance of taking hold of Things by the Right End," and the sermon thereon shall be plain and short, as all the best sermons are.

Now Mrs. Mary Giggens is a lady who lives at West Tilbury, near the mill, in Essex; and she is well and favourably known in the district. Among the many who know her is Mr. Hart, the postmaster at West Tilbury, and he corroborates every word she says about what happened.

Her own story, put in few words, is this:—For a long time, many years in fact, she had been under the harrow with bad health. Her trouble was the familiar (and abominable) complaint, indigestion. Every time she ventured to eat more than the merest morsel she suffered with pain at the chest and stomach. If you don't know what a perfect purgatory of a life this is it is because you have never made the acquaintance of that disorder.

"However," says Mrs. Giggens in her cheerful way of speaking, "I got on fairly well up to the autumn of 1891, when another complaint took hold of me. I mean rheumatism, which, if anything, was worse than the indigestion. It started in my right arm and shoulder and gave me such pain as I had no idea of before. People with rheumatism sometimes call themselves martyrs. and I don't think the word is a bit too strong, for the way this complaint can torment one is something awful. My joints got to be hot and swollen all round, and hurt me so I hardly had any rest with them day or night.

"By and by, what with the indigestion and the rheumatism, I got so weak I could neither walk nor do a hand's turn for myself. I couldn't even brush my own hair, nor lift anything. The power seemed all gone out of my right arm.

"I was like this for about three years; and long, worrying years they were. If you should ask me to describe what I went through I should tell you it was quite impossible. Every mouthful of food I took gave me pain at the chest and between the shoulders; and because of this I ate as little as I could; and so got weaker and more miserable continually. I consulted doctors and took medicines, and rubbed on ointments and liniments, etc., but they eased me only a moment as you may say, but then I would be bad as ever.

In February it was (of 1895) I first read about Mother Seigel's Syrup as a great and wonderful cure for indigestion, and I made up my mind to try it for that, thinking I might bear the rheumatism better if I could get rid of the indigestion. So I went to the International Tea Stores at Gravesend and bought a bottle of the Syrup.

"In a few days I was a deal better. There was less pain at the stomach, chest and shoulders, and besides I felt stronger. On this I kept taking the Syrup, and in a little while, to my great surprise and delight, *all the rheumatic pains that had troubled me so long disappeared, and I was a new creature.* Presently I was *strong as ever in my life,* and since then I have had no return of either the rheumatism or the indigestion.

"What I want particularly to mention, and call attention to, is that when I began taking Mother Seigel's Syrup for the indigestion I had no idea of its doing me any good for the rheumatism. Yet I feel deeply thankful all the same, and perhaps you will kindly explain the reason why the medicine cured *both* complaints, as others besides me might like to know. You may print my letter if you wish for the good of other sufferers."—(Signed) MARY GIGGENS, West Tilbury, February 2, 1899.

As to the explanation, *that* we will give blithely enough as we have done many a time before. Indigestion (because of the poisons it fills the blood with) is the *cause* of rheumatism. Hence, when Mother Seigel's Syrup had cured the lady's stomach trouble the rheumatism had to go away with it. Do you see? Kill a bad *cause* and you kill a bad effect.

Why, la! me, it was like taking that old hatchet by the handle instead of by the blade.

But hatchets are easier to understand than diseases, aren't they?

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady who has been cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by means of Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent £1,000 to his Institute, in order that those deaf people who have not the means to procure the Ear Drums may have them free of charge. Apply by letter to Branch A. K. U. of the Nicholson Aural Institute, Ealing Dean London, W.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We would particularly urge our friends to send in their letters and news, as early as possible, as we cannot accept contributions later than Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, except in the case of matters occurring on Wednesday or Thursday, which should be forwarded within a short period after. Advertisements may be sent as late as Friday morning.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.

RELIGION AND AMUSEMENTS.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Sir,

Mr. Alderson—in your last issue—says he is waiting for the disclosure of my name before replying to what he calls my "ungenerous and ungentlemanly attack" upon himself. Let me clear the ground. Mr. Alderson knew that his conduct as a Christian minister, in inordinately occupying his time playing billiards in a semi public room, had been widely condemned. In justification of such conduct, Mr. Alderson reads a paper before "a good attendance of young people of both sexes of a branch of the Christian Endeavour Society connected with the Rothwell Primitive Methodist Church." He invites a press representative to be present, and seeks to have the paper published broadcast. In the essay, he, a Christian teacher says, that professing Christians may spend their time playing billiards under certain conditions if they can afford to do so, himself setting the example. Further, as a Christian teacher he boastfully and audaciously avows he can smoke cigars to the glory of God. Now, my contention is that in both these matters, Mr. Alderson is degrading his sacred office in the eyes of the church and the community, and thereby stands condemned; is lowering the tone of Christian discipleship and spiritual life, and is setting a disastrous example especially to the young people of the church. That is the position I assumed in my letter, and I do not recede from it one iota—even at the risk of again being deemed "ungenerous and ungentlemanly." I am not ashamed to confess that I have learned—I hope in all humility and love—to "speak the word of truth with boldness." I utterly disclaim any personal feeling, my contention is one of principle not person. I am only an insignificant private soldier, fighting, however, in one of the regiments of the Great Master's army, and it is immaterial to the cause what *name* I bear. My name in this connection is still "Nonconformist," not so much however, in the sense of church association, as of obedience to the command enjoined in the words "and be not conformed (in fashion) to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." In with-holding his reply to my letter, Mr. Alderson has given me the opportunity to make a few supplementary remarks. His paper was read to a number of Christian Endeavourers. Will he dare to say that the "Boston Pledge" allows members to play billiards and to smoke? He dare not, and hence in his advocacy and indulgence of such amusement and such vicious luxury, he is faithless to the pledge and is mis-leading the members. A few words *re* smoking. When a candidate for the ministry Mr. Alderson was no doubt asked by the presiding minister, "Do you take intoxicating liquors or smoke tobacco"? Did he say "yes" or "no"? I take it, had he vauntingly replied "I can smoke two cigars to the glory of God," he would not to-day be in the ministerial ranks of the church. It is no justification of his present ostentatious indulgence of this unnecessary and sinful luxury, to say that other ministers smoke with impunity. There are unhappily men in the ministry to day who are there under false pretences. As candidates for the sacred office they professed themselves to be free from the proscribed indulgence of intoxicants and tobacco, and then, having passed beyond the stages of official supervision, they resume or commence the practice of what would have barred their entrance into the sheep-fold. Are not such men traitors—recreant to all the solemn vows of Christian discipleship? At the anniversary of the Primitive Methodist Missionary Society held in London a few days since, it is reported that the Chairman, Councillor W. Glass, who is vice-president of the Conference, fell foul of smokers in scathing terms. He had noticed, he said, at the railway station a map which was all black. At first he thought it was a map of Darkest Africa, but on closer inspection he discovered that it was a map of England, and over it were the words, 'Smoked all over the country.' This led to a comparison of the one and a quarter millions spent yearly in missions with the seventeen millions spent on tobacco, which all ended in smoke, and the expression of a hope that some of this money might go in the direction of missionary enterprise. Think of it! Seventeen millions of money annually worse than wasted in this enlightened country! Seventeen millions! and the churches are struggling with their beneficent quarter-million, half-million, and million guinea schemes. And yet Mr. Alderson says, he can smoke "to the glory of God." Who is on the right side, Councillor Glass, vice-president of the Primitive Methodist Conference, or the Rev. J Arthur Alderson? As I watched that large number of interesting lads parading on Monday at the Sunday School Anniversary, the thought flashed across my mind, at what age would Mr. Alderson counsel these boys to follow his pernicious example, and commence the practice of the sinful obnoxious luxury he so boastingly glories in? What a fearful moral responsibility! Yes, Mr. Alderson can sing a comic song; can allow "The Manse" (connexional property) to be used for the display of a box plan and the sale of tickets for a theatrical performance; can play in billiard tournaments; can smoke a short pipe just like 'the man in the street,' but, are these ideal ministerial accomplishments? Surely not! With many others—and these are my last words—I shall be devoutly thankful if Mr. Alderson will confess that in these matters, so vitally affecting his spiritual influence, he has been, to say the least, indiscreet. He has gifts, a catholic generous spirit, a large capacity for good and useful work, and if he will now take a manly, courageous, self-denying stand, and wholly consecrate his talents of time, money and ability to the Master's service, he will become more and more influential in the church and the community. "We who are of the earth, need not be earthy, God made our nature like His own—divine, nothing but selfishness can be unworthy of His pure image meant through us to shine; The death of deaths, it is ourselves to smother in our own pleasures His dishonoured gift, and life—eternal life—to love each other our souls with Christ in sacrifice to lift."

Yours etc.,
NONCONFORMIST.

P.S.—For the reason above mentioned I have not the slightest intention of noticing the remarks of your numerous correspondents, only to say how pained I was to read the irreverent, flippant, illogical contribution over the name "J Shurmer"; and to tell "H. J. Martin" that I have supported the Mechanics' Institute for years.

Sir,

Will you please allow the insertion of the following in your next issue of the *Times*. It will appear from a letter of one of your correspondents, who signs himself a 'Wesleyan,' that the Carlton Methodists are accused of speaking strongly against certain practices, on the part of religious persons, thereby including indiscriminately all, which is a flagrant statement to make about all persons connected with Methodism, in the village. I should like to say, Mr. Editor, that it would be more to the credit of the said correspondent to refrain from making such a general charge in future, but if religious conviction has been voiced disinterestedly, and conscientiously, as necessity demands, is one wrong when thus actuated? I also ask would it not have been better to have left the matter of both chapels, not half-filling one, which distinctly bespeaks exaggeration. Will the correspondent thus get his neighbours to have a true conception of himself; when people go out in the rain, they subject themselves to the storm. If the writer was looking through the dimmed glasses he mentioned, when he recognised or became cognisant of something defective, attributable to Carlton Methodists, then it is quite easy to understand any discrepancy being the out-come of such observations, but if he has not used these dulled glasses, then he must be wonderfully condescending, of course, a person of much magnitude and importance (think of *it*) deigning to notice such an unimportant lot of people. But I suppose he was somewhat irresistibly inflated by the sublimity of his own idealism, hence unrestraint of individualism, and forfeiture or lack of precision. If any further statements are made respecting persons of this district the person or persons will probably be called upon for elucidation.

NE PLUS ULTRA.

Sir,

Reading in the *Rothwell Times* lately, I found to my astonishment a paper given on "Religion, or should Christians play billiards?" I was much astonished when I read it, to think that a minister of the gospel would come out to say words which he did say—he can play a game of billiards to the Glory of God. I say, as others might say, 'shame' may God in his mercy forgive him.' It is in our days now, 'What would Jesus do, would he play billiards or smoke his cigar?' I say, 'No'; that would be a great mistake to think about; he spake as one having authority, always trying to build up his Father's kingdom, and bringing them into his fold and family. I am sorry for the Rev. gentleman getting even worldly people against him, as well as his own little flock. May he see the error of his ways, and deny himself of the things which will cause others to stumble. But it seems to me, at this day we follow man more than God. O that we may search the scriptures for ourselves, and not follow the ways of man. Just take a few passages of scriptures. We will take the 15th chapter of John the Evangelist, 10th verse; he says "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love, even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." Take Paul, for instance, when he is speaking to the Church at Rome, (Romans 12th chapter, 1st verse), "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Have we not a good example set before us. I say, yes; one that will stand when all others fail. Here we have a man that could deny himself; he says in his words, that which causeth thy brother offence, give it up. If even Mr. Alderson thought it right to play billiards, he would give it up even for his brother's sake. There is in the Wesleyan Methodist mission book a hymn which runs thus—

"They who fain would serve Thee best,
Are conscious most of wrong within."

Brethren, is that not true, those of you who have been travelling on the heavenly journey for the term of fifty years, and those who have just nicely made a start, I say yes. No billiard playing and tobacco smoking. Never mind neither Spurgeon nor Alderson, about their rubbish. paying money when they loose at games, and blow smoke in the air, that which makes people sick. God wishes for no people to be made poorly, on weeds which have to be taxed. If Christ had to come there would be some whipping going on in his Churches. Let us forget self, and think more of seeing the nation saved from sin and wickedness. Take the Epistle of St. John, ch. 2, v. 15, "Love not the world, nor the things that are in the world; if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Friend, where do those two items come in here. I think it knocks them both in the head, as we call it. May God, in His mercy, forgive all that has been said and done in the past, and may our churches be encouraged to go on in the Lord's work; and may we give up anything which is hindrance to God's cause; and it will be well said, "Come up hither, ye good and faithful servants, enter into the joy of your Lord." May it be so. Amen.

Yours truly,
JOHN SPEAK.

Carlton, near Wakefield.

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Sir,

Will you permit me space to say that news has reached me to the effect that the Rev. J. A. Alderson has stated to more than one person that I am the writer of the letter on "Religion and amusement," and published in your issue of the 12th. May, and signed by 'Non-conformist.' I beg to say that this is not correct, and in fairness to me, I ask Mr. Alderson for his explanation, as I have no knowledge whatever who is the writer of that or any other letter concerning him and his opinions.

Yours truly,
H. KINDER.

P.S.—I would advise him to know before making statements in future.

Dear Sir,

In connection with the heated controversy now going on in your valuable medium *re* the Rev. J. A. Alderson's attitude towards billiard playing, I should like to ask if it is true that the Rev. gentleman in question, when playing the game, pays for his own, or allows the paying party to be decided by chance. I have heard it said that Mr. Alderson plays, or did play, for the looser to pay; if this is so, I think it a wrong example for a minister of the gospel to show; (see definition of gambling in yesterday's Mercury by the Leeds Stipendary); if it is not so, then the misunderstanding should be removed.

Yours truly,
FAIRATIONS.

CRICKET.

Will the Secretaries of Cricket Clubs kindly forward List of Fixtures, Reports of Matches (both first and second elevens), and List of players chosen as early as possible.

OULTON DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Results up to and including May 13th.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	D'wn.	Pts
Middleton Park..	3	1	0	2	4
Oulton	4	2	0	2	6
Rothwell........	4	1	1	2	4
Whitwood	4	1	1	2	4
Altofts W Riding	3	0	1	2	2
Carlton	4	1	1	2	4
Lofthouse	3	0	1	2	2
Methley	3	0	1	2	2

HENRY HODSON, Woodlesford, Sec.

ROTHWELL v. CARLTON.

Played at Rothwell on Saturday last,

Rothwell.

T Dobson, c T Ward b Holroyd....	5
H Dacre, c E Ward b Holroyd	9
J Walker, bowled J Speak........	15
H Morgan, c H Rinder b S Ely......	0
Rev. G F Witt, c J Brown b S Ely	0
W E Richardson, b W Holroyd....	0
J W Chadwick, c A Thrackray b S Ely	1
H Wormald, b H Rinder..........	5
Dr Buck, b H Rinder.............	0
H Greenwood, not out...........	7
Ht. Brown, bowled J Speak.......	0
Extras	3
Total	45

Carlton

A Thackray, b Morgan	13
J Brown, c Rev. G F Witt b Morgan	0
J Speak, c Greenwood b J W Chadwick	6
T Ward, c Rev. G F Witt b Chadwick	4
W Speak, st Dacre b J W Chadwick	0
T Brown, c and b J W Chadwick..	1
S Ely, b H Morgan...............	13
J Walker, not out................	5
E Ward, c H Brown b Walker......	0
H Rinder, not out................	1
Extras	3
Total for 8 wkts	46

Bowling Analysis—Carlton:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
E Ward	8	3	19	0	0.19
W Holroyd	8	3	10	3	3.1
S Ely	8	5	6	3	2.0
H Rinder	3	1	6	2	30
J Speake........	2.3	2	1	2	

Bowling Analysis—Rothwell:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
H Morgan	12.3	4	13	3	4.1
J W Chadwick ..	10	2	17	4	4.1
Joe Walker	4	0	8	1	8.
Rev G F Witt....	2	0	5	0	

OULTON v WHITWOOD.

Played at Oulton on Saturday last,

Whitwood.

F Proctor, b E A Higgins	9
J Brier, c Killingbeck b Greenwood	1
J Dawson, c Greenwood b E Higgins	12
J Tolson, b E A Higgins..........	20
E Plimmer, b E A Higgins	0
C Overton, c Boothroyd b E Higgins	6
A Ward, c Mitchell b E A Higgins	17
H Ripley, c Briggs b Killingbeck..	0
F Hutchinson, not out...........	4
C Baker run out	5
B Shaw, b Greenwood	0
Extras	3
Total..........................	77

Oulton.

E A Higgins, b Ripley	32
H Mitchell, b Overton	4
J Jeffrey, c Proctor b Ward.....	20
L E Greenwood, b Ripley........	0
W Inman, c and b Ripley........	0
W Smith, c Hutchinson b Ripley ...	9
F Killingbeck, b Ward	0
E Boothroyd, run out	6
O. Inman, not out..............	3
H W Higgins, not out...........	0
Extra	4
Total for 8 wkts	78

Bowling Analysis—Oulton:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
L E Greenwood..	10	3	23	2	11.1
E A Higgins....	19	6	29	6	4.5
H W Higgins....	5	1	15	0	.15
F Killingbeck ..	5	2	7	1	7.

Bowling Analysis—Whitwood:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
C Baker	11.2	0	28	0	28.
C Overton	6	0	22	1	22.
A Ward	5	0	16	2	8.
H Ripley.......	7	3	8	4	2.

ROTHWELL 2nd v CARLTON 2nd —Played at Carlton on Saturday last. Scores:—Carlton—A Ward 3, W Blackburn 0, W Bell 0, C Ward 4, T Brown 2, J Slimmons 2, J Turner 0, G Brown 5, T Oliver 2, J Charlesworth 0, H Ward 0, total 18. Rothwell—T Bridges 5, Dr. Haigh 0, J Fox 0, W Bedford 1, J Lunn 1, W Spurr 3, W Fox 8, J Smith 0, J Lunn 0, A Newton not out 1, total for 9 wkts 19.

WOODLESFORD v KNOTTINGLEY—Played at Woodlesford on Saturday last. Scores—Woodlesford J R Hewitt 3, G G Hewitt 0, Audsley 3, Coltin 29, Britton 0, Boddy 17, Johnson 14, Hoult 6, Bates 3, Wilkinson not out 2, Matthews 1, extras 3, total 81. Knottingley—J W Poulson 8, Fearn 6, France 5, Field 0, Reynolds 0, Pearson 6, Worfolk 14, Day 0, Bellbrough not out 10, Spink 0, J L Poulson 1, extras 11 total 61.

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OULTON v HEADINGLEY.

Played at Oulton on Whit-Monday.

Headingley.

T E Milford, not out	20
F Whincup, b Briggs	16
A Quarton not out	5
Total for 1 wkt	41

Rain stopped play.

LOFTHOUSE v LINTHWAITE HALL.

Played at Lofthouse on Tuesday last.

Lofthouse.

T Parkin, c E Sugden b Fletcher..	29
J R Marshall, c Umandby b Sugden	0
J Horner, b Sugden..............	9
P Longley, c Armitage b Kennedy	16
J Noble, b Kennedy..............	2
W Parker, c Sykes b Fletcher......	1
S B Brook, c Cotton b Kennedy..	11
A Scott, b Fletcher	0
J Sykes, b Fletcher	4
W Atkinson, b Fletcher..........	0
J B Aveyard, not out	0
Extras...	3
Total	75

Rain stopped play.

LOFTHOUSE v UPPER BATLEY.

Played at Lofthouse on Monday last

Lofthouse.

T Parkin, c Farmery b Talbot.....	33
J Noble, c H Hall b Taylor.......	6
E Atkinson, b Woffinden	1
T Longley, b Woffinden.........	15
S B Brook, lbw b Brook..........	5
J R Marshall, not out	0
J Horner, not out..............	2
Extras........................	5
Total for 5 wkts......	67

Rain stopped play.

THAT SINKING FEELING.

A Birmingham chemist is looking for a boy about twelve years old, who came into his shop one day last week, and after getting the chemist's advice disappeared, and has not been seen since, at least by him.

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The boy showed his tongue. The chemist felt his pulse, sounded his chest, worked a stethoscope on him, listened to his heartbeats, and then told him what was the matter with him and what to take for it.

"Maybe my business has got something to do with it, sir?" suggested the boy as the chemist stepped into the adjoining room to get a vial.

"Hardly that I think," cheerily sang out the chemist from the other room. "What is your business?"

"Lift-boy at an hotel," responded the lad.

And before the chemist could get to him he had disappeared.

NO "COPY" THIS TIME.

A reporter went to see the young lady he is keeping company with one Sunday evening. She met him with a colourless face.

"I have had such a scare! Ma was coming downstairs, and she caught her foot in the carpet and went the whole length——"

"Hold on!" shouted the excited youth, diving nervously into his hip-pocket for his notebook while he whipped out a pencil from another recess. "Now go on! go on, Matilda! go on, but be calm! For Heaven's sake, be calm! Kill her?"

"Gracious no!"

"Break her back? Crush her skull? Be calm, be calm! For the sake of science, be calm!"

"Why, Tom," gasped the girl, frightened by his impetuosity, "it wasn't serious. It was——"

"Wasn't serious?" he gasped. "Do you mean to say she didn't break anything after all that fuss?"

"Why, certainly not. She never hurt herself a bit."

"Well," he exclaimed with an expression of disgust on his face, as he sadly restored the book and pencil to their places, "that's all women know about business."

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

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DEATHS.

SMITH—May 30th, aged 25 years, Annie, daughter of John and Mary Ann Smith, Windmill Yard, Rothwell Haigh.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley

Friday, June 2, 1899.

IN opening our columns to the discussion of the question of "Should a Christian play billiards," or "The relation of religion to amusements," we hoped that the correspondence would prove beneficial as well as interesting. We still think a manly, common sense argument on the subject would be well worthy the pens of our best writers. Unfortunately, however, although there have been some well-considered sentences on the *pros* and *cons* of the question, much of the correspondence has partaken of the personal element, and some of our scribes have gone beyond all bounds. In that, perhaps, we are somewhat blameworthy, but the desire that both sides should have fair play has hitherto prevented our stepping in. We find, however, that Mr. Alderson and his friends feel that some of 'Nonconformist's' remarks are likely to do him serious injury; we hasten to counteract this unintentioned effect, by expressing our own regret that we should in the slightest degree have assisted in any such result, knowing, as every one knows, the splendid services he has rendered to his own Church, to the Mechanics' Institute, and to the community at large, as acknowledged by 'Nonconformist' himself. We feel convinced that we voice the feeling of the community generally, as well as of the members of his own church, when we say that if Mr. Alderson has erred at all it has been caused by his natural, earnest, out-spoken manner, a constitutional characteristic of all 'forward' men, from St. Peter, in the early days, down to Dr. Parker during the last month. Zealous men must say strong things, and if there were no 'heralds' to go before, every thing would become very humdrum. We offer no opinion on the subject of discussion, but we claim for every man the right to have his opinion and to act according to his light; and so long as personal imputations are kept out, and the subject of discussion argued upon, we welcome free and open controversy on any point of public interest.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday, at the offices, Hunslet, Dr. Hawkyard (chairman) presiding. The other members present were Mr Fryer (vice-chairman), Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Woodcock, Messrs. Banks, Butterick, Hargreaves, Edwards, Bamforth, Charlesworth, Robb, Dillon, Houghton, with the clerk (Mr. Mee) and assistant clerk (Mr. Ward).

The Chairman, before the business commenced, reminded the members that it was 30 years that day since the Local Government Board issued the order forming the Hunslet Union.

The number of vagrants relieved during the past fortnight was reported as 276, against 345 during the corresponding period last year.

WORKHOUSE VISITING COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the above Committee a letter from Mr. Joseph Boyle with reference to the windows overlooking the Workhouse was considered on a reference from the Board. After inspection, it was proposed by Mr. Fryer that the Guardians be recommended to erect a hoarding in front of the windows complained of; seconded by Mr. Dillon and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. Dillon, that enquiries be made of other Unions as to the salaries paid to charge-nurses and probationers; seconded by Mr. Robb, and carried unanimously.

It was resolved that the master be requested to report at the end of the current quarter, as to the result of the use of the tell tale gas gauge, and the indiscriminate serving of bread during the preceding 6 months.

It was ordered that the clerk obtain tenders for blankets, rugs, and counterpanes required.

The Chairman reported on the visit to the Workhouse during the past fortnight; that they had received a complaint as to the quality of milk, but found it unfounded; and that they were satisfied as to the supply of soda water. It was proposed by Mr. Fryer, that the report be accepted as satisfactory. Also that the report of visitors be taken as the first business after the minutes at each meeting; seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously.

The minutes were confirmed on the motion of Messrs. Dillon and Fryer.

Mr. Stevenson's tender for the supply of blankets, rugs, and counterpanes was accepted.

THE CHILDREN'S HOMES.

The Children's Homes Committee acknowledged with thanks the receipt of parcels of periodicals for use in the Homes from Mrs. Pierson, Rothwell Vicarage, and from Mr. Houghton on behalf of the West Hunslet Liberal Club.

The Clerk was instructed to write again to the Rothwell District Council, asking why the complaint as to scarcity of water in the No. 3 Home, had not been attended to.

The minutes were confirmed.

NEW BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.

In connection with the proposed office alterations the contracts were further considered, and the matter left in the hands of the Clerk for a fortnight, the Committee to be called together in the event of the dispute in the building trade being settled. If not settled in a fortnight's time, the alterations are to be left over until the spring of next year. Before proceeding further with the loan required for the alterations, it was decided that the Clerk apply to the Local Government Board for power to utilise a portion of the money, income from the sale of a plot of land near Hunslet Moor

Subject to a satisfactory letter from the Rothwell District Council, the Guardians agreed to pay three fifths of the cost of constructing new drains for the new workhouse premises.

The minutes were confirmed on the motion of Messrs. Banks and Hargreaves.

THE ROTHWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL'S ACCOUNT.

Acting on instructions given at last meeting, the Clerk had made application to the Local Government Board for an order to pay an out-of-date account, sent in by the Rothwell District Council for fixing a water meter at the Children's Homes.

A letter from the Board had been received stating that they were precluded from issuing such an order as it was more than twelve months since the debt was incurred.

Mr. Hargreaves: Then it will be paid privately.

Mr. Butterick: We were advised by the Clerk at the last Committee meeting that the Local Government Board had not power to pass it.

Mrs. Dickenson asked if the account was not received within twelve months after the debt was contracted.

Mr. Hargreaves said that was so.

The Clerk: But then it could only have been paid under an order by the Local Government Board.

Mr. Butterick said that remarks that had been made round that table with regard to this account, practically amounted to a vote of censure on the Finance Committee. A good many accounts had come before the Committee that were out of date, and not in one single instance had the Committee refused to make application to the Local Government Board for power to pay when they had been asked by the parties to whom the money was due.

The Chairman thought it was the duty of the Committee to make application without being asked to do so.

Mr. Butterick said he would like it to be understood that there was no blame attached to the Finance Committee in this matter.

Mr. Hargreaves said that whatever Committee was to blame it wasn't a proper and straightforward thing to do a shabby trick of this sort. He could understand a man in the street trying to avoid a payment if he could, but not a body of sensible men.

Mr. Banks: You must all admit that the Committee are not to blame; Rothwell were written to about the account, but did not answer.

Mr. Hargreaves said he would like it to be an instruction to the Committee in future that when an account was overdue, application be made at once for power to pay it, and proposed a resolution to this effect.

Mr. Banks: We will deal with the accounts as they come in, but I can't see there is any need for instructions in the matter.

Mr. Butterick took exception to remarks by Mr. Hargreaves to the effect that the Finance Committee had shirked their responsibility in the matter.

Mr. Fryer having seconded the resolution it was carried.

MISCELLANIOUS

Accounts amounting to £246 13s 9d were passed for payment.

The County rate precept had been received and amounted to £169 17s 3d.

Miss Dale was appointed night nurse at the Workhouse Infirmary.

A letter from the assistant clerk asking for an increase of salary was referred to the Finance Committee. A letter was read from the Local Government Board sanctioning the payment to Dr. Stevenson, of Rothwell, of £4 17s 0d vaccination fees for children residing outside the district.

THE NEW MARRIAGE ACT.

FIRST WEDDING AT ROTHWELL.

More than ordinary interest attached to the wedding of Miss Mary Smith and Mr. Geo Pickersgill (both of Rothwell) on Wednesday last, at the Wesleyan Church, this being the first marriage that has been celebrated in the district under the new Act.

It will be known that until this year, all persons married by any other minister or clergyman, except those belonging to the Church of England, have been subjected to the indignity of having present a layman from the Registry Office, and however high and learned the celebrant, or whatever was the station, wealth, or character of the principal parties, such marriage was not legal unless the registrar was there. There have been many most serious and unpardonable blunders, and no end of difficulties, in connection with the unjust and unnecessary disabilities endured by persons daring to belong to other than the Church of England, and several efforts have been made to secure some alteration in the law, which would place all properly authorised persons, of whatever Church, on the same footing. Such a law, although there are many unnecessary quibbles in it, has now been passed as enables ministers of any Church, under certain conditions, to celebrate weddings in any building duly registered for the solemnization of matrimony. The Act, of which R. W. Perks, Esq., M.P. is the author and main supporter, came into force in April of this year, and at the wedding on Wednesday, the officiating minister, the Rev. J Bampton Maltby, completed the service, without the objectionable presence of a registrar.

The certificate respecting the intended marriage is to be obtained from the Superintendent Registrar (at Hunslet) and after the usual notice, is handed to the minister of the place of worship where the marriage is to be celebrated and arrangements made with him.

There were a large number of people interested in the event, not only on account of the parties being well known, but because of this being the first marriage under the act, and everything passed off very smoothly and quickly, almost the only difference being that the contracting parties and their witnesses have to sign two declarations instead of one.

As to the event itself considerable interest has been taken in it by Mr. Newsome, whom the bride has served for many years, and who acted as 'father' in giving her away, besides materially assisting in a more substantial way. The wedding repast was held in the Social Room of the Mechanic's Institute, which is indeed a most suitable place for holding a marriage feast, and very preferable to being crowded into the small rooms of ordinary houses. For a small sum everything in the way of feast and entertainment can be arranged for in these very commodious and cheery premises.

After an excellent 'feed,' and a short interval, the friends re-assembled about six o'clock, and Mr. Newsome proposed the "Health and happiness of the Bride and Bridegroom, and long life to them." He spoke in the highest terms of the bride, who had been in his house and business for 15 years, and respecting whose honesty, fidelity, attention in sickness, economy in the house, and general ability, he could not say too much. He also referred to the fact that this was the first wedding feast that had been held in that room, and regretting that such occasions were too often the excuse for taking too much to drink, commended such an evening as they were having that day in that room. The bride and bridegroom briefly responded.

The bridesmaids were three prettily dressed little girls, Juliet Newsome, Clara S. Ward, and Ettie Smith, to each of whom the bridegroom had made a present of a gold brooch, and hearty wishes were expressed for their welfare, to which each little body replied in a brief appropriate sentence.

Thanks were also tendered to Mrs Ward, Mrs. Newsome, Mrs. Sherburn and others, for their kind assistance, Mr. Cawdell, Mr. Ward and others joining in the speech-making.

The cake was then handed round, and the evening passed in games, and other pleasures.

The happy pair are the recipients of a number of useful and handsome presents.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending May 27th, 1899, is £161; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £256, thus showing decrease of £95. For the 21 weeks ending May 27th, the return is £6958 against £5023 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £1935.

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OULTON & WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD.

A monthly meeting of the above Board was held on Monday night last, at the schools Woodlesford, Mr. H. Trinder (chairman) presiding. The other members present were Rev. A. J. Irvin, Mr. Batt, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Lygo, with the clerk (Mr. R. J. Smith).

The minutes of the previous ordinary and special meetings were read, confirmed and signed.

FINANCE.

The Clerk reported the balance at the bank to be £107 14s 9d; the items received were:—evening school fee grant £2 15s 5d; lettings £3 6s 0d. The accounts for payment were:—school cleaner £3; and 18s 6d for extra cleaning; rates, £2 14s 8d; coal leading, £2 6s 6d; H Parkin, evening school fees repaid, £1 12s 2d; teachers' salaries, £63 18s 3d; H Parkin, evening school salary, £3 10s 0d; R. J. Smith, salary £6 5s 0d; F. Leslie, £3 15s 0d; total payments £88 1s 7d. Balance left in bank £25 14s 7d. The accounts were passed and cheques signed for payment, on the motion of Mr. Newsome and Mr. Batt.

ADVANCES OF SALARIES.

Miss Bird having passed her examination successfully, it was agreed on the motion of Mr. Batt that her salary be advanced from £45 to £50 per annum. Miss Middleton, a teacher in a similar position to Miss Bird, was also granted a £5 rise.

USE OF SCHOOLROOM.

Mr. Irvin, on behalf of the Church Army, made application for the use of one of the school-rooms, for a few weeks next September or October. As the aim of the Army was rather to confer a moral benefit upon the village, than to gain a pecuniary advantage, Mr Irvin trusted the Board would allow the easiest terms. It was agreed that a charge of 2s. per night be made.

THE SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE.

The Chairman of the Board reported having attended the meeting of the above in London, on May 16th and 17th, and gave a resume of the proceedings.

A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, on the motion of Messrs. Irvin and Batt, for his services as representative.

ATTENDANCE.

Messrs. Irvin and Batt were appointed as the Board's School Attendance Committee.

THE RIGHT OF WAY QUESTION.

For sometime past now, legal proceedings have been pending, with regard to the stoppage by the Board of a road through the school yard, to a piece of garden land at the low side of the Board's premises, occupied by Mr. Wilkinson, and belonging to the late Mr. Dobson's representatives. It appears the Board, according to the conditions specified in the conveyance deeds, had to allow a right of road across the school playground, on certain conditions, the principal being that no additional buildings of any description had to be erected on the land in question. A number of buildings have from time to time been put up, and the Board, considering such action to be in violation of the conditions, have ordered the road to be permanently blocked up. This work has been carried out.

A letter was now read from Mr. Pulleyne, the solicitor representing the owners of the land, stating that he would like an opportunity to compare a copy of the conveyance deed with the original. If the copy of the deed which he possessed was correct, he thought the Board had been advised wrongly in having the road stopped, and gave them seven days' notice to remove the obstruction. He was desirous of avoiding litigation, and as there seemed to be some doubt on the question at issue, he suggested that the matter be referred to an arbitrator, say the Leeds Stipendary.

The Chairman:—I never heard a lawyer deprecate litigation before.

The Clerk said he saw no objection to Mr. Pulleyne seeing the original deed; the Board having taken definite steps and permanently built up the wall, ought to stand by their action, and the position they had taken up.

It was generally felt that the Board had done the right thing and had quite sufficient ground for their action.

It was agreed on the motion of Messrs. Irvin and the chairman that if Mr. Pulleyne desired he could inspect the original conveyance deed, on making an appointment with the clerk.

Mr. Irvin also brought before the Board's attention the question of allowing Mr. B Butler to cross the play ground to another small plot of ground at the low side of the school yard. It appears that Butler has been in the habit of using the gate into Wilkinson's land, and has paid 1s. per year for the privilege of crossing the yard. Since Wilkinson's gate-way has been removed, however, he has climbed over the wall, and he had asked Mr. Irvin if the Board would allow him to do so.

Mr. Batt thought the Board would be a laughing stock to the village if they stopped one man and allowed another a similar privilege.

In order to put Mr. Butler to as little inconvenience as possible, it was decided that the clerk write him intimating that the privilege allowed him would cease at the end of the year.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady who has been cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by means of Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent 1,000 to his Institute, in order that those deaf people who have not the means to procure the Ear Drums may have them free of charge. Apply by letter to Branch A. K. U. of the Nicholson Aural Institute, Ealing Dean London, W.

INQUEST AT OULTON.

An inquest was held on Wednesday, at Oulton, touching the death of the four-year-old daughter of a domestic servant named Emily Walker, Oulton, who was run over on the 13th. ult., by a light cart belonging to Thomas Shearman, broker, Rothwell, whilst playing on the highway. A verdict of "Accidentally run over" was returned.

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LITERARY EXTRACTS.

BRITISH AUTHORS.

BYRON.—His style is remarkable for strength and elasticity, for its immensely p[owerful] sweep, tireless energy, and brilliant [illus]trations.

LONGFELLOW.—He is always careful [and] painstaking with his rhythm and with [the] cadence of his verse. It may be said with [truth] that Longfellow has taught more people to [love] poetry than any other English writer, h[owever] great.

SCOTT.—His poetry is the poetry of action. [In] imaginative power he ranks below no other [poet] except Homer and Shakespeare. He del[ights] in war, in its movements, its pageantry, [and] its events; and, though lame, he was qua[rtermaster] master of a volunteer corps of cavalry.

TENNYSON.—Tennyson has been to the [last] two generations of Englishmen the na[tional] teacher of poetry. He has tried many measures; he has ventured on many rhythms; and he has succeeded in them all. [He] is at home equally in the slowest, most tra[nquil] and most meditative of rhythms, and in the rapidest and most impulsive.

DE QUINCEY.—Some of his sentences are almost as long and as sustained as those [of] Jeremy Taylor; while in many passages [of] reasoning that glow and brighten with passion and emotion, he is not inferior [to] Burke. He possesses an enormous vocab[ulary] —in wealth of words and phrases he surpa[sses] both Macaulay and Carlyle; and he makes [a] very large—perhaps even an excessive—use [of] Latin words. He is also very fond of using metaphors, personifications, and other figures of speech. It may be said without exaggeration that, next to Carlyle's De Quincey's style is the most stimulating and inspiring that a y[oung] reader can find among modern writers.

MACAULAY. — One of the most remar[kable] qualities in his style is the copiousness [of ex]pression, and the remarkable power of p[utting] the same statement in a large number of [differ]ent ways. The enormous command of ex[pres]sion correspond with the extraordinary [power] of his memory. At the age of eight he [could] repeat the whole of Scott's poem of "Mar[mion."] He was fond, at this early age, of big wor[ds] learned English; and once, when he was [asked] by a lady if his toothache was better, he r[eplied] "Madam, the agony is abated!" He kne[w the] whole of Homer and of Milton by heart; [and it] was said with perfect truth that, if M[ilton's] poetical works could have been lost, Ma[caulay] would have restored every line with com[plete] exactness. Sidney Smith said of him: "[There] are no limits to his knowledge, on small subje[cts] as on great; he is like a book in breeches." [His] style has been called "abrupt, pointed a[nd] oratorical."

CARLYLE.—Carlyle was an author by profession, a teacher of and prophet to his country[men] by his mission, and a student of history [by] the deep interest he took in the life of man. [He] was always more or less severe in his judgme[nts] —he has been called the "Censor of the Age" —because of the high ideal which he set up [for] his own conduct and the conduct of others. [He] shows in his historic writings a splendour [of] imagery and power of dramatic grouping second only to Shakespear's. In command of words [he] is second to no modern English writer. [His] style has been highly praised and also energet[ic]ally blamed. It is rugged, gnarled, disjointed, full of irregular force—shot across by sudd[en] lurid lights of imagination—full of the m[ost] striking and indeed astonishing epithets and [in]spired by a certain grim Titanic force. His sentences are often clumsily built. He him[self] said of them: "Perhaps not more than n[ine-] tenths stand straight on their legs; the remain[der] are in quite angular attitudes; a few even cr[y] out helplessly on all sides, quite broken-ba[cked] and dismembered." There is no modern [writer] who possesses so large a profusion of [illegible] language.—*Great Thoughts.*

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.—It is sometim[es] forgotten that the veteran Florence Nightingale is still with us. She lives in a *beautiful* hou[se] in Hampshire—Embley Park, *Romsey.* Mi[ss] Nightingale, we gather from an interesting sket[ch] of her career in the *Girl's Realm,* [is] now nearly eighty years of age, "She has [en]dured long years of pain and ill-health thro[ugh] over-work and as the result of a fever which [she] had at the close of the Crimean campaign; [but], as she herself wrote of one who had given [her]self to the cause of humanity: 'The [illegible] and pioneers of almost everything th[illegible] must be martyrs—but these are the last [to] think themselves so." Miss Nightingale [from t]he secluded chamber still follows with [keen in]terest the great development in the m[odern] nursing movement.

THE STARS.—One of the most desi[rable] things in life is a fresh impression of a[n old] fact or scene. One's love of nature may b[e a] constant factor, yet it is only now and then [that] he gets a fresh impression of the charm [and] meaning of nature; only now and then that [the] objects without and the mood within so fi[t to]gether that we have a vivid and original sens[e of] the beauty and significance that surrounds [us.] How often do we really see the stars? Prob[ably] a great many people never see them at all—[that] is, never look upon them with any thri[ll of] emotion. If some see them a few times a year [they] think themselves in luck, for it often does [happen] that on going out deliberately to see them, o[ne is] quite sure to miss them, but occasionally, as [he] glances up to them in his lonely night walk, [his] mind opens—or the heavens opens—which is [it?] —and he has a momentary glimpse of their [in]effable splendour and significance. How [over]whelming, how awe inspiring! His tho[ught] goes like lightning flash into that serene s[ky,] and then the veil is drawn again. One's scie[nce,] one's understanding, tells him he is a voya[ger] on the celestial deep, that the earth bene[ath] his feet is a star among stars, that we *can never* be more in heaven than we now are, or a[ny] more within reach of the celestial laws a[nd] forces; but how rare the mood in which we [can] realise this astonishing fact, in which we can [get] a fresh and vivid impression of it? To have [it] ever present with one in all its grandeur w[ould] perhaps be more than we could bear.

TRUE GREATNESS.—Mighty of heart, [mighty] of mind—"magnanimous"—to be this [is, in]deed, to be great in life! to become [this in]creasingly is, indeed, to "advance in life"—[in] life itself, not in the trappings of it. My fri[ends,] do you remember that old Scythian cus[tom,] when the head of a house died—how he [was] dressed in his finest dress, and set in his cha[riot,] and carried about to his friend's houses, [and] each of them placed him at his table's head, [and] all feasted in his presence? Suppose it [were] offered to you in plain words, as it *is* offere[d to] you in dire facts that you should gain [this] Scythian honour gradually, while you [yet] thought yourself alive. Suppose the offer [were] this: You shall die slowly; your blood [shall] daily grow cold, your flesh petrify, your h[eart] beat as fast only as a rusted group of [iron] valves. Your life shall fade from you, and [sink] through the earth into the ice of Caina; but, [day] by day, your body shall be dressed more g[aily,] and set in higher chariots, and have more or[ders] on its breast—crowns on its head, if [you] will. Men shall bow before it, stare and sh[out] round it, crowd after it up and down the str[eets,] build palaces for it, feast with it at their [tables'] heads all the night long. Your soul shall [stay] enough within it to know what they do [illegible] the weight of the golden dress on its [illegible] and the furrow of the crown-edge on the [illegible] —no more. Would you take the offer ver[bally] made by the death-angel? Would the [illegible] among us take it, think you? Yet practi[cally] and verily we grasp at it, every one of us, [in a] measure; many of us grasp at it in its f[ullest] of horror. Every man accepts it who desi[res to] advance in life without knowing what life [is;] who means only that he is to get more hor[ses] and more footmen, and more fortune, and [more] public honour, and—*not* more personal soul. [He] only is advancing in life whose heart is g[etting] softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain q[uicker,] whose spirit is entering into living peace. [And] the men who have this life in them are the [true] lords or kings of the earth—they, and they [only.] —*Ruskin.*

Peach-stones find a ready market in New [York] city, where perfume, flavouring extracts, prussic acid are distilled from the kernels.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We would particularly urge our friends to send in their letters and news, as early as possible, as we cannot accept contributions later than Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, except in the case of matters occurring on Wednesday or Thursday, which should be forwarded within a short period after. Advertisements may be sent as late as Friday morning.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.

RELIGION AND AMUSEMENTS.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Sir,

Nonconformist says my last letter pained him. I am sorry, but I could not be expected to please him, short of adopting his peculiar views. My chief purpose was to protest against the gratuitous aspersions cast upon the ministry of the late C. H. Spurgeon, whom I knew well and to whom I owe so much. If my remarks were "illogical," they also appear unanswerable. The allusions in my letter to the burning topic of "Religion and Amusements" were merely incidental, being provoked by the unfair and disingenuous observations of your anonymous correspondent upon Mr. Alderson's paper, which is the only data I have before me as to Mr. Alderson's views on the subject. I know nothing of the additional circumstances mentioned by your correspondent in his second and more lengthy epistle. I hold no brief on behalf of the Primitive Methodist minister; he can quite well defend himself, but I gather that his critic finds small support among your readers. I find myself, however, charged with irreverence, by 'Nonconformist.' I certainly have no reverence for his unchristian tactics and sentiments in respect to the point at issue between us, and I venture to think that his nonconformity thus far appears only to relate to the ordinary standards of common courtesy and fair play. I doubt also whether my critic is any better able to judge of the question of my want of reverence, than on the problem of what Mr. Spurgeon's influence might have been had he been a strict non-smoker. The enquiry "Would Jesus smoke?" is not more reverent and not less "flippant" than the one which I placed in juxtaposition to it. I did not like my own expression, but Solomon advises that a fool should sometimes be answered in the terms of his own folly," lest he be wise in his own conceit." My answer in this case appears to have failed of that desirable object, and so I incur the risk of being "like unto him," which is bad for me. It is sheer caprice, nonsense and Pharisaism, to aver that smoking is "sinful and vicious." Sin is the transgression of some divine law or principle. Smoking transgresses neither in my judgement, no more than does the use of alcoholic beverages, although as a matter of Christian expediency, I am a prohibitionist on the liquor question, because of the ravages arising from their abuse: no such ravages are inflicted by

"Sublime tobacco! which from east to west,
Cheers the tar's labour or the good man's rest.'

Its worst effects will probably be to sometimes deprive us of the society of such good company as Nonconformist and of the moths, but perhaps those evils are not altogether without some providential compensations. But, Sir, the only reliable arbiter in these questions is an honest conscience in full subjection to and enlightened by the teachings of the grand old book, which, by the Apostle Paul, says that we should suffer no man to judge us in what we allow or disallow, but in each case "let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind; therefore let us not judge one another any more;" and he adds "I know and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself;" and Christ teaches that it is not that which goes into the mouth that defiles a man, but rather that which issues from it such as unkind words and ill-natured criticisms. Further, is it logical to compare the expenditure on missions and on tobacco? The one is found by the active members of the Christian Church, who are, alas, a small percentage of the population, and who raise vast sums every year for other religious purposes, whereas the other is furnished by the entire population of smokers, including the strangers and foreigners within our gates. The Christian's expenditure on tobacco will not be out of proportion to his contributions to religious work. But, there! non-smokers never are logical, though they are often verbose, but that is not exactly the same thing. Upon the larger question of the Christian's amusements and recreations no cast iron rule is possible. I am sometimes asked "May I do this or go there?",—but I am keeper of no man's conscience and refuse to be so when invited. I can only advise according to my own experience and knowledge of the truth, pointing out the principles which apply, but the decision must rest with the enquirer, and happy is he who is not condemned—self-condemned—in that which he allows. One man can see nothing wrong in attending the average theatre. I could not go there without fealing guilty of a species of moral manslaughter. Why? Chiefly because the stage is such a demoralising agency *to the actors themselves*, that I dare not take my pleasure at the cost of exposing *them* to the dangers of such a calling. Of course there are other obvious reasons. I consider that anything tending to encourage the natural taste for theatrical displays, such as school plays and tableaux vivants, etc, are harmful. I could not dance if I tried, but I none the less condemn dancing myself as stupid, if not indecent, whilst it decidedly encourages a taste for stronger and deeper draughts from the world's cup of intoxicating amusements, and discourages appetite for higher and spiritual things. As a matrimonial match-making agency, dancing may have something to recommend it to anxious mammas, but I fear the fees and expenses and risks are very high. The Christian, sir, the genuine article needs no rigid rule in these matters of conduct: his Christianity is not a mere system of thought and theory, but a new and abiding life within which tells *him* what is good and what is evil for *him*, as surely as their instincts unerringly guide the lower animate creatures; nor is he dependent for his joys, save in an insignificant degree, on external supplies, but enjoys "a feast at home" and within; his heart is fully satisfied, and therefore has ceased to roam abroad. Very possibly the wine-trough holds some rare delicacies, but God's "flock" has no desire to compete with the Devil's "herd" for their possession. Their natures and therefore their tastes differ

Yours, etc.,
J. SHURMER.

P.S.—I hear the circulation of the *Times* has doubled consequent upon this outbreak of correspondence. Good business!

Rothwell, May 29th, 1899.

Dear Sir,

I venture to question the assertion made by 'Nonconformist' in a recent letter that "Mr. Alderson, by playing occasionally at billiards, knows he is widely condemned." Mr. Alderson may be, is perhaps condemned by a few narrow-minded bigots masquerading in the guise of self-appointed saints. Then 'Nonconformist' says he "speaks the word of truth with boldness;" but I may tell him it is the general opinion outside the ranks of the swollen heads, that his two letters in your paper are mere venomous misrepresentations and probably libelous at law. How he does trumpet his own virtues and so humbly too! Uriah Heap is not in it. And with the same dip of ink that he piously indites his own praises, he proceeds with the art of the skilful polemic to slander his Christian brother. 'Nonconformist' on the secular or worldly moral side of things, is as blind as a bat. He appears to see no wrong in publicly branding, as an audacious and vicious back-slider or evil-doer, one of the soldiers in the regiment of the Great Master's Army, even while proclaiming himself a full private therein. 'Nonconformist' is evidently too good for this world—at least on paper. It is quite time he was "transformed by the re-newing of his mind" on the subject of recreation in this toilsome life. I submit he can attain that blessed state by coming down from his lofty perch, and taking a hand occasionally at billiards at the Mechanics' Hall or elsewhere. A pipe of good tobacco or a well seasoned cigar would help to fumigate the mouldy garments of this shabby temple, for is he not a temple of the Holy Ghost (1st. Corinthians VI, 19)? It would be useful if we could settle a few points raised by this controversy. Taking Christ as our example, the general question seems to be undecided even amongst the elect, from Spurgeon to Alderson, as to whether a professing Christian may be permitted to smoke or play billiards. Nonconformist upholds the plea that both are wicked in the sight of his Master. Still looking to Christ for guidance, in the light of his teaching as set out in the New Testament, may we dance or sing merry ditties at social parties, attend the performance at the Mechanics' Institute of stage plays by the Amateur Dramatic Society, and are we debarred the pleasure of selling tickets of admission to the play? Can a man without sin fly his favourite pigeon, a splendid well-trained homing bird? Can I play golf, tennis or cricket without getting into hot water with those peevish nonconformists who take sides with your correspondent. The plague of it is, supposing we put 'Nonconformist' and his silly ravings aside, and say to him "get out, preach to sour saints like yourself, and leave the cheerful spirits at play to make merry for an hour occasionally in their hours of leisure." And after having done that, and got rid of this very superior person, what security have we against some other swollen head cropping up, and preaching a crusade against cultivating a beard and moustache, mounting a bike, or playing a cornet. And because there is no record of Christ riding a horse, must I, when disposed for equestrian exercise, confine myself to the back of an ass? Let us hope not; lest we get out of patience at the baying of 'Nonconformist' and choke him with thistles. Some other fellow hopelessly gone on Malthusiasm may uphold Christ as an example to be followed, seeing there are no writings in the Book that he ever incurred the resposibilities of parentage, ergo, neither may I, we or you. Swollen heads are to be found in tents outside the fold of the Nonconformists. There are other horrors in the background, the fads of the Socialists for instance, merely waiting to follow on, and that is my reason for making suggestions and poking fun at these sour saints, when they attempt to invade the arena of life's play-grounds.

Y.Z.

Dear Sir,

I find that a statement I made respecting Mr. Alderson going to the Mechanics' Institute to play billiards during a public service in his chapel, is entirely without foundation. Mr. Alderson was not in the billiard room that night, but attending a ladies' committee meeting in connection with the reception. Therefore I express my regret at having commenced this statement.

Yours etc.,
A PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT AT WOODLESFORD.

On Thursday night week, the final heat in connection with the billiard tournament for the benefit of Woodlesford Cricket Club took place at the White Hart, Woodlesford. Mr. W. Tranmer ran out winner, and received the first prize, a very nice ham, given by a few friends. Mr. Herbert Lawn won the second prize, a pair of trousers, value 15s 6d, given by Messrs. G. Kay, Ltd, tailors, 28 Duncan Street, Leeds. The games throughout have been of a very pleasant nature, nearly all of them being played to a close finish, which shews good judgement on the part of the handicappers. Great credit is due to Mr. Craven, of the White Hart, for the manner in which he has managed the tournament, and for his kindness in placing his table at the disposal of the committee.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected COCOA, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk—Sold only in packets and pound tins, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & CO., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London."

AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I beg you to kindly allow me a little space, in order that I may make a very special appeal to your numerous readers for sympathy and support toward the following needy and distressing case. Mrs. Butterfield, of East View, Commercial Street, lost her husband in an accident at Robin Hood Pit, 10 years ago. Her son Edwin was killed in a similar manner 6 years ago. Her second daughter Jane, after a protracted illness of some 3 years, died of consumption 16 weeks ago, and now her third daughter has returned home from service with manifestations of the same direful disease. This widow, after paying her rent, has but a few shillings with which to support herself and daughter, and has no means whatever of providing the nourishment, etc, which are necessary to enable the daughter to overcome the tendencies of consumption, which are in their incipient stages only, and can be overcome with due care and proper attention. In order that we may save the dear girl's life, we purpose sending her away into another atmosphere for a few months, where she will be well fed, well cared for, and undergo a course of the fresh air treatment so highly successful on the Continent and elsewhere; the whole treatment will be under the direction of her medical adviser, who is greatly interested in the case. It has been clearly demonstrated that consumption, if taken hold of in reasonable time is curable, and as this girl only shows the very early symptoms, we have every reason to hope that her health can be fully restored. Therefore on behalf of the girl and her widowed mother, who is known as a clean and worthy woman I appeal to the public for help. The sum of money we require is at least £20, and towards this, my friend W. P. Hartley, Esq, of Aintree, Liverpool, whose heart and purse are always open to help the needy, has promised me the noble sum of £10, on condition that I raise the other £10 locally. Our vicar, with his usual generosity has promised the first guinea, and will co-operate with her doctor and myself in the scheme we adopt for the girl's restoration. I now venture to ask the working men of Rothwell to join us in this matter, and suggest that 200 men should send me one shilling each, to help the child of a fellow worker's widow. Most of our worthy workers will be able to afford this little sum, and 200 shillings will make £10. Also, I shall be pleased to receive sums of guineas, half guineas or any other amount, from gentlemen of means who feel disposed to interest themselves in this case. I can assure everybody that it is a most needy case, and in helping we shall be doing work of the Christ-like character. I cannot imagine any work that will be more so. He who hath helped us, will rejoice in our effort to help others. Any sum, great or small, will be thankfully received by myself, and duly acknowledged, with your kind permission, through your columns.

The Manse, Faithfully yours
Rothwell, J. ARTHUR ALDERSON.
June 1st. 1899.

[We shall be exceedingly pleased to do anything possible, in order to further this worthy object, ED.]

HEARD IN THE STREETS.

CONTRIBUTED.

THAT it's about time the billiard correspondence 'dried up.'

THAT Mr. Alderson is going to fetch some law on 'Nonconformist.'

THAT the rev. gentleman need not trouble about things, he has the public with him for his hearty, manly, successful work in Rothwell.

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THAT there ought to be a good painting or two in the Mechanics and also in the Council Chamber, either presented or subscribed. A portrait of Mr. Jos. Charlesworth, the first chairman of the Local Board, and the first County Councillor for the division, would be greatly prized by the people. Also a portrait of the late Mr. Calverley and his excellent lady, would be most appropriate in the Mechanics' Hall.

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THAT the first wedding under the new Marriage Act last Wednesday passed off all right, and it is something to be remembered by Dissenters that no registrar is now necessary.

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THAT the contracts for the new Wesleyan School-room have been let, and the work will be pushed on at once.

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THAT tenders will be decided to-night for the new Infants' School under the Board.

A MOST DELICIOUS LEMONADE.

Eiffel Tower Lemonade is made from the finest lemons, and the great advantage is that it is partly manufactured in Italy in the midst of the lemon orchards. The lemons are taken direct from the trees to the factory to commence their transformation into Eiffel Tower Lemonade. A 4½d bottle of Eiffel Tower Lemonade makes 2 gallons of delicious Lemonade. If you cannot get it from your Grocer, send 4½d. to G. Foster Clark & Co., 3650, Eiffel Tower Factory, Maidstone, for a bottle.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

Mr. Isaac Smith presided over the above gathering on Sunday afternoon last, when a capital address was given by Mr. A. Paul, his subject being "Straight strokes and pot books." Mr. Frank Sheldon, of the St. Andrew's Choir, was the soloist, and gave capital renderings of "Star of Bethlehem," and "If with all your hearts" and the recit. from *Elijah*. Mr. G. W. Smith ably accompanied.

EPPS'S COCOA ESSENCE.—A THIN COCOA—The choicest roasted nibs of the natural Cocoa, on being subjected to powerful hydraulic pressure, give forth their excess of oil, leaving for use a finely flavoured powder—a product, which, when prepared with boiling water, has the consistence of tea, of which it is now with many, beneficially taking the place. Its active principle being a gentle nerve stimulant, supplies the needed energy without unduly exciting the system. Sold only in labelled tins. If unable to obtain it of your tradesman, a tin will be sent post free for 9 stamps.—James Epps and Co., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London.

CRICKET.

Will the Secretaries of Cricket Clubs kindly forward List of Fixtures, Reports of Matches (both first and second elevens), and List of players chosen as early as possible.

OULTON DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Results up to and including May 27th.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	D'wn.	Pts
Middleton Park	5	3	0	2	8
Oulton	5	3	0	2	8
Whitwood	5	2	1	2	6
Altofts W Riding	5	1	2	2	4
Carlton	5	1	2	2	4
Lofthouse	5	1	2	2	4
Rothwell	5	1	2	2	4
Methley	5	0	3	2	2

HENRY HODSON, Woodlesford, Sec.

LOFTHOUSE v CARLTON.

Played at Carlton on Saturday last

Carlton.

H Rinder, b Parkin	21
A Thackrah, run out	11
J Speak, b G W Hollings	12
J Brown, st Noble b Hollings	1
T Ward, b Parkin	1
J Rinder, c Marshall b Hollings	11
S Ely, b Parkin	8
T Brown, c Horner b Parkin	7
W Speak, b Hollings	2
E Ward, not out	0
A Ward, b Parkin	0
Extras	3
Total	77

Lofthouse.

T Longley, c J Rinder b S Ely	6
J Horner, b E Ward	7
T Parkin, b S Ely	27
S B Brook, b J Speak	19
J Noble, b E Ward	11
G W Hollings, not out	3
J R Marshall, not out	7
Total for 5 wkts	80

Bowling Analysis—Lofthouse:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
G W Hollings	24	6	44	4	11.
T Longley	5	2	9	0	
T Parkin	19	7	21	5	4.1

Bowling Analysis—Carlton:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
E Ward	19	6	23	2	11.1
S Ely	13.1	4	26	2	13.0
H Rinder	8	3	8	0	
J Speak	7	2	12	1	12.
Tom Ward	3	0	11	0	

ROTHWELL v. MIDDLETON PARK.

Played at Middleton on Saturday last

Rothwell.

H Dacre, c Taylor b Hawden	11
T Dobson, c J Place b A Spink	3
J Walker, run out	2
H Morgan, b Hawden	12
A Cripps, b Hawden	3
J W Chadwick, b Hawden	1
H Wormald, b Hawden	2
W Bedford, b J Rhodes	1
Dr. Buck, b J Rhodes	0
H Greenwood, b Hawden	2
A Nickols, not out	1
Extras	3
Total	41

Middleton

J W Place, c Dobson b H Morgan	22
M Wainwright, c Nickols b Walker	12
E Standige, c Walker b Morgan	2
G H Place, not out	3
R Caley, not out	3
Total for 3 wkts	42

Bowling Analysis—Middleton Park:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
A Spink	7	1	19	1	19.
Hawden	9	2	17	6	2.5
J Rhodes	2	1	2	2	1.

Bowling Analysis—Rothwell:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
H Morgan	11	5	12	2	6.
J W Chadwick	3	0	9	0	
Joe Walker	6	0	21	1	21.
A Cripps	1	1	0	0	

OULTON v ALTOFTS.

Played at Oulton on Saturday last.

Altofts.

I Cooper, b Briggs	1
E Rowley, c Killingbeck b Greenwd	15
T Teasdale, b E A Higgins	4
R Phillips, c Jeffrey b E A Higgins	6
A Kaye, not out	2
W Teasdale, b E A Higgins	0
J Teasdale, c Abbey b Greenwood	1
B Westwood, c Abbey b Greenwood	0
A Mosby, b Greenwood	0
H Pollard, b Greenwood	0
W Whittingham, b Greenwood	0
Extras	1
Total	30

Oulton.

E A Higgins, run out	4
C Briggs, not out	16
J Jeffrey, b Mosby	5
L E Greenwood, not out	3
Extras	3
Total for 2 wkts	31

Bowling Analysis—Oulton:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
C Briggs	7	2	12	1	12.
E A Higgins	11	4	17	3	5.66
L E Greenwood	4.4	4	0	6	

Bowling Analysis—Altofts:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
A Mosby	7	2	11	1	11.
A Kaye	6	0	17	0	.17

ROTHWELL 2nd v. MIDDLETON 2nd—Played at Rothwell on Saturday last. Scores:—R N Lunn, b Savage 0; J Lunn jun. run out 1; Spurr, b Savage 0; Jas. Lunn, senr. run out 1; R Whitehead, b Goldthorpe 4; W Fox, b Savage 0; Dr. Haigh, b Savage 0; H Brown, not out 1; J Fox, c and b Butterfield 5; J Smith, b Goldthorpe 2; G Turner, b Goldthorpe 0; extras 1; total 15. Middleton—S Goldthorpe, b Jas Lunn 0; D Ramsden, b Spurr 6; H Speak, c and b Jas Lunn 4; G Wainwright, not out 5; N Winfield, run out 0; A Jackson, not out 3; total 18.

COMING EVENTS.

TO MORROW'S CRICKET MATCHES.

At Rothwell—Rothwell v 18 Second Eleven

ROTHWELL FIRST ELEVEN—Dr. Buck (capt), Joe Walker, H Morgan, J W Chadwick, A Cripps, W E Richardson, Hy Dacre, T Dobson, jun., W Bedford, H Wormald, H Greenwood.

ROTHWELL SECOND ELEVEN—Wm Fox (capt), Jas Lunn, R N Lunn, W Spurr, J W Haigh, J W Smith, J Bridges, T Bridges, Joe Fox, G Turner, H Brown, R Whitehead, J E Brown, A Nickols, T Parker, J Lunn, J Smith, E Ward.

At Rothwell—Rothwell Parish Church v Leeds G. S.

PARISH CHURCH TEAM—P Chapman (capt), E Moss, T Parker, J H Drew, A Tiffany, J Hargreaves, J Atack, C Butterfield, E Beckwith, W Ward, H Lunn; Reserves, A Bedford, S Abbishaw.

WEDNESDAY.

At Burley—Rothwell Tradesmen v Burley T

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN'S ELEVEN—J Walker (capt) M Fowler, P Inman, E Milner, H Wormald, H Forrest, J Wilkinson, Dr Haigh, Dr James, A Denton Stead.

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SHORT STORY.

A TUG OF WAR.

"What a lucky girl I am!" said pretty Lina Vernon—a month ago Lina Moore. "I'm only nineteen, and I'm married before any other girl I know, and I've had my own way through engagement and honeymoon and all! My good-looking husband is a credit to me, and I've plenty of means to enjoy myself."

This was said aloud, in the most complacent manner, as the bride admired her charming self in a mirror.

"And all the girls are envious of me," she went on, still more satisfied; "it's nothing but envy that made them laugh when I said of course I should be paramount. They were all dying to stand in my shoes."

The first day in the new home was occupied by the young lady in rearranging all the furniture exactly to her liking. The housemaid was called up to assist her. Her husband, after trying every room, and finding each uninhabitable, remarked mildly: "I hope you'll soon get to rights, little woman. Perhaps I had better go out."

"Very well, but be in to luncheon, Val, because I want to go out early. Half-past one luncheon, remember."

The housemaid looked from master to mistress: Vernon went quietly out of the confusion, steering deftly between numerous obstructions. Luncheon was on the table in good time—only Lina to eat it. She was surprised, then fumed. As soon as she had finished she went upstairs to dress, leaving word with the parlour-maid that if Mr. Vernon came in he was to be asked to get ready quickly. "You can clear away," said Lina; "of course he has lunched."

The servant wasn't so sure; she cleared slowly. Lina, coming down at past two, found the scene changed—Val calmly eating his luncheon at a half-cleared table.

"Going out?" he said, looking up.

"Why, I told you I was. Are you ready?"

"Ready for what? I haven't had anything yet."

"Well, be quick. I'm in a hurry," said Lina; not pettishly—she was only surprised.

"But I didn't tell you I was going out," said Val, smiling.

"Yes, of course—you're coming with me," she answered, open-eyed. "It's so tiresome your being so late."

"I wouldn't wait if I were you," he said, unmoved by this rebuke. "Perhaps I'll pick you up if you'll tell me where you're going."

"Very well." She told him. "Please don't let this happen again, Val," she said, as he opened the door for her. He laughed when he was alone.

But it did happen again; one time it was about a dinner engagement, which Lina decided they would accept. Her husband said nothing, and she arranged to wear one of her brand-new *trousseau* gowns. Lo and behold! when the brougham was at the door Val was found, in morning dress, smoking and reading a novel. Lina was speechless; then came a "Val!" that ought to have crushed him. He only said admiringly: "What a little swell!"

She was nearly crying with vexation. There wasn't any dinner for him at home—of course she hadn't ordered any. He said he was going to dine at his club—he had asked some fellows.

"Why didn't you say so?" demanded she, angrily.

"I should if you had asked me," with his cool smile. "I've written to excuse myself, so you needn't make my apologies."

He attended her dutifully to the brougham; she only said, sharply: "It looks so bad my going alone," and took no further notice of him.

A dozen times this sort of thing occurred, Lina comically surprised, bewildered, and irate; Val always gentle, smiling, and attentive. She arranged this and ordered that; he made his own plans, which continually frustrated hers. She spent money on this and that in the house, and came to him to make up the deficiency.

"Of course I do," she retorted, quite unable to see a mistake. She got the money once or twice; after that Vernon said he hadn't been given a choice about these purchases—he was very sorry—and so on. The young autocrat had to make up the sum from her dress allowance.

It went on like that for some little time. Val never quarrelled, and Lina couldn't—he was so kind and good-humoured. In fact, the poor child, struggling for absolute power, was getting quite fond of him.

One day, having been out all the morning, Vernon said at luncheon: "I've been down in the country—Chalfont St. Giles. Do you know it?—lovely scenery, and easy to get at."

"What made you go there?"

"I was looking at the houses. I saw a charming old-fashioned place really cheap! I've a good mind to take it."

"For running down to on Sundays? How delightful!" said Lina joyously. "I must go and see it."

"'Tisn't necessary; I saw it all over," said Val carelessly. "It'll do capitally for us." She bit her lip. "But two rents!" said Vernon, shaking his head. "Not if I know it! Of course, we should live there!"

"In the country—in the wilds!" said she, doubting her own senses.

"Yes. I'm tired of London."

Her food seemed to choke her. "You—but what about me?" she got out, pale with indignation.

"Why, you'll come with me, of course," said Val; "you can't very well live in town and I in the country, can you?"

"I didn't mean that—you are purposely misunderstanding. *I* don't want to live in the country."

"Don't you?"

"You haven't made up your mind, Val?"

"Pretty well."

She stared at him blankly, then stammered out: 'But—my wishes—I'm not your property."

"My dearest child, did I ever say you were?"

The smile finished her; she got up and dashed out of the room, and Val looked at the closed door wistfully.

Lina did not appear all the afternoon, and Vernon went out. The servant who brought in tea said her mistress would have a cup sent up to her.

"Isn't she well?" said Vernon.

"A headache, I think, sir. Shall I take the tea?"

"I'll take it thanks."

"I've brought you some tea," said Vernon, in his usual tender way when she wasn't quite well He sat down on the side of the sofa as if nothing had happened; but he had half feared she would refuse the tea. Instead she took it, keeping her face turned from him. She wasn't angry, then, thank Heaven!

"Is your head bad, little one?" he said after a minute.

"It doesn't ache," in a whisper. She put the cup hurriedly on a little table near her.

"You haven't finished it," said Val.

"I know—I can't—I wouldn't have touched it if you hadn't brought it. I wanted to come to you, and I couldn't."

Val put his arm round her and drew a long breath of relief, while Lina clung to him, with all the misery of the afternoon softening down.

"Val, did you mean it as a lesson?"

"That's it, my pet."

"Really? I'll go into the country if you like—I've been a horrid little wretch, and I can't think why you're so good to me. Somehow, I saw what you were doing before, but I wouldn't see—I was too proud. And yet I couldn't really quarrel——"

"And you'd have ended by despising me if I had given way," said Val. "You like ruling, dear, and you are very young, and you couldn't understand that we can't get on without give and take. You're honest and sound at heart—and a little bit fond of me"—Lina looked up here, and Val interrupted himself to kiss her—"and I knew you'd see in the end what I was up to. It seemed the kindest way to teach you."

"But why did you yield so before we came home?"

"Oh, one always does, and it didn't matter then."

"I never consulted you," said Lina, remorsefully; "I never considered you a bit. It serves me right to be paid out—only you've been miserable."

"No, I haven't—till this afternoon."

"Poor Val!" she said, tenderly.

"Don't go too far the other way, little woman," Val said, laughing, "and have no wishes of your own. It isn't a question of who is master—I'm sure I'm willing to be ruled legitimately."

"You're a dear old fellow," said Lina, softly, "and I'll never get into a war with you again."

"A lasting peace," said Val, and his smile this time made her happy.

[THE END.]

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FEATHERSTONE v. ROTHWELL TRADESMEN

Played at Featherstone on Wednesday last,

Featherstone.

Wilkinson, run out	2
Webster, b Walker	14
Ibbotson, b Walker	2
G Johnson, b Milner	6
Hutchinson, b Walker	0
Dr. Ladyman, b Milner	7
W H Johnson, not out	7
Calvert, b Milner	0
Chamberlain, b Walker	2
Hickling, b Walker	7
Balmforth, c Walker b Milner	1
Extras	7
Total	55

Rothwell Tradesmen

G Gibson, b Hutchinson	0
G Lunn, run out	0
A Denton, b Calvert	12
H Forrest, c Hickling b Johnson	0
E Milner, b Hutchinson	6
J Walker, c Balmforth b Hutchinson	5
H Wormald, not out	22
M Fowler, c Hickling b Calvert	7
J Wilkinson, b Hutchinson	0
S Nunns, c Ibbotson b G Johnson	1
J Lunn, c Webster b Hutchinson	3
Extras	1
Total	57

OULTON 2nd v ALTOFTS 2nd—Played at Altofts on Saturday last. Scores:—Oulton 2nd—B Butterick, b Whittingham 0; J Morley, b Whittingham 1; E Brearley, b Whittingham 0; F Bell, b Whittingham 2; A Cain, b Lowe 0; T Hurdus, b Whittingham 0; P C Higgins, b Lowe 2; S Lockwood, b Lowe 0; F Murtland, b Wales 17; O Inman, not out 3; J Barber b Wales 0; extras 3; total 28. Altofts 2nd—F Webster, b Bell 0; I Hartley, lbw b Bell 2; J Whittingham, c Murtland b Bell 2; J Stringer, st Butterick b Murtland 1; A Lowe, b Bell 1; F Wales, c Inman b Bell 5; A Deakin, c and b Murtland 9; J Kinsey, run out 0; W Kirkby run out 3; F Hather, st Butterick b Bell 1; W Padgett, not out 0; extras 2; total 26.

OULTON CRICKET CLUB.

LIST OF FIXTURES—1899.

Date.	Name of Club.	Ground.	Result
Apr. 22	Leeds St. Aidan's	away	Draw
29	Methley	away	Draw
May 6	Lofthouse	away	Won
13	Carlton	away	Draw
20	Whitwood	home	Won
22	Headingley	home	Draw
23	Garforth	home	Draw
27	Altofts	home	Won
June 3	Leeds Springfield	home	
10	Rothwell	away	
17	Middleton Park	home	
24	Methley	home	
July 1	Lofthouse	home	
8	Carlton	home	
15	Whitwood	away	
22	Leeds Springfield	away	
29	Hoar Cross	away	
Aug. 5	Altofts	away	
B.H. 7	Normanton Tradesmen	home	
12	Rothwell	home	
19	Middleton Park	away	
26	Swillington Park	away	
Sept. 2	Garforth	away	
9	Leeds St. Aidan's	home	
16	Swillington Park	home	
SECOND ELEVEN			
Apr. 22	Leeds St. Aidan's	home	Lost
29	Methley	home	Draw
May 6	Lofthouse	home	Draw
13	Carlton	home	Draw
20	Whitwood	away	Won
27	Altofts	away	Won
June 3	Normanton Baptists	away	
10	Rothwell	home	
17	Middleton Park	away	
24	Methley	away	
July 1	Lofthouse	away	
8	Carlton	away	
15	Whitwood	home	
22	Normanton Baptists	home	
25	Dewsbury	home	
29	Headingley Free Church	home	
Aug. 5	Altofts	home	
12	Rothwell	away	
19	Middleton Park	home	
26	Swillington Park	home	
Sept 2	Headingley Free Church	away	
9	Leeds St Aidan's	away	
16	Swillington Park	away	

COMING EVENTS REGISTER

The proprietors of this journa propose opening a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

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Friday, June 9, 1899.

ROTHWELL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

A special meeting of the above Board was held on Friday evening, present Messrs. A. Batty (chairman), T. Park, J. Elstob, J. Butterick, B. Richardson, W. Lunn, and Rev. J. A. Alderson, with the clerk (Mr. A. Marshall) and attendance officer (Mr. W. Denton).

NEW SCHOOL.

As reported at last meeting, the plans for the new Infants' School and alteration of Mixed School at Rothwell, have received the sanction of the Department provisionally, and tenders have been invited for the various works connected therewith. This was the principal business for which the present meeting was called.

Before going into this matter, however, Mr Martin interviewed the Board as regards what portion of his garden would be necessary for the extension, as he has a considerable amount of stock and buildings on the land. It transpired in the conversation that the provision of a suitable playground is a condition of the erection being sanctioned, and it was proposed by Messrs. Butterick and Lunn, that the whole of the remaining land be used as a playground for infants, or for girls and infants. Mr. Elstob and Mr. Richardson moved an amendment that about 13 yards be taken, and the remainder left for Mr. Martin's use. The original resolution was, however, supported by all the other members.

Previous to discussing the tenders for building the schools, Mr. Lunn drew attention to the fact that a resolution was on the books as to paying the Union rate of wages by contractors under the Board, and he intimated that he should not vote for any contractor not complying with that regulation.

It was agreed on the motion of Mr. Richardson that the tenders be let separately.

On the motion of Mr. Butterick and Mr. Alderson, Messrs. J. Chapman and Sons obtained the bricklayers' and masons' work at £697 11s 8d.

It was proposed by Rev. J. A. Alderson, seconded by Mr. Butterick, that Mr. W. S. Copley's tender for joiners' work be accepted at £580; Mr. Lunn neutral.

For the plasterers' work Mr. J. Dobson, of Hunslet, was selected by four votes (£67 6s 9d) on the motion of Mr. Richardson and Mr. Park; Mr. Moore, of Leeds, running him very close at £70, on the motion of Rev. J. A. Alderson and Mr. Lunn, with the support of Mr. Batty.

Mr. J. Season, of Hunslet, had unanimous support for the slating, at £84 17s, Mr. Batty and Mr. Butterick proposing him.

Mr. Geo. Wilson, of Rothwell, secured the plumbing and glazing at £237 13s 9d, on the motion of the chairman, and Mr. Elstob, supported by Mr. Butterick and Mr. Alderson. Mr. Lindley, of Leeds, whose tender was £220, was supported by Messrs. Park, Richardson and Lunn.

On the motion of Messrs. Park and Lunn, Mr. J. Butler was unanimously selected for the painting work at £25.

The total of the tenders reaches £1682 8s 0d, to which must be added architect's fees, furniture and contingencies.

The architect, Mr. Richardson, who was present during the discussion of the tenders, stated that he had examined the ventilation shafts in the roof at Stourton, and found them in perfect order.

Mr. W. S. Copley is appointed to do any jobbing work at Stourton, and certain joinery matters will now be attended to there.

TEACHERS.

The Clerk reported that Miss Batty had now been transferred to Stourton School, and he read a statement from Miss Pound, the Infants' Mistress at Rothwell, shewing that she could not carry on the school work without another teacher in Miss Batty's place.

The Board accordingly decided to advertise for an Infants' Assistant Teacher at a salary of £45 per annum.

Mr. Park, the chairman of the Rothwell Haigh Management Committee reported that he regretted to say Mr. Nicholson, head master at Stourton, was ill in bed, and produced a doctor's certificate on the subject.

The members, as a whole, manifested their concern, especially as Mr. Nicholson had hardly been away from school a single hour from sickness.

Mr. Butterick proposed that a resolution be passed, expressing the great regret and sympathy of the Board, with Mr. Nicholson in his sickness, and granting him leave of absence, in the hope of his speedy and complete recovery. This was seconded by the Rev. J. A. Alderson, and carried unanimously.

It was further resolved that Mr. Earnshaw be transferred to Rothwell Haigh School, until Mr. Newton is able to undertake his recent appointment.

A letter was also read from Dr. Woodcock, stating that Miss Sugden was unfit to attend school, and ought to have a month's leave, so as to properly recover her health. This request was very willingly granted, on the motion of Messrs. Butterick and Richardson, Miss Sugden's long and excellent services being commented upon. The Clerk was directed to endeavour to secure some temperory assistance during Miss Sugden's absence.

ASSOCIATION MEETING REPORT.

The Chairman, on rising to report on the annual meeting of the Association of School Boards, held in London on the 16th and 17th of May, stated that, owing to the sudden illness of the clerk, Mr. Lunn had kindly become his colleague, and that on the 16th of May, they made their way to St. Martin's Hall, as the Board's representatives to the above named meeting. After describing the room as a much more commodious and pleasant hall than Westminster Town Hall (where previous meetings have taken place), he stated that the genial Dean of Manchester (Dr. Maclure) was unanimously elected president, as were also the excellent secretary and treasurer; the Executive Committee were elected by votes previously given by the various Boards in Association. There are now 289 Boards in the Association, representing more than two-thirds of the twenty million school children in England and Wales; there were about 600 representatives present from all parts of the country.

All the recommendations of the Executive Committee, as contained in their printed report, were carried, only one, (that respecting the proportion of School Board representation on Secondary Education Councils), being disputed, but carried eventually by 39. Amongst other items were suggestions for the better training of Pupil Teachers by attendance at centres, and larger provision of Training Colleges; increased assistance from the Education Department for the education of Deaf and Dumb, and defective children; and against the inequitable rating of Board Schools. A proposal exempting pupil teachers from vaccination, whose parents have conscientious objections to that requirement, was made by Mr. Brown, (of Belpher) and seconded by his colleague (Mr. Lunn, Junr). The resolution was lost however, he feeling bound, as an officer under the Crown, to vote with the majority against. Resolutions were carried, urging the Department to endeavour to issue the results of Scholarship and Certificate Examinations within a less period than now elapses (sometimes four or five months); also asking that instalments of the Annual Grant may be paid quarterly, instead of all in one sum as at present. Mr. Batty concluded by saying that the meeting was most interesting and valuable, fully agreeing with the Dean, that it was the best of the six meetings they had had, not one of which had been poor.

Mr. Lunn said he had been exceedingly pleased to have the opportunity of attending the meeting, of which, of course, he only knew 48 hours before leaving home. He thought, however, the Association was almost too unwieldy for good work; he was in favor of sending one representative for 50,000 population. The Dean made an excellent speech, and was very agreeable, but he could not speak of him as a first-class chairman. He regretted the Association had given way as regards a fuller representation on the Secondary Education Authorities. As to vaccination resolution, he felt bound to speak against enforcing this matter on pupil teachers, when the Government had allowed the conscientious objection by parents. The fact of a parent objecting to his child being vaccinated ought not to be a bar to the child becoming a pupil teacher. He very much enjoyed his trip to London (although it was not his first), and while others went to see the Queen, he turned in another direction, and visited some of the slums of the East End.

The Rev. J. A. Alderson proposed that the best thanks of the Board be given to Mr. Batty and Mr. Lunn for their services, and their report of the School Board Association meeting. This was carried unanimously.

ROTHWELL P.S.A. SOCIAL AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The members of the Rothwell Wesleyan P.S.A. Society held their annual social and prize distribution on Wednesday evening last. A capital tea was provided in the schoolroom at 5-30, a large number (about 90) of members and friends occupied the tables, and the viands prepared were greatly enjoyed by all. The tea was kindly dispensed by the following ladies, who performed their duties with much grace :—Mrs. A. Ward, Miss Batty, Mrs. Tuley, Mrs. Beckwith, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Pickersgill, Mrs. T. Young, Mrs. J. Nunns, Mrs. J. Ellis, Mrs. Gibson, Miss Denton, Miss G. Gibson. The provisions not used at the tea were afterwards sold.

As soon as the tables had been cleared away, and the seats arranged, an encouraging number of interested auditors filled the room for the concert. A good programme had been prepared, and was well worth much more than the nominal amount charged. All the performers did splendidly.

After devotional exercises, Miss Marshall opened the concert with a sweet and sympathetic rendering of "When the children are asleep," in which she did very well, and was much appreciated.

The prize distribution was made by Mrs A. Ward, about 140 prizes being presented for good attendance. The members winning these awards have paid a certain amount each Sunday, and the book or books is the value of the amount thus saved. The prizes included Bibles, Wesley's hymn books, albums, and other books of an elevating and entertaining character.

The Misses Kirk, of Leeds, kindly rendered valuable assistance with voice and violin. The more credit and honour is due to them, seeing that they came from Leeds and did not make any charge for their splendid services. Miss Kirk, the violinist, in her first selection, "Lelisire demone," which was very pretty, displayed considerable skill, and was evidently in perfect sympathy with what she was playing, her bowing was most graceful, and the performance was much enjoyed, the applause at the close being tantamount to an encore. The selection is an exceptionally long one, but the attention of the audience was held from the beginning to the end. Her second solo was excellent and highly merited the hearty applause accorded. The selection was Intermezzo from *Cavalleria Rusticana*. We hope that the time is not far distant when Miss Kirk will again charm us with her music and grace.

Miss J. Kirk, the vocalist, is evidently a trained performer, and was greatly appreciated in her rendering of "When the heart is young," she has a very acceptable and good voice and showed much taste. A well deserved encore was given Miss Kirk at the close of her song, to which she graciously responded with "Dear heart." Those interested in local entertainments would do well to remember Miss Kirk's unquestionable ability.

A tenor solo was creditably sung by Mr. Thompson, of Rothwell, and his efforts gave much pleasure, his selection being "Just before the battle, mother."

The performer of the evening, however, was the elocutionist, Miss Webster, of Hunslet, who it will be remembered took so very well at the concert which the Rev. J. A. Alderson promoted at the beginning of this year. Many in the audience could look back with pleasure on that memory, and their expectations on Wednesday were fully satisfied, while those who heard her for the first time were loud in their praises of Miss Webster's exceptional powers. Her appearance on the platform was the signal for a unanimous and enthusiastic burst of applause. "Hanging a picture," was a most laughable and realistic description of the innumerable accidents which befell Uncle Podger when he tried to hang up a picture, having first lost the hammer, then the nail, the measurements, the proper hole for the nail among the many indentations in the wall, as well as coming into violent collision with the wall in his efforts to get nearer his work, he bruises his thumb, having in all these actions kept the family of six in a constant state of apprehension and tumult. Eventually, however, the masterpiece is fastened in its proper place, and stepping to the floor Uncle Podger surveys his work with evident pride, exclaiming "some people would have had a man in the house for that little job," being utterly oblivious to the fact that the wall looked "as if it had been smoothed down with a rake," and that a few hours had been spent in the operation. A most decided encore was replied to with "Dollars and Dimes," (by request), one of the compositions she gave at her former visit, in which she displayed very great adaptability to the subject in hand. Miss Webster's other performances were "The Newsboy's Debt," (encore "Not a marrying girl,") and "The Frenchman and John Bull," (encore "And the barber kept on shaving,") in all of which she fully maintained her finished character as an elocutionist. Many thanks are due to her, and her recitations will long be treasured memories with all present.

A skillful pianoforte solo was given by Mr. Hadyn Ward, who afterwards further demonstrated his powers by his tasteful accompaniments of the two Misses Kirk's efforts. Miss Jessie Ward acquitted herself very well and greatly enhanced Miss Marshall's solo. Mr. Thompson was creditably accompanied by Mr. Throp Hampson.

During the evening the secretary, Mr. G. Holt, read his annual report, stating that notwithstanding many drawbacks and disappointments, the Society was in a better position than ever, there being an increase of 5 per meeting on the attendance last session. Nine collections had been taken during the term amounting to £5 12s 2d, and the balance from the last social was 18s 7d. A collection in behalf of Dr. Stephenson's Homes amounted to 15s 9d, while another for the Leeds General Infirmary totalled £2 0s 6d. Printing, etc., cost £1 16s, speakers' and singers' expenses were about £2, and £2 had been handed over to the Chapel Stewards. Mr. Ward had kindly given a donation of 10s. On behalf of the Committee, all who had assisted in the work of the Society were very heartily thanked. Last year 120 prizes were given, the number this year was about 140. All those interested in the movement were urged to come forward and help next session, so that the meetings might be a still greater success.

On the motion of Mr. Denton and Mr. Morton, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the performers for their valuable assistance that evening, and a vote of thanks was accorded the chairman, Mr. John Nunns, on the motion of the Rev. J. B. Maltby and Mr. W. Foster.

The rest of the evening was spent by the younger people, in games and other amusements, the merry party breaking up just before eleven o'clock. Everybody voted the whole proceedings a complete success. Much credit and many thanks are due to the promoters of the social, etc.

ORGAN OPENING AT OULTON.

On Wednesday night last, a large congregation assembled in the St. John's Church, Oulton, when a new organ, the gift of J. S. Calverley, Esq, in memory of his father, the late Lord of the Manor, was dedicated by the Bishop of Richmond.

The instrument has been built and fixed by Messrs. Abbott & Smith, of Leeds, and occupies the chamber at the West end of the church. It consists of two complete manuals, and the following stops :—Great organ :—Large open Diapason, small open Diapason, Hand Flöte, Dulciana, Principal, Harmonic Flute, 12th, 15th, Posaune; Swell organ :—Lieblich Bourdon, Geigen Principal, Lieblich Gedact, Viol-di-Gamba, Voix Celeste, Gemshorn, Flautina, Horn and Oboe. The pedal organ has two stops, the open Diapason, and Bourdon, and the composition pedals have three acting on great and pedal organs, and three on the swell. The couplers are swell to great, swell to pedal, and great to pedal. There are 23 stops altogether and 1095 pipes. The action work of the manuals is by "tracker" on the very latest improved principle, and the pedal "tubular pneumatic." The pipes are of full scale and the voicing carefully and artistically executed and adapted to the acoustic requirements of the building. Over the key board is a plate on which is inscribed :—To the glory of God, and in memory of Edmund Calverley, Born 14th August, 1826; Died 15th. September 1897.

The clergy present at the service, besides the Lord Bishop were the Rev. E. H. Dykes (Incumbent), Rev. R. Garrard, curate, (Oulton), Rev. W. C. Gosling (formerly curate at Oulton), Rev. W. B. Pierson (vicar of Rothwell), and Rev. A. J. E. Irvin (vicar of Woodlesford.)

The dedicatory sentences were spoken by the Bishop from the chancel steps, after which Mr Fricker, the Leeds City organist, accompanied the remaining portion of the musical service. There were full stalls of choristers, and the anthem, taken from the 84th Psalm, "Oh how amiable," was smartly rendered. The lessons were read by Mr. Calverley, and the prayers said by the Bishop and the Rev. E. H. Dykes.

The Lord Bishop preached the sermon, taking for his text the 11th and 12 verses of the 19th. chap. of the 1st. Book of Kings. Referring to the special purpose for which they were assembled, he said that to the glory of God for the service of the parish, and to the memory of one who loved the parish and all connected with it, they had dedicated the beautiful instrument which they had just heard played for the first time. This new instrument was one more of those gifts which were making the parish churches throughout the country treasure houses of remembrances to those who had lived and worked and died in Christ. The exhilarating influence, the dramatic force and the spiritual emotion created by music, was referred to and typified by references to some of the passages in *Handel's* great oratorio, "The Messiah," than which there were few finer works. Music was one of the most blessed and sweetest gifts of God, and those gifted with rare vocal powers should be careful how they discharged their responsibilities. He deprecated the unscrupulous singer who to provoke a laugh, clap or cheer lent themselves to low songs which aroused the baser feelings. This great talent could best be used in God's service, and if they sang with the heart and understanding, then the services in which they joined would redound to the glory of God, their own benefit and the good of others. The service throughout was deeply spiritual and helpful.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST QUARTERLY MEETING.

This was held at Methley last Saturday. There was a fairly good attendance, each Society being represented. The Rev. J. Arthur Alderson occupied the chair, and Mr. Arthur Naylor performed the secretarial duties. The business was expeditiously got through, and arrangements made for the coming quarter's Camp Meetings and Harvest Festivals. It was reported that £48 had been raised during the quarter by Sabbath Schools, and £199 9s. 0d. by Bazaars held at Rothwell, Methley and Carlton. Mr Arthur Naylor was strongly recommended as a suitable person to act in the capacity of Evangelist or Hired Local Preacher. Mr. George Bramley gave a financial statement, shewing that a balance remained in hand after paying all liabilities. The meeting heartily granted the Minister three weeks vacation, and made arrangement for a partial supply in his absence. Peace and harmony characterised the meeting throughout. The next meeting will be held at Rothwell.

EPPS'S COCOA—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected COCOA, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette*.—Made simply with boiling water or milk—Sold only in packets and pound tins, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & Co., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London."

MOTHERS.—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is pleasant to taste; it produces natural quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." Of all Chemists, 1s. 1½d. a bottle.

LITERARY EXTRACTS.

SPRING.—Ah, how wonderful is the advent of spring!—the great annual miracle of the blossoming of Aaron's rod, repeated on myriads and myriads of branches!—the gentle progression and growth of herbs, flowers, and trees—gentle and yet impressible—which no force can stay, no violence restrain, like love, that wins its way and cannot be withstood, by any human power, because itself is divine power. If Spring came but once in a century, instead of once a year, or burst forth with the sound of an earthquake, and not in silence, what wonder and expectation there would be in all hearts to behold the miraculous change! But now the silent succession suggests nothing but necessity. To most men, only the cessation of the miracle would be miraculous, and the perpetual exercise of God's power seems less wonderful than its withdrawal would be.—LONGFELLOW.

ALL IMAGINATION.—Doctors frequently practice a curious little trick on their patients. In some diseases medicine is not only useless, but actually injurious. Yet when a man is paying money for medical attendance he expects to see some sign that he is getting due value in the shape of bottles and pill-boxes. The doctor in that case has no option but to deceive. In typhoid fever, for instance, no known drug is of any use. The microbe must be left to tire himself out. But to please his patient the knowing doctor always prescribes a bottle of coloured water. It is called a "placebo." In other cases it is usual to give bread pills. There are many extremely nervous people to whom any kind of medicine would do harm. So the doctor gives them a couple of good-sized bread pills and says, "These will give you a sound night's rest," or "These will remove your headache." And the remarkable thing is that they do. In fact, with bread pills the medical man can produce quite a variety of effects.

WONDERS OF NATURE.—If two pieces of looking-glass are held on the opposite sides of a lighted lamp or candle, an endless series of bright flames may be seen at one time. So, in the cold north, when the air is full of minute floating ice-flakes, the sun with its halo is reflected many times, and the traveller sees two, four, or more mock suns with crossing halo-rings of startling patterns. In hilly countries, where the sun rises in a serene atmosphere but opposite to a thin vapourous cloud, if a human being stand on a high hill between them, a wonderful image is seen on the cloud-curtain moving as the man moves, at one moment clear and the next fading away. This is a kind of natural magic-lantern, where the cloud takes the place of the white screen, and a man, or men, of the slides. The high-set peak of the Hartz mountains, called the Brocken, is the place where this is oftenest seen, so the image is called the spectre of the Brocken. But mountaineers see it often on the high Alps. The changing rays of the morning sun make the giant shadows vanish and reappear, and the moving cloud-screen gives them motion.

GARDENING helps body, mind, and spirit. It gives exercise in air and quiet; it stimulates thought, calls out resources and quickens curiosity; it induces tender ways and gentle patience, and it forces the acknowledgment of dependence on a Power greater than our own and beyond our control. One plants, another waters, but God gives the increase. Gardening offers health, mental activity, and reverence, three of the best gifts in life. What is better than health? Perhaps the power of thinking, the power of tracing cause to effect, which gives security against fear and opens avenues of wealth. But what is better than the power of thinking? certainly the joy of obedience, the joy of knowing that One above has everything in His hands and is working for the best. Gardening offers then to its followers something of these things, and beyond this, further good of giving pleasure. He who makes a flower grow gets some good for himself, and he also gives good to every passer-by who sees its beauty. The gardener is blessed and blesses. Why is not everyone, for some portion of his time, a gardener?—REV. CANON A. BARNETT.

NO LONGER A HOBBY.—Stamp collecting is no long a mere hobby; it has grown into a scientific pursuit and a regular trade; and, as in all other trades, one must "beware of spurious imitations. Not long ago the collections of a celebrated philatelist came under the auctioneer's hammer, and realised no less a sum than 50,000 dollars. The closest examination of each specimen was made by experts, and, happily for the purchasers, every stamp survived the ordeal. The Duke of York is the possessor of a fine collection, and is a high authority. Collectors are to be found in every walk of life—from the office boy, who annexes his master's envelopes in the morning, and wastes his time in pouring over catalogues, to the very highest in the land. Twenty years ago, or even more recently, one had to hunt in by-streets, or in the alleys and courts of the city, to find out a dealer in stamps, who, when found, usually combined this business with that of bookseller or stationer. Nowadays in leading thoroughfares we meet with large shops solely devoted to the wants of the philatelist.

A LUCKY CHANCE. — The discovery of the principle of the manufacture of satin was a pure accident. The word "satin," which originally was applied to all silk stuffs, has since the last century, been used to designate simply those tissues which only present a lustrous surface. The discovery was made by a silk weaver named Octavio Mai. During a dull period of business one day he was pacing before his loom, not knowing how to give a new impulse to his trade. As he passed the machine each time, he pulled some short threads from the warp, and following an old habit, put them into his mouth and rolled them about, soon after spitting them upon the floor. Later he discovered a little ball of silk upon the floor of his shop, and was astonished at the brilliancy of the threads. He repeated the experiment, and eventually employed various mucilaginous preparations, and succeeded in giving satin to the world.

THE VAMPIRE OF WAR.—Counting only the armies of the six great Powers on a peace footing, they amount now to nearly three million men; and if we add the men permanently attached to the several fleets we shall have considerably more than three millions of men in the prime of life withdrawn from productive labour and devoted, nominally to defence, but really to attack and destruction. This, however, is only a portion of the loss. The expense of keeping these three millions of men in food add clothing, in weapons, ammunition, and all the paraphernalia of war; of keeping in a state of readiness the ships, fortifications, and batteries; of continually renewing the stores of all knds; of pensions to the retired officers and wounded men, and whatever other expenditure these vast military organisations entail, amounts to an annual sum of more than one hundred and eighty millions sterling. Now, as the average wages of a working man (or his annual expenditure), considering the low wages and the mode of living in Russia, Italy, Austria, and other Continental states, cannot be more, say, twelve shillings a week, or thirty pounds a year, an expenditure of one hundred and eighty millions implies the constant labour of at least six million of other men in supporting this monstrous and utterly barbarous system of national armaments. If to this number we add those employed in making good the public or private property destroyed in every war, or in smaller military or naval operations in Europe, we shall have a grand total of about ten millions of men withdrawn from all useful or reproductive work, their lives devoted directly or indirectly to the Moloch of war, and who must therefore be supported by the remainder of the working community. And what a horrible mockery is all this when viewed in the light of either Christianity or civilisation! All these nations, armed to the teeth, and watching stealthily for some occasion to use their vast armaments for their own aggrandisement, and for the injury of their neighbours, are Christian nations.—ALFRED R. WALLACE.

Fangle: "What made Swayback take to drinking, Cumso?" Cumso: "I understand that he couldn't keep his head above water."

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We would particularly urge our friends to send in their letters and news, as early as possible, as we cannot accept contributions later than Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, except in the case of matters occurring on Wednesday or Thursday, which should be forwarded within a short period after. Advertisements may be sent as late as Friday morning.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. Ed.

RELIGION AND AMUSEMENTS.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Dear Mr. Editor,

Before you close the interesting discussion which has taken place on "Religion and Amusements" I should like a little space in which to enable me to clear away a few cobwebs. Before doing so, however, I would like to thank the numerous writers who have so nobly defended me from what they considered was an "unwarrantable thrust from behind." I appreciate their kindness and good-will very much. In reply to 'H. Kinder,' let me say that I was only one of very many who thought that he was the writer of the letters, but on expressing my opinion to those who know him more intimately than myself I was assured that it was quite a mistake—the reason assigned being very conclusive; after that, I never entertained the idea again

In reply to 'Fairations,' allow me to say that whenever I play a game of billiards at the Mechanics', it costs me three half-pence, whether I win or lose. There is no element of chance in any game I play.

I thank 'John Speak' for his kind prayer on my behalf. No one needs it more than the writer.

I think, Mr. Editor, that sufficient has been said already upon the question which we originally set out to discuss viz :—"Religion and *Amusements*," without any further remarks *from myself*. My position on this subject is clearly, logically and scripturally defined in the published essay, and if every young man would mount and varnish a copy, and place it in his bedroom for future reference I should be well pleased. If one or two of my statements are open to criticism, it seems to have been well established that my position in the main is sound. Then, take the good and leave the bad, if there be any. I was pained when I read the two letters from your correspondent, Mr. Nonconformist, and felt that they had emanated from some one who had taken up his pen for the purpose of deliberately stabbing me in the dark, with the intent of injuring my good name. There are statements in 'Nonconformist' letter which are entirely false viz :—

1.—My essay was *not* prepared in order to justify my conduct in relation to playing billiards. I gave the essay at the special request of the Endeavour Society and when I wrote it I had not the faintest conception of this personal controversy.

2.—I do *not* stand condemned in the eyes of my Church, nor ever have been. Such a condemnation, if existing, would naturally have been expressed at our Quarterly Official Meeting last Saturday, but not a word was mentioned.

3.—I challenge 'Nonconformist' or any other man to prove that I have ever neglected the calls of my vocation. Duty is paramount with me. My Church has the first claim upon my services, and after that I have always been willing to serve the people, irrespective of their religious creed. I live to serve my Master, my Church, and all people.

4.—Had 'Nonconformist' known that during the initial stages of the Billiard Room, twice out of every three times I was there in order to serve the Committee, he would never have charged me with frittering away my time. Of this I feel sure. I admit that to one unacquainted with the motives and purposes of the Committee and myself, my frequent attendance at the room was open to criticism, and would be looked upon as indiscreet in the eyes of the uninitiated, but the position I undertook at the time rendered my frequent attendance imperative. It was not a question of frittering away time, but utilising it for the good of others. Many hours spent at the Mechanics' were only redeemed at great inconvenience to myself, by persistent application in the early hours of the morning at home.

5.—The tournament was instituted for the purpose of raising money for the Building Fund. It was organised with the purest of motives by the Committee. The question of a prize only came up as an after consideration, and was given in the form of a small souvenir, many of the players knowing nothing of this arrangement until after they had played. Had I known that the tournament was going to be placed on a par with a pigeon flying match or a sweepstake, I would far rather have given my donation and have refrained from taking part. I am well assured that every gentleman who played in the tournament (which consisted of members and officials of Christian Churches) did so with one thought in their minds only, and that was to help the Mechanics' Institute.

6.—I cannot sing a comic song, simply because I do not know one.

In a personal interview I have had with the writer of the two letters signed 'Nonconformist,' he emphatically disclaims any personal resentment, and assures me that he has every good wish for me. His first letter certainly did not convey this impression at the time, but as a Christian Minister who teaches others to bear and forbear, I am bound to accept his assurance. I have asked him to withdraw his offensive remarks which evidently were written under a misapprehension and having received his promise to do this, the matter ends. Thanking you for your usual courtesy.

The Manse, Rothwell, Yours faithfully,
J. ARTHUR ALDERSON.
June 8th, 1899.

Sir,

I had no intention of saying anything further on the above subject, in respect to Mr. Alderson's attitude in connection therewith,— at any rate, until he had exercised his right of reply. But a new and satisfactory turn has been given to the contention. We mutually decided to observe the Scriptural injunction, and personally converse on the vexed' question before proceeding further. During the conversation, the 'tall talk in the street,' about 'libel' and 'law' vanished, the one disputant certainly having no fear of such before his eyes,—the other hoping such an issue would be unnecessary. I am going to make these closing remarks as brief as possible, and merely state the result of the conversation. Some misapprehensions were explained, and this led to a better understanding. My contention has been that Mr. Alderson, as a Christian minister,—or, as he prefers to be called, a minister of religion,—set a disastrous example to the young people of his and other Churches in occupying a large amount of time in playing public billiards, and in ostentatiously indulging in tobacco. I believed it to be a duty to try to counteract the effect of what I considered to be evil teaching. I put all my strength into the contention, and am free to confess that in doing so, I did not mince matters. Mr. Alderson takes strong exception to my charge that "he stands condemned in the eyes of his church, and before the community, for having frittered away in billiard-playing precious hours day after day, that (by inference) should have been devoted to pastoral work, neglecting the calls of his serious vocation, and thereby alienating the sympathy and support of religious people." He explains (and will no doubt do so in detail in his reply) that as a member of the Mechanics Institute Committee, he did a large amount of routine work in preparation for the billiard tournament and other matters in connection with the opening of the new rooms, and that although he put in a large amount of time there, it was not all occupied in actual billiard playing. Of course I gladly accept the explanation which minimises the gist of the charge about "frittering away precious hours day after day" and (by inference) to the neglect of pastoral, &c., work. Mr. Alderson however confesses that in preparation for the tournament he may have played about two games a day on frequent days, and he manfully acknowledges that he was indiscreet in doing so, and in being prominently connected with the tournament—especially so, when he learned that some persons connected with the Church complained of such action. And it must be remembered that the most serious charge on this head (although since withdrawn), was made by a member or official of his Church. Mr. Alderson—like any other paid servant—has responsibilities in connection with honestly and profitably spending his time and is accountable for it. What would be the logical, natural inference, if a business employee were to be found away from the shop day after day simply amusing himself? Mr. Alderson denies that he "stands condemned in the eyes of his Church and before this community." When I said "his Church," I meant his *entire* ministerial charge—not alone the Rothwell Society. I am glad to hear his assurance that the Rothwell Society was never more cordial and harmonious than it is now, and that the circuit was never in a more prosperous and happy condition. As a unit in the "community," however, I know something of the wide-spread condemnation referred to and as for any disaffected churches or church members they can now speak for themselves. Meanwhile, I cordially accept the deliberate assurance. One word *re* smoking, Mr. Alderson says, when a candidate for the ministry on being asked if he smoked tobacco he said "No," and he has acquired the habit since he became a settled minister. Mr. Alderson is in accord with me on the matter of smoking in public. It will be gathered from the above that the hope I expressed in the second letter, viz, "with many others I shall be devoutly thankful if Mr. Alderson will confess that in these matters so vitally affecting his spiritual influence he has been to say the least indiscreet," is already realised, and I am "devoutly thankful," for these steps along the way of crucifixion of self for the good of others. My contention all along has been that public billiard-playing and ostentatious smoking on the part of a "Minister of Religion" were wrong, and I regret that it has been distorted to apply to *private* members of the Mechanics' Institute. I have not a critical word to say against that institution which is doing good work. My family are members, and no family in Rothwell has given more hearty and gratuitous service to it than has mine.

Yours sincerely,
NONCONFORMIST.

[The correspondence on this subject naturally closes with the above two letters. If our readers and the public generally, imitate the example set by two main disputants, good will result from this 'paper war.' We trust that all personal misunderstanding and suspicion will be cast away, and that public men (both in this matter, and in others), will be judged by their *whole* life, not by excrescences or occasional acts. Both sides in this matter have acknowledged errors, and each has accepted freely and sincerely the explanations offered. For ourselves, we have used our best offices to assist in this desirable result, and if we have erred at all, it has been in the desire to give fair play to all, as we are the friends of all.—ED]

[For above reason (correspondence closed) a short letter from "Ne Plus Ultra" is not published.]

HEARD IN THE STREETS.

CONTRIBUTED.

THAT Councillor Bulmer has received his summons *re* Wooden Buildings and that this is said to be the only one taken out.

THAT considerable feeling has been engendered about it and a subscription towards the expenses is already talked about.

* * *

THAT a jealous rivalry exists between our street water cart and the rain clouds in fact a kind of dog in the manger spirit keeps them both inactive while the shopkeepers and public generally are choking with dust.

THAT the surveyor as of yore is keeping a sharp eye on the "azure" in order to circumvent the first business like looking cloud that appears.

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THE NEW INFANTS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Sir,

It is with some reluctance that I write on the above subject, but circumstances have risen during the last week which have really made me. I think, though, that on my way to it, I may briefly sketch the history of this Infants' School business. In the report of H. M. Inspector for 1897 it was stated "that the accommodation in Carlton Lane was insufficient, and if this was not remedied, the grant would be endangered the following year." This set the Board to work to devise some means how to improve the accommodation, and after some time they instructed Mr. Richardson to draft plans from various suggestions. He did so, with the result that a majority of the Board approved of alterations of the mixed department, and of a new Infants' School in Mr. Martin's garden. These were sent to the Education department. The site and the plans were condemned for a number of reasons by the Rothwell I. L. P. who forwarded their objections to the proper quarter. This brought down one of H. M. Inspectors, who stated that the Board ought not to be altering its schools every two or three years, as it was "penny wise and pound foolish," but ought to provide the best site and the most suitable buildings. I tried to get the Board to purchase a site which would have provided a much more suitable school, with frontage, and at a fairly reasonable price. Not they, it would be too costly. Imagine this! Too costly to build a good school for the children of the workers. Those who in the near future will have to produce their own livelihood and also that of those who "toil not, neither do they spin." Anyhow the plans were returned unsatisfactory, but the School Board election was at hand, and the question was left over for the new Board to deal with. The new Board, as everybody is aware, was with one exception the same as the retiring one, the workers being generally satisfied to carry their burden until it gets them down. The question was again taken up, however, and numbers of suggestions were made, H. M. Inspector, in the meantime, making the report "that the provision of further suitable accommodation had become urgent." The plans were therefore altered, and sent up to the Department, and again they came back for further alteration. I had during the interval visited a number of Infants' Schools, and desired the Board to visit one or two of the most up-to-date schools; I felt sure if they did so, they would feel disgusted with their ideas. But they, having a very large share of the world's knowledge, did not wish for any outside advice, and would build the School as the majority desired. After being sent to London three times, therefore, the plans have reached the *minimum* requirements of the Educational department. What are the plans then? They are to enlarge the Central Hall, and to build a new Infants' School in the schoolmaster's garden, at the extreme end of the village, and to do so, is to take about a quarter of the present inadequate girls' playground. The school is to accommodate 228 Infants. There will be one large room for 132 children and two classrooms for 48 each. One room for 132 children! These will have to be taught in 3 separate classes. Fancy three teachers giving oral lessons in one room at the same time. Do you expect your children getting an education under such circumstances. I should sooner expect them and the teacher also to leave the school with their sense of hearing seriously deteriorated. Well then, separate them by glass partitions you say. But there are none provided for in the plans, so that we shall have to allow the former idea of three teachers teaching altogether or erect green baize screens to separate them. If we do the latter, then the light will be very much affected, and this has been a consideration now, a dormer window being one of the required alterations, the light not being sufficient. Dormer windows are condemned by experts, I may say, as being the cause of draughts, and affecting the heating of the rooms very much. One of H. M. Inspectors said some time ago, "To have to read in the uncertain light of a gloomy room must be highly injurious to the eyesight." Blindness may ultimately, defective vision must, result to numbers of the children taught in the twilight of many schools. Some members have wished to reduce the size of the playgrounds, which are too small now and will be as draughty as the schools. When School Boards realise the following words from H. M. Chief Inspector, Mr. Rankine's recent report:—"We have not yet fully realised that play is a serious part of education," there will be considerably more interest taken in physical education. The School is to be built though, and the contracts were let last Friday night. Before dealing with them, I asked if the Fair Contracts resolution of the Board had been brought before the contractors, and I found it had not. I therefore declared I would not vote, unless, before the contracts were signed, it should be known whether the contractor paid the Trade Union rate of wages or not. This Fair Contracts resolution was passed in March, 1896, and it was to apply to all future contracts. At that time the other Rothwell members remained neutral. There was a large amount of trouble with one contractor on this question during the discussion on the Stourton alterations. But last Friday night's action surprised me more than anything before. They all to a man passed over this resolution, and it was stated that it being passed by a previous Board it was out of date. Who ever heard of anything so idiotic? If all public bodies, &c., were to throw away the books of their predecessors, it would be as sensible as the action of the Rothwell School Board. Where are the Trade Unionists who supported these men, who are so fond of them? One would think they will not be so proud of their "Servants." Where is the Christianity of these men, who from their actions would rather see an employer tyrannising his men and making them work for starvation wages, than that they would look after them having a reasonable subsistence. I think that the Trade Unionists in the district ought to do something in this affair. Would anybody dare to declare that the Board is at all democratic? Its action on the Wood Lane School question for instance, is a shame and a disgrace. After a petition had been got up and signed by two-thirds of the ratepayers in that district in two days, it refused to build them even an Infant School. There appears to me to be no difference between Church and Nonconformist members, as a rule, when it is either Trade Unionism or a better education of the children that is at stake. Well may educational experts ask for the destruction of the small School Board. In very many cases it is as bad as it possibly can be. This question of a new School is to me, and ought to be with all interested in education, the most important that has been or is likely to come before the Board for some time. Thanking you in anticipation,

June 8th, 1899. I remain
Rothwell
Leeds. Yours respectfully
W. LUNN Junr.

AN APPEAL.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Adverting to my letter of last week soliciting help for a most worthy and deserving case, I beg to inform you and those interested that the response has been as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
W. P. Hartley, Esq, J.P., Liverpool	10	0	0
Rev. W. B. Pierson	1	1	0
J. A. A.		5	0
Mr. J. O. Parker		2	0
" W. Denton		1	0
" J. Brooks		2	6
" J. W. Ineson		1	6
W. E. Richardson, Esq.		2	0
Mr. C. Crowther		1	0
" R. Naylor		1	0
" J. Harriman, Sen.		1	0
Joseph Hammill, Esq.	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. J. Shurmer (more if necessary)		10	0
Mrs Gould		2	6
Mr. Wm. Elliott		1	0
" T. Wilkinson		1	0
" W. Bulmer		1	0
A Friend		1	0
Miss Ellis		1	0
Mrs R. Ellis		1	0
Mr. Eli Ward		2	0
" H. Poulter		2	6
A Well Wisher		2	6
Mr. J. Goddard		1	0
" A. Ward		1	0
" W. Butterfield		1	0
H. S. Atkinson, Esq.	1	1	0
Mr. G. Borwell		2	0
" J. Franks			6
Geo. Armitage, Esq., J.P.	1	1	0
Mr. W. Foster		2	0
Mrs. John Harrison		1	0
" John Lunn		1	0
Mr. Elstob		4	0
"Wesleyan"		1	0

From the above list it will be seen that £17 0s 0d is already secured. I am sanguine that the remaining amount will be sent me by this day week, so that I can claim the magnificent gift from Mr. Hartley. I hear that the Rothwell Temperance Bandsmen are making a collection amongst themselves at their next meeting. This good example is worthy of imitation by the Old and Orchestral Bands, who, I feel sure, are not wanting in sympathy for this worthy object. I have asked the Secretary of the Miners' Union to kindly introduce the matter at their meeting to morrow night, with a view to making a systematic collection among the workers; in the meantime will those who have not already subscribed and wish to do so kindly remember that one press of the button at the door of the Manse will secure prompt attendance and hearty thanks for the smallest gift. Arrangements are being made for the girl to spend a month in the St. Ann's Hospital, Bridlington, pending the adoption of the fresh air treatment. A more deserving case than this has never come under my notice, and I earnestly ask my fellow-townsmen to consecrate some little portion of their income to the good of humanity and hence to the glory of God. This affords one of the best of opportunities.

Faithfully yours,
J. ARTHUR ALDERSON.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending June 3rd, 1899, is £280; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £221, thus showing increase of £59. For the 22 weeks ending June 3rd, the return is £7238 against £5244 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £1994

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COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET MATCHES.

At Rothwell—Rothwell v Oulton.

ROTHWELL FIRST ELEVEN—Dr. Buck (capt), Joe Walker, H Morgan, J W Chadwick, W E Richardson, Hy Dacre, T Dobson, jun., H Clark, W Bedford, H Wormald, H Greenwood.

At Oulton—Rothwell 2nd v Oulton 2nd.

ROTHWELL SECOND ELEVEN—Wm Fox (capt), Jas Lunn, J W Smith, R N Lunn, W Spurr, H Brown, Joe Fox, J E Brown, T Parker, Jos Smith, C Ward.

At Rothwell—Rothwell Parish Church v Armley 3rd.

PARISH CHURCH TEAM—P Chapman (capt), E Moss, J H Drew, A Tiffany, E Beckwith, W Ward, J Atack, J Hargreaves, M Naylor, C Butterfield, H Lunn; Reserves, S Abbishaw, A Abbishaw.

WEDNESDAY.

At Hunslet—Rothwell Tradesmen v Hunslet T.

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN'S ELEVEN—H Wormald (capt), J Walker, M Fowler, J Wilkinson, J Stead, O Wilkinson, Dr Buck, W Inman, P Inman, H Forrest C P Ward.

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CRICKET.

Will the Secretaries of Cricket Clubs kindly forward List of Fixtures, Reports of Matches (both first and second elevens), and List of players chosen as early as possible.

OULTON DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Results up to date.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	D'wn.	Pts
Middleton Park	5	3	0	2	8
Oulton	5	3	0	2	8
Whitwood	5	2	1	2	6
Altofts W Riding	5	1	2	2	4
Carlton	5	1	2	2	4
Lofthouse	5	1	2	2	4
Rothwell	5	1	2	2	4
Methley	5	0	3	2	2

HENRY HODSON, Woodlesford, Sec.

OULTON v. LEEDS SPRINGFIELD.

Played at Oulton on Saturday last.

Oulton.

E A Higgins, c Thornton b Holden	65
C Briggs, c Masser b Barrett	7
H W Higgins, run out	13
J Jeffrey, c Barrett b Masser	14
L E Greenwood, c Barrett b Holden	17
W Inman, c Ferguson b Barrett	2
G M Abbey, b Barrett	24
E Boothroyd, c Fox b Masser	5
W Smith, c Masser b A Murray	11
F Bell, b Barrett	0
G Inman, not out	0
Extras	16
Total	174

Springfield.

T Murray, b W Inman	12
E Ferguson, b W Inman	4
A Barrett, not out	29
E Fox, b Greenwood	2
A Murray, b Greenwood	2
A E Masser, not out	1
Extras	11
Total for 4 wkts	61

OULTON 2nd. v. NORMANTON BAPTISTS.

Played at Normanton on Saturday last.

Oulton.

F Killingbeck, b Swaine	0
B Butterick, c Halstead b Swaine	6
O Inman, b Swaine	0
T Hurdus, b Swaine	2
A Cain, b Swaine	2
P Inman, b Swaine	0
J Morley, b Swaine	0
P C Higgins, st Taylor b Kirk	11
S Lockwood, c Faithurst b Kirk	7
E Brearley, b Halstead	1
F Hampshire, not out	0
Extras	2
Total	31

Normanton.

Kirk, b Killingbeck	0
Taylor, c Killingbeck b Cain	8
Tilson, lbw b Killingbeck	1
Fairhust, c Cain b Killingbeck	3
Swaine, b Cain	1
Halstead, b Cain	5
NewMyer, st Butterick b Hardus	6
Noble, run out	1
Moore, not out	8
Fairhurst, c and b Cain	0
Davis, c Higgins b Cain	0
Extras	9
Total	42

WOODLESFORD v. METHLEY.

Played at Methley on Saturday last.

Methley.

C Inman, b Collin	21
J Teale, c Audsley b Collin	9
R Cox, b Bates	8
W Westerman, c Bates b Collin	0
B Roberts, c Audsley b Bates	3
A Thornton, c Bates b J R Hewitt	19
R Thompson, b J R Hewitt	5
J Mosby, b J R Hewitt	0
H Gregson, run out	4
J Keighley, not out	21
E Pyrah, b Wilkinson	18
Extras	8
Total	116

Woodlesford.

T Collin, not out	57
H Parkin, b Teale	33
H Audsley, not out	28
Total for 1 wkt	118

ROTHWELL PARISH CHURCH v. LEEDS GOOD SHEPHERDS.

Played at Rothwell on Saturday last

Rothwell.

J Drew, c Hall b Sunderland	2
J Hargreaves, b Shaw	1
E Moss, b Shaw	1
P Chapman, b Shaw	0
J Atack, b Sundlerland	1
C Butterfield, b Shaw	2
H Lunn, c Baldridge b Shaw	0
W Ward, not out	15
S Abbishaw, b Stark	0
M Naylor, c Stangroom b Sunderland	6
E Beckwith, c Baldridge b Stark	1
Extras	5
Total	34

Leeds.

Barlow, run out	0
Stark, b Moss	5
Baldrige, c Chapman b Drew	0
Sunderland, b Drew	3
Shaw, b Moss	1
Houldsworth, b Moss	0
W Sunderland, c Moss b Chapman	16
W Stangroom, b Moss	6
Hall, b Moss	0
T Stangroom, not out	0
Storey, c and b Moss	0
Extras	9
Total	40

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN v. BURLEY T.

Played at Burley on Wednesday last.

Rothwell Tradesmen

J Walker, b J B Briggs	4
H Dacre, c and b J B Briggs	7
H Wormald, b Chappel	31
E Milner, b Bannister	54
M Fowler, c Elliott b J B Briggs	24
Dr Buck, st Nunns b J B Briggs	10
J Stead, not out	21
O Wilkinson, st Dunn b J B Briggs	6
A Denton, c H Briggs b J Briggs	7
O Inman, st Dunn b J B Briggs	3
J Wilkinson, c and b J B Briggs	3
Extras	13
Total	180

Burley T.

Chappell, b Walker	1
W Bannister, b Milner	3
W Dunn, c J Wilkinson b Milner	13
T Feathers, b Walker	3
J B Briggs, b Walker	16
Elliott, run out	1
Gray, b O Wilkinson	5
Roberts, b Walker	5
H Briggs, not out	9
Mooley, not out	3
Extras	10
Total for 8 wkts	69

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ROTHWELL 1st. v. ROTHWELL 2nd.

Played at Rothwell on Saturday last

Rothwell 2nd.

J Lunn, junr. b Morgan	4
C. Ward, b Dobson	12
R N Lunn, lbw b Morgan	0
J W Smith, b H Dacre	19
W Spurr, st. Dacre b T Dobson senr	10
W Fox, lbw b Dacre	19
J Lunn, senr. c and b T Dobson senr	2
J Fox, b Dacre	0
T Parker, lbw b T Dobson senr	0
Jos. Smith, not out	0
Extras	10
Total	76

Rothwell.

H Morgan, b R N Lunn	71
H Dacre, c T Parker b W Fox	16
W Bedford, b J Lunn	12
T Dobson, junr b R N Lunn	23
H Greenwood, not out	0
Extras	7
Total for 4 wkts	129

HE PUTS IT IN THE BAG.

That's what the post-office clerk does with your letter; he puts it in the bag.

And that's what you do with every mouthful you swallow, solid or fluid; you put it in the bag.

In the latter case the bag is the stomach. It is shaped like a pear, with a bent and longish neck. Things go in at the top of the neck, then slide down into the bigger part. The sides of this bag are smooth, and if you don't stuff it too full, the contents roll and tumble about in it without any trouble.

And this operation begins directly your meal arrives. All over the inside surface of the bag are no end of little pipes, and as soon as the meat, potatoes, gooseberry pie, &c., are all in these pipes (pardon me the word), commence to *squirt* a fluid all over the collection, and keep it up so long as the rolling and tumbling about continues. Nature wants to make a mixture of the lot, and that is how she does it.

When the job is done your meal is turned into a thick, gray-looking soup or broth, which speedily slips through the door or valve at the lower end of the bag, and goes on its road.

This is the process when all is right. But suppose otherwise. Then, what? For, unlike the leather bags which the clerks flip our letters into, the stomach is a *live* bag and has fashions and feelings of its own. The mail bag accepts anything, from a lover's note to a package of newspapers, without a pout or a pang.

But with the *live* bag it is another story, as Mrs. Hunt's experience shows. She says that for a long time everything she ate acted as if it had turned sour on her stomach. And that is precisely what it did. For some reason the live bag failed to turn the food into a broth-like mixture, but left it in the form it had when received. So it lay in the bag and went sour, just as it would have done in a bucket out in the garden.

The lady finally got over this trouble, but not for a weary while; and we will ask her how she found herself in the meantime.

"I was low, weak, and heavy," she answers, "and had no energy. I seldom felt like eating, even though faint from want of nourishment; and what I did eat lay on me like a weight."

Yes, for the reason that the stomach was not dealing with it. The stomach was like a dog asleep in a corner with a sleeping child using him for a pillow. For the time being the *live* bag was a leather bag—no stir or disposition to attend to business about it.

"I had an almost constant gnawing pain," Mrs. Hunt says, "and often fancied I should like to eat something; but when it was placed before me I couldn't touch it. I was much distressed with belching up a foul fluid; and a nasty wind rose into my throat as if it would choke me.

"It wasn't much that I slept, and in the morning and throughout the day I was exhausted, worn out, and practically good for nothing. With but little variation this was the manner of my life one year after another.

"In November, 1894, I was so weak the doctor ordered me to keep my bed—an order sadly easy for me to obey. However, I usually managed to crawl out of bed, and lie on the couch part of the day. I was very pale and emaciated, and for three months I scarcely had strength to move.

"One day in February, 1895, I read statements made by different persons who told how they had been cured of this very same complaint by Mother Seigel's Syrup. As their cases were like mine, I said to myself I would try the medicine, for the doctors were not able to do me any good.

"I am glad to tell you that the Syrup proved to be as helpful to me as it had been to others; for after using it a few weeks I could eat without any of the suffering I have tried to describe. My strength came back with my eating regular meals, and presently health — the most precious of blessings—was mine once more. What my opinion of Mother Seigel's Syrup is anyone can judge."—(Signed) (Mrs.) H. HUNT, 4, Southern Road, Thame, Oxfordshire, February 1, 1899.

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The Directors of the above Society have pleasure in announcing that the

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At 7 o'clock, by
MR. W. B. COLLINSON
(One of the Directors).
The proceedings will be presided over by
COUNCILLOR JAMES TETLEY,
(President of the Society),
And ADDRESSES delivered by
Several of the Directors, and others.

THE OULTON-WITH-WOODLESFORD
Infirmary Demonstration
SUNDAY, JUNE 25th, 1899.

Grand Military Church Parade,
To OULTON CHURCH, in which will take part
The W.Y.R.E. VOLUNTEERS,
Under the command of CAPTAIN HOYLE.
Further particulars of the Demonstration will be announced shortly.
W. P. BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

S. JOHN'S CHURCH, OULTON.
On SUNDAY NEXT, JUNE 18th,
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COMING EVENTS REGISTER.

The proprietors of this journal propose opening a register at their office under the above head, in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

June 18—Organ Recital at Oulton Church
June 21—Foundation Stone Laying of New Co-op. Stores at Woodlesford.
June 25—Oulton-with-Woodlesford Infirmary Demonstration.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley

Friday, June 16, 1899.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A fortnightly meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the Offices, Hunslet, Dr. Hawkyard presiding. There were also present—Mr. Fryer (vice-chairman), Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Woodcock, Rev. A. J. Irvin, Rev. M. J. Dillon, Messrs. Hargreaves, Butterick, Edwards, Bamforth, Knight, Houghton, Robb, Charlesworth, with the clerk (Mr. Mee), and assistant clerk (Mr. Ward).

The vagrants relieved during the fortnight were—155 men against 282 during the same period last year, 26 women against 28, and 7 children against 20; a total of 188, against 330

WORKHOUSE VISITING COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the above Committee, Mr Fryer reported upon his visit to the Workhouse during the past fortnight, and called attention to the children's cots. It was proposed by Mrs. Woodcock, that six new cots be obtained; seconded by Mr Dillon, and carried unanimously. The Clerk submitted a list of the salaries paid to the several grades of Nurses in neighbouring Unions. It was proposed by Mr. Fryer, that the Guardians be recommended to increase the staff of nurses from four to six as soon as opportunity offers, viz:—Superintendent, 2 staff nurses, and 3 probationers; seconded by Mrs. Woodcock, and carried unanimously. It was proposed by Mrs. Woodcock, that the probationers be taken on a three years' agreement, at a salary of £12 for the first year, £16 for the second, and £20 for the third, and that certificates be awarded on completion of training; seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously. Proposed by Mr. Fryer, that the Chairman, Mrs. Woodcock, and Mrs. Dickenson, be appointed a sub-committee to draw up rules for the training of probationers; seconded by Mr. Houghton, and carried unanimously. A letter was received from Mr. R. Bamforth offering to give an entertainment to the inmates. It was proposed by Mr. Houghton that permission be given, and that Thursday, the 15th instant be suggested; seconded by Mr. Robb, and carried unanimously. The Ladies Committee reported that they had found the House looking beautifully clean, and the Inmates happy and comfortable.

The minutes were duly confirmed.

CHILDREN'S HOMES.

At a meeting of the Homes Committee, the Superintendent reported that the defective water supply to No. 3 home was caused by the corrosion of the pipe; ordered that the plumber's attention be called to the matter. At the request of Mrs. Dickenson, permission was given to the members of the Co-operative Guild, to visit and inspect the Homes.

CONSUMPTIVE INMATES:—
PROPOSED JOINT TREATMENT BY THE FOUR LEEDS UNIONS.

It was reported that at the conference on Tubercolosis, held recently in Leeds, proposals were made to treat cases coming under the care of the four Leeds unions, by means of special homes. A general opinion prevailed that the municipal and sanitary authority should deal with this disease as they do with others of an infectious nature.

The Chairman said that at the meeting it was urged that they had no power to take any active steps apart from sanction by their respective Boards, so that it was decided to have another meeting after laying the matter before their fellow guardians. The Chairman said he voted for the municipal and sanitary authority treating these cases, but as the Leeds City Corporation were spending about a quarter of a million in hospital accommodation of one sort or another, he did not see much probability of them taking over any such fresh responsibility at present. One fact, they as Guardians, could not get over, and that was that they had a great number of consumptive men and women passing through their Unions, and the only thing they could do for them, under present arrangements, was to send them off to the sea-side for a week or two. He was in favour of something further being done for them in the way of homes being provided, where they could have a six months' or longer residence. It was urged that it would be pauperising those who took advantage of these homes; in many instances it was a case of pauperism and death, and if there was a choice between this and pauperism and recovery, he should certainly chose the latter. No definite scheme was laid before the Conference, but he made a suggestion that a house be taken in the country to accommodate about 10 beds, Leeds taking 5, Hunslet 3, and Holbeck and Bramley 1 each, the experiment to be tried for 12 months and the cost proportionately apportioned. The total cost might probably be £750, three tenths of which would be due from the Hunslet Board. It was for the Board to decide whether they should go in for it or no; so far as the two smaller unions were concerned he believed they would do nothing.

Mr. Hargreaves said he agreed with much that the chairman had said, but personally he thought the experiment should be tried by the sanitary authority, the Leeds City Council or the West Riding County Council. If the Guardians carried out such a scheme, and then the Leeds City Council or the West Riding County Council went in for a similar thing, then the local ratepayers would be called upon to pay towards the cost of both. If there was to be any experimental trial he thought it should certainly be tried by the sanitary authority. The Guardians, however, should have time to consider the proposals.

The Chairman, proposed that the Union, though its representatives, have power to sanction a twelve months' trial of such joint home as had been referred to, if the other Unions mentioned are prepared to fall in with the suggestion. They could limit their cost if they thought necessary, say to £100.

In answer to Mr. Butterick, the Clerk said that before going in for such a scheme the Board would have to get the sanction of the Local Government Board, but he anticipated no difficulty in that direction.

Father Dillon seconded the resolution, as he thought it only a proper course to take, and looked upon the matter as likely in the end to prove a saving to the Union.

Mr. Fryer said he was struck at the meeting with the diversity of opinion expressed on the subject, and personally thought that in the first instance the Corporation should take the matter up.

Mr. Butterick asked the Clerk if he could tell him what percentage of the inmates were suffering from consumption.

The Clerk said that the last time statistics were got out, it was shown that there were 4 cases in the Workhouse; these did not include the poor outside who were suffering from the disease.

The Chairman, speaking on the prevalence of the disease said that they might conclude that in one of every eight of the funerals they saw, death was attributable to tuberculosis, whilst in the City of Leeds there were as many as 1500 people suffering from the disease.

In order that more time might be given to consider the Chairman's proposal, Mr. Hargreaves proposed that the matter stand adjourned for a fortnight; this amendment was seconded by Mr. Robb, and eventually carried.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Accounts amounting to £474 4s 8d were passed for payment.

The Finance Committee had considered the Assistant Clerk's application for an advance of salary, but had passed no resolution, and the matter was consequently referred to the full Board.

Father Dillon proposed to give him an advance of £20 per annum, and gave notice of motion to that effect for the next meeting.

Messrs. Knight and Forster's tender for the supply of books and stationery was accepted, the figure (the lowest) being £104 11s 2d.

The agreement for the sale of a quantity of land near Hunslet Moor, to the Leeds City Council was ordered to be signed.

ORGAN OPENING AT OULTON.

RECITALS BY THE LEEDS CITY ORGANIST.

Through the generosity of J. Selwin Calverley, Esq., of Oulton Hall, and in memory of his deceased father, a new organ has been placed in the beautiful church of the pretty village of Oulton, and was dedicated, as would be seen from our last issue, by the Lord Bishop of Richmond, on Wednesday evening week.

The opening services were continued on Sunday last, when Mr. Fricker, the Leeds City organist, occupied the organ bench at all the services.

The Rev. E. H. Dykes, incumbent, preached an appropriate sermon in the morning, at which the special psalm taken was the 145th., and the hymns 7, 412, 546, and 298

In the afternoon an organ recital by Mr. Fricker, attracted a crowded congregation, there being present most of the leading musicians from the surrounding parishes, eager to participate in the rich treat expected to be afforded by so talented an expert.

The instrument, as may be supposed, is a piece of well-finished furniture, of the best quality in every detail, and gives forth rich well-voiced notes, governed by a pleasing variety of stops.

The scope of the organ was skilfully demonstrated in the various selections interpreted by the City Organist, whose knowledge of the heavenly art is highly developed, and powers of execution beyond anything we have heard in the district for many years. The recital embraced:—Suite Gothique, (1, choral; 2, minuet; 3, priere; 4, toccati), *Boelman*; Pastorale in *E Major*, *Lemare*; Fugue a la Gigue, *Bach*; Legende, *Dvorak*; Toccato, *Dubois*; Allegro con moderato, *Widor*; and Haldigung's March, *Wagner*.

Pleasing variety was given to the service by Mr. Pringle, the local choirmaster, and by Mr. B. W. Higgins and Mr L. E Greenwood, well-known vocalists, who, on the invitation of the Rev. E. H. Dykes, readily consented to assist in so laudable an undertaking.

Mr. Pringle's voice was somewhat light for *Handel's* military song, "Arm, arm, ye Brave," than which there are few compositions more suitable to a vigorous, deep and full-toned basso.

Mr. Wood Higgin's choice was *Gaul's* "A new heaven and earth," from the first notes of which it was evident the vocalist was in fine trim, and as the solo proceeded the conviction that we never heard Mr. Higgins to better advantage became pronounced,—a conviction that has since been generally confirmed by musical critics whose pleasure it was to sit in judgement on his capabilities. The solemn theme, the rugged yet sympathetic voice of the well-known basso, and exquisite accompaniments by Mr. Fricker, visibly touched the emotions of the listeners, and was certainly one of the most effective items of the afternoon.

Although we have not known Mr. Greenwood, the tenor vocalist, so long as the basso above mentioned, yet he has been in our midst sufficiently long to establish himself amongst the first rank of tenor singers, and has won for himself eulogistic commendations. Mr. Greenwood selected *Mendelssohn's* "If with all your hearts," the artistic taste of the rendering of which, was only equalled by his well-judged modulation of voice and perfect tone throughout.

In the evening, the Rev. Canon Bullock, of Holy Trinity, Leeds, occupied the pulpit, and preached a sermon characteristic of the man. *Barmby's* anthem "Oh how amiable are Thy dwellings," was sung by the choir; the special psalms taken were the 96th. and the 150th. and the hymns 161 (processional) 240, 437 and 12 (recessional).

After the evening service, Mr. Fricker gave a short recital, comprising:—Introduction, third Act, *Lohengrin*; Vorspiel Parsifal, *Wagner*; and Romance and march, *Tannhauser*; each of which were attentively listened to and thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr. Morley, the organist, has secured the services of Mr. H. B. Shaw, Mus. Bac., of St. George's, Leeds, to accompany the services on Sunday next, who will also give a short recital after the evening service.

DIRECTIONS FOR RESTORING THE APPARENTLY DROWNED.

The leading principles of the following Directions for the Restoration of the Apparently Dead from Drowning, issued by the Royal National Life-Boat Institution are founded on those of the late Dr. Marshall Hall, combined with those of Dr. H. R. Silvester, and are the result of extensive inquiries which were made by the Institution amongst Medical Men, Medical Bodies, and Coroners throughout the United Kingdom. These Directions have been extensively circulated by the Institution throughout the United Kingdom and in the Colonies. They are also in use in Her Majesty's Fleet; in the Coast-guard Service; at all the Stations of the British Army at home and abroad; in the Lighthouses and Vessels of the Corporation of the Trinity House; the Metropolitan and Provincial Police Forces; the Metropolitan School Board Schools; and the St. John's Ambulance Association.

1.—Send immediately for medical assistance, blankets, and dry clothing, but proceed to treat the patient *instantly* on the spot, in the open air, with the face downward, whether on shore or afloat; exposing the face, neck, and chest to the wind, except in severe weather, and removing all tight clothing from the neck and chest, especially the braces.

The points to be aimed at are—first and *immediately* the *Restoration of Breathing*; and secondly, after breathing is restored, the *Promotion of Warmth and Circulation.*

The efforts to *restore Breathing* must be commenced immediately and energetically, and persevered in for one or two hours, or until a medical man has pronounced that life is extinct. Efforts to promote *Warmth and Circulation*, beyond removing the wet clothes and drying the skin, must not be made until the first appearance of natural breathing; for if circulation of the blood be induced before breathing has recommenced, the restoration to life will be endangered.

2.—TO RESTORE BREATHING.—*To Clear the Throat.*—Place the patient on the floor or ground with the face downwards, and one of the arms under the forehead, in which position all fluids will more readily escape by the mouth, and the tongue itself will fall forward, leaving the entrance into the windpipe free. Assist this operation by wiping and cleansing the mouth.

If satisfactory breathing commences, use the treatment described below to promote warmth. If there be only slight breathing—or no breathing—or if the breathing fails, then—

To Excite Breathing.—Turn the patient well and instantly on the side, supporting the head, and—

Excite the nostrils with snuff, hartshorn, and smelling salts, or tickle the throat with a feather, etc., if they are at hand. Rub the chest and face warm, and dash cold water, or cold and hot water alternately, on them. If there be no success, lose not a moment, but instantly—

To Imitate Breathing. — Replace the patient on the face, raising and supporting the chest well on a folded coat or other article of dress.

Turn the body very gently on the side and a little beyond, and then briskly on the face, back again, repeating these measures cautiously, efficiently and perseveringly, about fifteen times in the minute, or once every four or five seconds, occasionally varying the side.

(By placing the patient on the chest, the weight of the body forces the air out; when turned on the side, this pressure is removed, and air enters the chest).

On each occasion that the body is replaced on the face, make uniform but efficient pressure with brisk movement, on the back between and below the shoulder-blades or bones on each side, removing the pressure immediately before turning the body on the side.

During the whole of the operations let one person attend solely to the movements of the head and of the arm placed under it.

(The first measure increases the expiration—the second commences inspiration).

The result is *Respiration* or *Natural Breathing*;—and if not too late, *Life.*

Whilst the above operations are being proceeded with, dry the hands and feet, and as soon as dry clothing or blankets can be procured, strip the body, and cover or gradually reclothe it, but taking care not to interfere with the efforts to restore breathing.

3.—Should these efforts not prove successful in the course of from two to five minutes, proceed to imitate breathing by Dr. Silvester's method, as follows:—

Place the patient on the back on a flat surface inclined a little upwards from the feet; raise and support the head and shoulders on a small firm cushion or folded article of dress placed under the shoulder-blades.

Draw forward the patient's tongue, and keep it projecting beyond the lips; an elastic band over the tongue and under the chin will answer this purpose, or a piece of string or tape may be tied round them, or by raising the lower jaw, the teeth may be made to retain the tongue in that position. Remove all tight clothing from about the neck and chest, especially the braces.

To Imitate the Movements of Breathing.—Standing at the patient's head, grasp the arms just above the elbows, and draw the arms gently and steadily upwards above the head, and *keep them stretched* upwards for two seconds. *(By this means air is drawn into the Lungs.)* Then turn down the patient's arms, and press them gently and firmly for two seconds against the sides of the chest. *(By this means air is pressed out of the Lungs).*

Repeat these measures alternately, deliberately, and perseveringly, about fifteen times in a minute, until a spontaneous effort to respire is perceived, immediately upon which cease to imitate the movements of breathing, and proceed to *Induce Circulation and Warmth.*

4.—TREATMENT AFTER NATURAL BREATHING HAS BEEN RESTORED.—*To Promote Warmth and Circulation.*—Commence rubbing the limbs upwards, with firm grasping pressure and energy, using handkerchiefs, flannels, etc. *(By this measure the blood is propelled along the veins towards the heart).*

The friction must be continued under the blanket or over the dry clothing.

Promote the warmth of the body by the application of hot flannels, bottles, or bladders of hot water, heated bricks, etc., to the pit of the stomach, the arm-pits, betw[illegible] thighs, and to the soles of the feet.

If the patient has been carried to a [illegible] after respiration has been restored, be [illegible]ful to let the air play freely about the [illegible]

On the restoration of life, a teasp[illegible] of warm water should be given; and [illegible] the power of swallowing have re[illegible] small quantities of wine, warm brand[illegible] water, or coffee should be administered[illegible] patient should be kept in bed, and a d[illegible]tion to sleep encouraged.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS. — The treatment should be persevered in for [illegible] hours, as it is an erroneous opinion th[illegible] sons are irrecoverable because life do[illegible] soon make its appearance, persons [illegible] been restored after persevering for [illegible] hours.

APPEARANCES WHICH GENERALLY A[CCOM]PANY DEATH.—Breathing and the [illegible] action cease entirely; the eyelids are [illegible]ally half closed; the pupils dilated; the [illegible] approaches to the under edges of th[illegible] and these, as well as the nostrils are c[illegible] with a frothy mucus. Coldness and [illegible] of surface increase.

CAUTIONS.—Prevent unnecessary cr[owd]ing of persons round the body, especially in an apartment.

Avoid rough usage, and do not allow the body to remain on the back unless the tongue is secured.

Under no circumstances hold the bo[dy] by the feet.

On no account place the body in a bath unless under medical directi[on] even then it should only be employ[ed] momentary excitant.

By order of the Commit[tee]
CHARLE[S] D[illegible]
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EDITOR'S LETTER BO[X]

[We are not responsible for the opinions [illegible] respondents. ED.]

Now that the 'Billiard' corre[spondence] and 'libel scare' has damped down, [illegible] Mr. Editor, you will have a little [illegible] liberty for a few Letter Box contrib[utions] than which there are few more e[illegible] means of ventilating one's ideas [illegible] matters of public interest, imperial po[illegible] and things.

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Speaking of "damping down" [illegible] one not so much of "the man in the s[illegible] as the dust, dust, dust, that is ther[e] found in such plentiful profusion. Ref[illegible] to this nuisance in your columns last [illegible] I believe did good, but I have since [illegible] that our Council representatives and [illegible] officials are not so much at fault i[n this] respect, as the scarcity of the "pure a[nd] sparkling." The cause of this I should con[illegible]clude, is the continued drought [illegible] the excesses of the total abstainers [illegible] the *total* abstainers this weather.

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We are apt to grumble greatly from [time] to time—and not without some occas[ion] concerning the vagaries of our B[ritish] weather, but we should be thankful that [our] lines are cast in such comparatively plea[sant] places. We have not to suffer, for instance, anything akin to the terrific tornado which has just devastated the region of the upper Mississippi. The town of New Richmond, in Wisconsin, is almost totally destroyed, [and] thousands of lives are lost, while the [damage] to property is enormous.

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Mr. Lunn's letter in your last issue [on] school extension at Rothwell was not de[void] of points worthy of consideration. An [addi]tional slice of land along Carlton Lane would have vastly improved the ut[ility of] the premises, and obviated the necessi[ty of] crushing the buildings on too little [land]. It may be that some of the members [have] still a hope of relieving the press[ure at] Carlton Lane Schools by eventually ca[rrying] out the Wood Lane scheme. Such a [hope] I think, cannot now be much longer de[ferred].

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Professor Renault's report on the pr[oposed] extension of the purview of the Gene[va Con]vention to naval warfare has been be[fore the] Red Cross Sub-Committee of the [Peace] Conference now sitting at The Hag[ue]. [It] sets forth that the exigencies of the [illegible] render it necessary to avoid the at[illegible] establishment of international reg[ulations] which, whilst generously inspired, m[ight be] liable to misinterpretation in the e[yes of] would-be belligerents. The conseque[nce is] that only obligations which can be de[finitely] fulfilled are to be imposed, combatants [being] left with latitude to carry out what [is] able in their own way. All this is ve[ry] vague and seemingly of little value, like [the] rest of the work done so far in co[nnection] with the much hoped for Conference [called] about by the Czar. But, after all, [some]thing is gained if you can get the acc[redited] emissaries of the Great Powers to dis[cuss at] length all that hangs upon the work [of the] War-god. It might appropriately [be said] of War, that like Vice, it is "a mons[ter of] such hideous mien, that to be hated [needs] but to be seen."

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The most prolific local topic of co[nversa]tion this week has been the summon[ing of] our Council of one of their own bod[y]. [illegible] much feeling has thereby been eng[endered]. Judging from your reports of the [Council] meetings anent this matter, Councillor [Bul]mer himself is partly responsible [for the] position he now finds himself in, [as he] ber was so pert as he in backing [up the] offenders who were arraigned before [the] Council. The case to-day at Wakefield [will] no doubt be looked upon as a test case [for] future proceedings governed accord[ingly]. The circumstances in other cases [are] absolutely on all fours with that [of Mr.] Bulmer's, however, so that owners of [such] buildings had better beware, whilst [those] who contemplate putting up such bu[ildings] I should think, would do well to [drop] their schemes altogether.

As a safe, permanent, and warranted [cure for] Pimples, Scrofula, Scurvy, Bad Legs and [all Skin and Blood] Diseases, and Sores of all kinds, we can [with confi]dence recommend CLARKE'S WORLD-FAME[D BLOOD] MIXTURE. Sold by Chemists everywhere.

SHORT STORY.

DIEGO'S REVENGE.

It was in the West Indies, in the island of Martinique, where snakes of the most deadly description abound. I was acting as ganger in charge of black labourers on one of the largest plantations.

Among the men was a huge negro, recently imported from the Guinea coast. I had caught him skulking one evening, and threatened that if I ever found him again doing so I would have him locked up and put on restricted diet. At this he flung down the hoe which he was working and defied me to do my worst.

It was a critical moment. If I allowed this man to set me at defiance my influence over the gang, who were looking on, would be undermined.

The man had a large case knife in his belt, and his hand had stolen towards it as though he would draw it and rush at me. Snatching my revolver, I covered him with it before he could take a step, and fired.

He had on a large, round felt hat, the crown of which rose to a peak, and my bullet passed through the peak, cutting a furrow through his thick, woolly hair, and carrying the hat away with it a distance of a dozen yards.

"Pick up that hoe," I thundered, "or I'll shoot straighter this time."

The man was thoroughly cowed, and, turning sullenly to his work, he continued his hoeing industriously, and I had no further cause to complain.

Twice did I catch him stealing up steadily behind me, and a third time I found him concealed beneath the bed in my sleeping-cabin.

At this I took him before the overseer, a desperado-like Frenchman, one of whose maxims was that "the only way to rule niggers was to shoot them at the first signs of insubordination."

When I told him what had taken place, he said to me, with a laugh:

"A nice little mess you've got yourself into. If you'd put a second bullet into him when you missed him with the first, you would have saved yourself all the trouble; and we'll have to shoot him all the same in the end, for a nigger who's once set the ganger at defiance, is never any good again."

Then turning to the negro, he had him led out to a shed at the back of the house, where there was a halter hanging from a beam in the roof, with a slip noose in it, as though ready prepared for use as a gallows.

"See that, Diego, if any harm happens to the ganger here, or if he goes missing and we can't find him, we'll hang you up here by the neck until you've kicked yourself to death. So you see, it will pay you to take care of him."

On the afternoon of the day following my interview with the overseer I was sitting at the stables seeing my horses attended to, when my attention was attracted to Diego, the negro, coming from the neighbourhood of a marshy jungle of tree, 40 or 50 yards away from the factory and residential cabins.

He was trailing something along the ground, which on a closer examination proved to be the body of a terrible poisonous snake.

To my surprise, instead of making toward the the labourer's quarters, after looking stealthily round to assure himself that he was not observed, he entered my own sleeping-cabin, dragging the serpent in after him through the open window. These serpents live in pairs, and if one of them is killed and its body taken away the survivor, when it wakes to activity in the nightfall, will follow along the course its mate has been taken, and in this way will often travel to great distances.

From where I was standing I could see in through the open window. As had been expected, the Negro carried the body of the serpent and placed it upon the bed.

Then lifting it carefully, so that no part of it any longer touched the ground, he carried it away and concealed it in the shed where the overseer had shewn him the gallows rope.

When the overseer heard my statement he immediately ordered Diego to be arrested and placed in captivity in the very shed in which he had concealed the body of the serpent.

The moon had risen soon after sunset, and it was not long before we could see distinctly the form of the serpent issuing from the jungle.

It came with its head raised high in the air and swaying from side to side, as though it were looking for its mate.

Quickly it advanced until it reached the open window. For a moment it paused here, its head thrust through the window. Then its coils lengthened out, and quickly, stealthily, the glistening, slimy monster glided into the room.

The horror of what would have occurred, but for my fortunately catching sight of the negro as he brought the snake from the jungle was upon us all, when suddenly we started at seeing the snake again issue from the hut.

This time it came through the doorway, and by the pace at which it was travelling it seemed as though it was still following along some definite track.

Suddenly we realised where the snake was going. Although the body of its mate had not touched the ground when it was carried from the hut, the live snake was still following upon its scent.

As I have said, Diego, the Negro, was confined in the shed, and seeing the danger to him, I raised my rifle to fire and kill it before it could enter. As I did so, however, the overseer caught the barrel of my rifle, saying:

"What are you doing? The snake's all right: it's going into the shed."

"But Diego," I gasped, "the Negro. It will attack and kill him."

"If it does, so much the worse for Diego. He'll be peppered with his own sauce."

I wrenched free the rifle, but it was too late; the serpent had already disappeared within the shed. I ran forward at full speed, intending to unlock the door, and, if possible, save the unfortunate man. But even as I ran a cry of horror and agony rang out, and I knew that I was too late.

I broke the serpent's back with a blow from the butt end of my rifle and dispatched it with a bullet a moment later.

Then, turning to Diego, I cut the flesh away from that part of his thigh which had been bitten, and with what little knowledge of surgery I possessed bound up the wound and staunched the flow of blood. His giant constitution enabled him to stand what would have killed an ordinary man, and his gratitude to me, whom he regarded as having saved his life, was as strong as his former resentment had been and more than once on subsequent occasions did he save my life to his faithful service.

[THE END.]

I HAD just partaken of a frugal meal at a restaurant the other night and was passing out as a tramp came to the counter. He was a hale, hearty, able-bodied man, looking particularly well, and he walked with a firm and springy step. His clothes alone declared his profession, so far as appearance went. As I passed the boy was handing him a loaf of bread. He took it in his hand and looked at it rather contemptuously. "Is there any coffee goes with this?" he asked. "No; no coffee," the boy replied. With a firm and manly gesture he handed it back. "Here; keep that for the next man if there ain't no coffee goes with it." And he walked out as if he had been insulted.

A FUNERAL was passing through the streets of a Scotch town when the door of the last mourning-coach was opened, and an elderly man, dressed in black, entered unbidden. The other occupants stared at the new-comer and at each other. Finally one of them addressed him: "You'd be weel acquaint with the gude mon in front?" pointing in the direction of the hearse. "No." "Then it's the auld wife ye ken?" "No." "Are you a friend o' Jochs who's in America?" "No." "Then what do ye mean by comin' in here?" "O, I haevna been vera weel of late, sae the doctor tellt me to tak' as much carriage exercise as I could. This 'll just mak' the fourth time I've been tae the Cimetery this week."

CHURCH ARMY DIOCESAN VAN MISSION.

A month's mission under the direction of Captain Smith, of the Church Army, is now being held in the village. The van, which is the first of two always working in the Ripon Diocese under the control of Canon Robinson, who has been appointed to the post by the Bishop, arrived in Rothwell at the invitation of the Vicar, on June 5th. Mission services, indoor and outdoor, are held daily, the former in the National Schools illustrated often by lantern slides. Captain Smith has two assistants, and a large selection of bibles, prayer and hymn books, and other books of a healthy and instructive character, are on sale at the van, which is placed in Mr. Brook's field, Marsh Street. Those wishing to inspect the van can do so at any time during the day, except at meal times. The Church Army is a Church Society for evangelistic work—a working-man's mission to working men and women. This special branch of work has been started some six years ago, and the Church Army has at the present time 65 vans working in 33 dioceses. In fact, Bangor, St. David, and Sodor and Man, are the only Dioceses in England and Wales, in which a van is not now working. They pass from parish to parish, and work summer and winter. They are in charge of a thoroughly trained and experienced Evangelist, who has two young Evangelist colporteurs under him undergoing a preliminary training of six to eighteen months, prior to their entering the Training Home of the Church Army in London. In 1898, no less than £3,200 worth of bibles and other books was sold by these van colporteurs alone. The van has already visited Seacroft, Garforth, Kippax, Great Preston, and Bowers Row, and will, after leaving Rothwell, go to Middleton, Lofthouse, Methley, Woodlesford and Whitkirk. We may add that any little kindnesses shewn to the Evangelists during their short stay—such as gifts of food, the washing of linen, or hospitality—would be most gratefully appreciated by them and the Vicar of Rothwell.

MISS BUTTERFIELD APPEAL.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Dear Mr. Editor,

I have pleasure in acknowledging the following subscriptions:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount as per last week's statement	17	0	0
A Friend		1	0
A Friend		1	0
Mr. W. S. Copley		3	0
Mr. W. Cawdell		2	0
A Friend		1	1½
Mr. Eli Moss		1	6
A Servant Girl			1½
Mr. John Priestley		1	0
Mrs. Milner		1	0
Mr. David Clayton		2	0
Miss Annie Taylor			6
Mr. B. Moreham		1	0
Mr. Mark Goodall		1	0
Mr. J. S. Copley		2	6
Mr. G. Wilson		2	6
Mr. Thomas Harrison		6	0
Mrs. Edwin Bedford		1	0
Mrs. George Todd		1	0
Mr. George Barker		2	6
Mr. Thomas Barker		1	0
Mr. D. Beckwith		1	0
Rothwell Temperance Prize Band		10	0
"The Laurels," Churchfield		5	0
Mr. Wm. Chapman		2	6
Mr. B. Marshall (Lofthouse)		2	0
Mrs Joseph Harrison		2	6
A Primitive Methodist		2	6
A Friend		2	0
Mr. A. Drew		1	0
Benson Bailey, Esq., (Leeds), per Dr. Buck		5	0
H. P. Newsome, Esq.,		10	6
J. R. Seanor, Esq., J.P.,		10	6
Rothwell Orchestral Society			
Mr. H. Edwards		2	0

From above list it will be seen that the sum of £21 9s 3d. has been realized. I need hardly say how gratified we are, not only for the prompt response, but also for the many letters and verbal expressions of sympathy that we have received. The girl is now in an hospital at Bridlington, where she will remain until further arrangements are made by her medical adviser. In reply to the question "Are you closing the list?" No! so long as there is a desire to help this worthy object we shall be pleased to receive same. The more financial support given the greater prospect there is of securing permanent results. Again thanking you, Mr. Editor, for opening your columns to us, and through you, the public for their kind generosity.

I remain,
Faithfully yours,
J. ARTHUR ALDERSON.
The Manse, Rothwell.
June 16th. 1899.

STOURTON UNITED ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB.

The above organisation held its first annual meeting at the Queen's Hotel, Stourton, on Wednesday week, when a very satisfactory balance sheet was put before the members. The club's income was £34 16s 11d, and the expenditure £17 14s 1d, the substantial balance of £17 2s 10d being left in the hands of the treasurer. The team has played 34 matches, 23 being won, 6 lost, and 5 drawn, and finished third in the Leeds Association League. The following officials were elected for the coming season:—Captain, Mr. J. Horsfield; secretary, Mr. T. Bell; treasurer, Mr. W. Stringer; committee Messrs. W. Horsfield, T. Howarth, Tom Underwood, J. Franks, T. Hick, J. Massey, B. Walmsley and J. Stringer.

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HEARD IN THE STREETS.

CONTRIBUTED.

THAT it is quite time a lively move was made towards the Infirmary Demonstration arrangements.

THAT this year, when trade has been so good, there ought to be a record amount made.

THAT everybody should go in heartily for the object, and if they cannot help in one way, help in another; only let there be no cold water on the hard-working management.

THAT it will pay the Wesleyan School, in their new building, to show a better public spirit.

THAT new committee men will be welcomed, in order to represent all sides.

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THAT Mr. Lunn shows up rather badly in writing so strongly against his fellow members on the School Board.

THAT he would gain his points better, if he used more discretion in working them.

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THAT the letter signed "Wm. Lunn, jun.," is just what a lot of working men feel, as regards the new Infants' School.

THAT the Church folks are pleased to see how well their members have got rid of the Wood Lane proposal, and expect to fill their school in consequence of the Board's decision.

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THAT it's a good thing for those immediately concerned, that the 'Billiard' correspondence is closed.

THAT 'Nonconformist' has scored by his strategy, and has got out of it very nicely.

THAT Mr. Alderson has shewn his magnanimity in his last letter, as he exhibited the courage of his convictions in his first.

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THAT the betting on Council v Bulmer runs in favour of Bulmer, and a fair sum will change hands on the result of to-day's trial.

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THAT both Brown and Ward ought to have been in the All England eleven; they would have made a better show than the amateurs who came out yesterday for 4 or 5 runs.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

SWILLINGTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH.

The Annual Festival of the above branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, was held at Middleton, on Saturday, June 10th, when about 250 members and associates assembled. A service was held in Middleton Church at 2.30, when an interesting address on "Unity" was given by the Vicar of St. Martin's, Potternewton, Leeds. The members afterwards had tea in the wood, and amused themselves in the grounds of Middleton Lodge, kindly thrown open for their use by W. Maude, Esq, till seven o'clock, when they assembled in the school to receive the cards and bonuses won during the year. The Festival terminated with a short theatrical entertainment, entitled "Little Daisy," which had been arranged for their amusement through the kindness and energy of Mr. Lysaght, the son of the vicar of Middleton.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

On Sunday last, Mr. A. Paul presided over the above meeting; after a march played by the band, Mr. Hornby, of Leeds, gave an excellent address, there being a moderate number present. Miss Howcroft, of Salem Chapel Choir, Leeds, was the soloist, and delighted her audience with the rendering of "For the children's sake" and "Eternal Rest." Mr. T. W. Crossland, of Belle Isle, ably accompanied. During the meeting, Mr. Paul, on behalf of the committee and members, presented Mr. G. W. Smith, the late organist, who is about to leave for America, with a musical work, in recognition of his services to the P.S.A. Society.

ROTHWELL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

In our report of last meeting, we regret to find that an error of £10 has been made in mentioning the amount of Mr. G. Wilson's tender; it should read £227 13s 9d instead of £237 13s 9d.

The other night a young urchin came into a small shop, bringing with him about half a dozen dolls to sell.

"How much are they?" asked the master of the shop.

"A penny each, sir, and they are well worth twopence," he replied.

"How do you know they are worth twopence?" asked the master.

"Because they were marked that price at the shop where I pinched 'em," was the unexpected reply.

There is always something going on, no matter where we may be, if only we have eyes to see it; but undoubtedly some places are more favoured than others.

Manchester Man: "I should think you would find life very dreary?"

Welsh Villager: "Here? Inteet, this is a pretty lively place for its size."

Manchester Man: "I should not suppose, from the look of things, that anything ever happened here."

Welsh Villager: "That's where you are mistaken. Why, it ain't so very long since we had an eclipse of the moon."

A police magistrate is questioning a tramp whose bearing indicates that he has seen better days.

"You look as if you had been a gentleman," he remarks.

"Yes, sir," says the prisoner, with a sigh, "Once, sir, I was worth thousands."

"Gambled, eh?"

"No sir."

"Squandered it in riotous living?"

"No sir."

"Then, to what were you abdicted?"

"Friendship, sir."

OLD FALSE TEETH BOUGHT.

Many ladies and gentlemen have by them old or disused false teeth, which might as well be turned into money. Messrs. R. D. & J. B Fraser, of Princes Street, Ipswich, (established since 1833), buy old false teeth. If you send your teeth to them they will remit you by return post the utmost value; or, if preferred, they will make you the best offer, and hold the teeth over for your reply. If reference necessary, apply to Messrs Bacon & Co., Bankers, Ipswich.

COUNCILLOR BULMER AND WOODEN ERECTIONS.

INDIGNATION MEETINGS AT ROTHWELL AND CARLTON.

The question as to whether the Rothwell District Council have power to make certain owners in the district pull down structures of wood that have been erected from time to time, has for a considerable period been occupying the attention not only of the members of the Council and the individuals affected, but also of the general body of ratepayers. After the question had been discussed and certain ratepayers brought before the Council, it was decided to take legal proceedings against certain of the alleged offenders who failed to remove their offending buildings in compliance with notices served upon them by the Council.

It now transpires that only Councillor Bulmer, one of the parties concerned, has been proceeded against, and served with a summons. The I.L.P. representative and many of his supporters, think this an unfair course to pursue, and in order to give vent to their dissatisfaction they held an indignation meeting at the Cross on Wednesday night.

Mr. E Chadwick occupied the chair, and Mr. W. Lunn, Junr., proposed a resolution expressing indignant protest against the action of the Council in summoning only Mr. Bulmer for not pulling down his building, when the Council's decision had been to summon three other alleged offenders, especially after he had repeatedly asked, without obtaining a satisfactory answer, what part of the byelaws he has violated.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. G. Hainsworth, supported by Councillor Bulmer and unanimously carried.

A good round sum was collected at the meeting towards defraying the cost of defence.

A similar meeting was also held last night at Carlton, when the same resolution was submitted and carried.

THE 'WOODEN BUILDINGS' CASE.

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

What has come to be known as the 'Wooden Buildings' question, has agitated the minds of the Rothwell District Council and persons having miscellaneous structures, a long time, the matter having been frequently discussed at the Council meetings. At a meeting held on January 4th. a resolution was passed (Mr. Taylor against and Mr. Bulmer neutral) that in order to test the legality or otherwise of such buildings being erected without plan, and of the powers of the Council to compel their removal, legal proceedings should be taken. There were originally three persons included in the charge, but from one cause or another, only one, that of Councillor J. Wm. Bulmer is being proceeded with. Owing to the illness of the Clerk, and the intervention of the election, the matter has been delayed, but summons was taken out last week against Mr. Bulmer, and the case was heard this morning, at Wakefield before Mr. W. Lipscomb and Mr. Cumberbirch.

Mr. Barret (of Messrs. Barret and Wimbush) appeared on behalf of the Council, and Mr. Smith (of Messrs. Harrison, Beaumont and Smith, of Wakefield) was solicitor for Mr. Bulmer. The case was founded on the Council's Bye-laws respecting the erection of wooden buildings without submitting a plan, and the powers of the Council to pull down such erections if put up, subjecting the offender to a fine of 40s, and a penalty of 10s. a day, after notice has been duly given; and on the clauses of the Public Health Act, referring to the fines and orders to be executed against persons contravening such Bye laws.

The case was opened by Mr. Barret, who briefly stated the cause of summons.

Mr. Smith, however, took objection to the summons, and a lengthy legal discussion followed.

On Mr. Barret putting in the Minute Book, however, the magistrates held that all was in order and that the case should proceed.

Mr. J. T. Pears, surveyor, stated that the building was erected in April, 1897, on land belonging to Mr. T. Lambert, Marsh Street, Rothwell, and is constructed of wood. The distance of building from adjoining land is 3 feet, the distance from the nearest building being 40 feet. The cubic capacity of the erection is 1422 feet, and it is used as a cart shed. The erection is in contravention of the Council's Bye-laws, (not being an exempted building), which require that a new building shall be constructed of bricks, stone, or other hard and incombustible material.

The witness was cross examined by Mr. Smith, but nothing of importance resulted.

Councillor Bulmer, on entering the witness box, stated that he had been a member of the Council 3½ years, and during the discussion on the subject of wooden buildings, had given his opinion that all present erections should stand, but that any new applications should be declined.

The magistrates having remarked that there was no need for Mr. Barret to cross-examine the witness, inflicted a fine of 10s and 45s costs.

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CRICKET.

Will the Secretaries of Cricket Clubs kindly forward List of Fixtures, Reports of Matches (both first and second elevens), and List of players chosen as early as possible.

OULTON DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Results up to date.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	D'wn.	Pts
Middleton Park	6	3	1	2	8
Oulton	6	3	1	2	8
Whitwood	6	3	1	2	8
Lofthouse	6	2	2	2	6
Rothwell	6	2	2	2	6
Altofts W Riding	6	1	2	3	5
Carlton	6	1	2	3	5
Methley	6	0	4	2	2

HENRY HODSON, Woodlesford, Sec.

ROTHWELL v. OULTON.

Played at Rothwell on Saturday last

Oulton.

G M Abbey, b Morgan	1
E A Higgins, c T Dobson b J Walker	28
J Jeffrey, b Chadwick	5
L E Greenwood, b J Walker	0
E Boothroyd, c Clark b Morgan	19
W Inman, b J Walker	0
W Smith, b H Morgan	19
F Killingbeck, b H Morgan	0
F Murtland, b J Walker	1
H W Higgins, c Wormald b Morgan	5
C Briggs, not out	8
Extras	11
Total	97

Rothwell.

W E Richardson, b Greenwood	5
H Dacre, b Briggs	19
J Walker, c Briggs b Greenwood	8
H Clark, run out	29
T Dobson, not out	14
H Morgan, not out	22
Extras	6
Total for 4 wkts	103

Bowling Analysis—Rothwell:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
H Morgan	10.4	4	26	5	5.1
J W Chadwick	6	0	24	1	24.
Joe Walker	11	3	26	4	6.2
H Clark	2	0	10	0	

Bowling Analysis—Oulton:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
L E Greenwood	20	9	38	2	19.
H W Higgins	9	2	22	0	
C Briggs	9	2	16	1	16.
E A Higgins	5	1	14	0	
F Murtland	3	1	7	0	

ALTOFTS v. CARLTON.

Played at Carlton on Saturday last

Altofts.

J Cooper, b H Rinder	8
R Phillips lbw b H Rinder	13
E Rowley, c H Rinder b E Ward	6
T Teasdale, c T Ward b J Speak	4
W Teasdale, c T Brown b T Ward	24
J Teasdale, l b w b E Ward	24
A Kaye, c J Rinder b J Newton	9
W Wales, c Ely b H Rinder	6
A Mosby, b J Newton	4
W Buxton, c and b Newton	0
W Whittingham, not out	3
Extras	8
Total	104

Carlton

H Rinder, b Mosby	4
A Thackrah, c J Teasdale b Kaye	2
J Speak, b Wales	21
J Brown, c Whittingham b Mosby	2
T Ward, c T Teasdale b Kaye	23
J Rinder, c Wales b Mosby	21
T Brown, c and b Mosby	2
E Ward, not out	1
W Speak, b Mosby	0
Extras	17
Total for 8 wkts	93

Bowling Analysis—Carlton:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
S Ely	8	1	21	0	
E Ward	14	3	20	2	10.
H Rinder	7.1	1	12	3	4.
J Speak	5	1	11	1	11.
W Speak	5	1	9	0	
Tom Ward	3	0	13	1	13.
Jas Newton	7	0	10	3	3.1

Bowling Analysis—Altofts:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
A Mosby	24	9	27	5	5.2
A Kaye	14	3	29	2	14.1
R Phillips	10	3	18	0	
W Wales	8	7	2	1	2.

LOFTHOUSE v. METHLEY.

Played at Lofthouse on Saturday last

Methley.

C Inman, c Hollings b Longley	0
J Keightley, c Noble b Horner	52
J Sherwood, c Noble b Horner	14
F E Shepherd, b Parkin	2
R Cox, b Parkin	3
E Pyrah, b Parkin	0
B Roberts, b Horner	1
S Laycock, b J Hall	11
A Brown, c Horner b S B Brook	4
W Westerman, not out	5
J Mosby, c Parkin b J Hall	1
Extras	12
Total	105

Lofthouse.

T Parkin, b Sherwood	0
J Horner, b Brown	7
G W Hollings, c Keightley b Pyrah	6
J Hall, b Sherwood	30
S B Brook, not out	29
T Longley, c Inman b Brown	20
J R Marshall, b Keightley	1
A H Brook, b Keightley	2
J Noble, c Laycock b Keightley	0
A Hall, not out	4
Extras	8
Total for 9 wkts	107

Bowling Analysis—Lofthouse:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
T Longley	6	1	14	1	14.
G W Hollings	7	1	22	0	
T Parkin	8	2	30	3	10.
J Horner	9	2	15	3	5.
J Hall	8	2	7	2	3.1
S B Brook	5	1	5	1	5.

Bowling Analysis—Methley:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
J Sherwood	13	4	22	2	11.
E Pyrah	8	1	34	1	34.
A Brown	6	1	25	2	12.1
J Keightley	5	2	18	3	6.

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN v. HUNSLET.

Played at Hunslet on Wednesday last

Rothwell Tradesmen

H Wormald, b Robinson	9
J Walker, b Clay	2
M Fowler, c Milford b Clay	12
J Stead, b Clay	8
O Wilkinson, b Clay	4
Dr. Buck, b Clay	14
H Morgan, b Clay	23
J Wilkinson, b Milford	1
H Brown, b Hudson	2
F Taylor, b Milford	6
T Hampson, not out	0
Extras	9
Total	90

Hunslet.

Robinson, b Walker	34
Milford, b Walker	12
Heald, not out	28
Hudson, c Wormald b Walker	1
Clay, c Fowler b Wilkinson	3
Glover, not out	6
Craw, c and b Wilkinson	2
Carter, b Wilkinson	0
Whittlestone, b Wilkinson	1
Extras	14
Total for 7 wkts	101

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Played at Oulton on Saturday last

Rothwell.

C Ward, b Cain	0
R N Lunn, b Bell	9
J W Smith, lbw b Bell	0
H Brown, b Cain	1
Jas. Lunn, b Bell	0
W Fox, lbw b Cain	5
Jos. Smith, c Hurdus b Bell	3
W Spurr, c Inman b Bell	1
J Fox, c O Inman b Cain	10
J E Brown, st Butterick b Cain	1
T Parker, not out	1
Total	31

Oulton.

B Butterick, lbw b J Lunn	9
H Hampshire, b Spurr	0
S Lockwood, b J Lunn	5
P C Higgins, b J Lunn	10
A Cain, run out	1
Dr. James, b J Lunn	8
T Hurdus, b J Lunn	10
J Morley, run out	0
O Inman, b J W Smith	1
P Inman, c Ward b Smith	9
F Bell, not out	3
Total	52

ROTHWELL PARISH CHURCH v. ARMLEY 3rd.

Played at Rothwell on Saturday last

Armley 3rd.

Forbes, c Baber b Drew	5
Watson, c Ward b Moss	3
Thompson, lbw b Drew	0
Binns, b Drew	0
Musgrave, b Drew	10
Robinson, b Moss	0
Stocks, c Kale b Moss	0
Bedford, not out	20
Simpson, b Drew	9
Walmsley, c and b Drew	6
Atkinson, c Moss b Drew	3
Extras	9
Total	65

Rothwell Parish.

Ward, c Stocks b Bedford	9
Baber, run out	6
Naylor, c Forbes b Stocks	4
Butterfield, b Bedford	1
Moss, b Stocks	0
Lunn, b Bedford	4
Drew, c Walmsley b Stocks	0
Tiffany, b Bedford	1
Kale, b Stocks	2
Atack, b Stocks	3
Chapman, not out	2
Extras	4
Total	32

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET MATCHES.

At Rothwell—Rothwell v Whitwood.

ROTHWELL FIRST ELEVEN—Dr. Buck (capt), Joe Walker, H Morgan, J W Chadwick, W E Richardson, Hy Dacre, T Dobson, jun., H Clark, W Bedford, H Wormald, H Greenwood; Reserve, A E Baines.

At Whitwood—Rothwell 2nd v Whitwood 2nd.

ROTHWELL SECOND ELEVEN—H Brown (capt), W Fox, J W Smith, R N Lunn, Jas Lunn, Jos Smith, W Spurr, T Parker, C Ward, J Fox, A Nickols; Reserve, J J Lunn.

At Rothwell—Rothwell P C v Woodhouse Hill.

PARISH CHURCH TEAM—P Chapman (capt), E Moss, J H Drew, A Tiffany, G Kale, J Hargreaves, J Atack, W Ward, R Stevenson, M Naylor, H Lunn; Reserves, C Butterfield, A Abbishaw.

WEDNESDAY.

At Cleckheaton—Rothwell Tradesmen v Cleckheaton.

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN'S ELEVEN—E Milner (capt) J Walker, Dr Buck, Dr James, H Wormald, M Fowler, O Wilkinson, J Wilkinson, A Denton, J Stead, H Forrest.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

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MARRIAGE.

DIXON-NICKOLS—June 22nd, at Rothwell Parish Church, by the Rev. W. B. Pierson, vicar, James Harrison Dixon, of Bradford, to Annie, second daughter of the late Abraham Nickols, of Trinity House, Rothwell.

COMING EVENTS REGISTER.

The proprietors of this journal propose opening a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

June 25—Oulton-with-Woodlesford Infirmary Demonstration.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley

Friday, June 23, 1899.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

COUNCILLOR BULMER AND WOODEN BUILDINGS.

A monthly meeting of the above Council was held on Wednesday night, in the Council Chamber, Councillor G. Armitage presiding. There were also present Councillors J. Abbishaw, (vice chairman), J. Hargreaves, J. Oliver, J. Armitage, T. Oliver, W. W. Harrison, J W. Bulmer, Wr. Hargreaves, J. Smith, H. Nichols and P. G. Milner, with the deputy clerk (Mr. Barret), medical officer, (Dr. Stevenson), surveyor (Mr. J. T. Pears), nuisance inspector (Mr. Jones), and assistant clerk (Mr. Wilkinson).

HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Highways Committee recommended, that the Surveyor be instructed to repave the road opposite the Bees on Pit gates; that the East and West Yorkshire Union Railway Co. be called upon to repair the road over the bridge at Bright Eyes, or the Council do the work, and charge the cost to the Company; that Messrs. Keighley and Ridiough be asked to submit tender for the work in connection with Holmes Street improvement; that the attention of the Churchwardens of Rothwell Parish Church be drawn to the dangerous state of the wall opposite the Manor House; that the Finance Committee be recommended to pass a cheque to Messrs Keighley and Ridieough for £400, but that the cheque be held back until the contractors complete the footpaths, and the Clerk be instructed to write a letter to this effect; that the Surveyor be instructed to move the drain in Wood Lane under the footpath. The Surveyor reported that he had seen the engineer to the Great Northern Railway, who had promised to make the Leeds and Wakefield road good, and the bridge drop dry. No tenders were received for the bridge in Meynell Avenue.

Mr. T. Oliver proposed and Mr. J. Hargreaves seconded, the adoption of the minutes.

In answer to Mr. Nichols, who said there were complaints at Stourton about the flagging, the Chairman pointed out that the matter had had the attention of the committee, who had decided to withhold the cheque until the flagging was completed.

Replying to Mr. Milner, the Chairman said they were waiting for the permission of the owners now before they could do the necessary work in the private streets at Langley.

Referring to another remark of Mr. Milner, Mr. W. Hargreaves said he understood that instructions had been given for two footbridges to be put over the level crossings on the East and West Yorkshire Railway.

The minutes were adopted.

Mr. J. Hargreaves said that as to the proposed bridge in Meynell Avenue, they would have to wait until the bricklayers or stonelayers were not so busily engaged. He had another resolution to move, viz., that a cheque be drawn for £10 17s 2d. in favour of Messrs. Middleton and Sons, for law costs in connection with the widening of Holmes Street. He thought the charge was excessive, but he was informed that they were bound to pay it. The motion was adopted, Mr. Bulmer remaining neutral.

PROPOSED LEVEL CROSSING AT ROBIN HOOD.

Mr. T. Oliver said he wished to propose that permission be given to Messrs. Charlesworth to put a level crossing in Thorpe lane, Robin Hood.

The Chairman said he should not stand in the way if the company could not very well do without the crossing, but he thought the Highways Committee should first view the place.

Mr. W. Hargreaves explained that Messrs Charlesworth intended making considerable alteration at the colliery at Robin Hood, and the pit happened to be situate so close to the public road that it was almost impossible to get a sufficent number of waggon roads in for properly dealing with the coal with only the present one level crossing. It could be done if the road was allowed to be diverted for about the width of the road, but that would cost several hundred pounds. If the crossing was allowed it would relieve the traffic on the other crossing, which was now often congested, and so prove a public convenience. They had previously a second crossing there, but gave it up some time ago. However he saw no objection to the matter standing over till the next meeting, so that the committee might view the place.

This was agreed to.

SANITARY COMMITTEE.

This Committee recommended that the connection of the Bowling Green Hotel with the main sewer be made, on condition that Mr. Calverley pay half the cost, which he by letter agreed to do; that the Surveyor be instructed to get out the cost of constructing a sewer to connect Mr. Walter Hammill's and other houses; that the Surveyor be instructed to give final notice to Mr. George Farrer to connect his house in Leadwell Lane with the town's water, and that a sample of the well water be taken and submitted to the County Analyst prior to the taking of legal proceedings; that the Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Farrer that he having agreed to pay one half the cost of cleaning out the beck at Shoreditch, the Council will commence the work at once.

The minutes were then adopted without discussion, on the motion of Mr. W. Hargreaves, seconded by Mr. G. Armitage.

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT.

Dr. Stevenson reported that since the last meeting there had been 31 births (26 males and 5 females); 19 at Rothwell (16 males and 3 females), and 12 at Lofthouse (10 males and 2 females). There had been 14 deaths registered (9 males and 5 females); 6 at Rothwell (4 males and 2 females), and 8 at Lofthouse (5 males and 3 females). Five cases of scarlet fever had been notified, two at Thorpe, one at Carlton, one at Westfields, and one at Lower Goslem.

Mr. J. Hargreaves: I thought it was said there were more females in the world than males (laughter).

A HOUSE DUTY CHARGE.

Among the cheques recommended for payment by the Finance Committee was one of £3 10s for house duty in respect of the Surveyor's house.

Mr. J. Hargreaves explained that previously the house duty charge had only been 5s, but this year it had been increased to £3 10s, the full building being charged for owing to there being a door from the Surveyor's house into the offices. He supposed they would have to pay it, however, and he moved that the account be passed.

Mr. Harrison seconded, and the motion was adopted.

NEW PLANS.

THE WOODEN BUILDINGS QUESTION.

The Building Committee recommended that plans for two houses, workshop, etc., in Ingram Parade for Mr. Thos Copley, and for butcher's shop for the Leeds Industrial Co-operative Society be approved; that plan for a timber drying shed for Mr. Walter Copley, in Royds Lane, be disapproved; that plan for Mr. Hy. Hartley's house at Robin Hood be left over for further consideration. The question of wooden erections was considered, and it was resolved that the Clerk be instructed to write Messrs. Armstead, Lunn and Taylor to the effect that if they do not undertake to pull down their erections within one month the Council will commence to do so, or take such proceedings as are necessary, in compliance with the previous decision.

Mr. J. Hargreaves moved the adoption of the minutes.

Mr. Nichols asked if the wooden erections referred to were in the main street.

Mr. J. Hargreaves said they were in various places.

Mr. Nichols said Railway Companies and big works put wooden erections up, and they had not been interfered with.

Mr. J. Hargreaves: Companies have special powers.

Mr. Nichols: There are other cases as well.

Mr. J. Hargreaves: Are they in our district?

Mr. Nichols said they had put up wooden erections, but, of course, not for putting anything in, except for trade purposes.

Mr. Harrison seconded the confirmation of the minutes.

In answer to Mr. W. Hargreaves, Mr. J. Hargreaves said the Committee were willing to allow Mr. Keighley to go on with his building if he gave an undertaking that the property should be connected with the drain.

Mr. W. Hargreaves said he was afraid it was rather an illogical position to take up, to disapprove of a plan because the building was 150 yards from the Council's main sewer.

The Chairman said they had not disapproved of the plan, but passed it subject to its being connected. The Council had spent a lot of money in a sewage scheme, and they ought not, he thought, to continue to allow people to make cesspools.

Mr. W. Hargreaves suggested that they might ask the owner, if he intended to sell the land in the vicinity for building purposes, to deposit a block plan.

Mr. J. Hargreaves said they intended to do so, but at the same time they did not wish to stop Mr. Keighley from proceeding with his building.

The Chairman said they were quite in order in asking that new streets should be properly drained.

Mr. Bulmer said that after the decision given the previous Friday in regard to wooden buildings, it was essential both to him and the public, that they should know as to the point arrived at by the magistrates, for he for one admitted his inability to comprehend accurately the decision arrived at. He thought he should be voicing the opinions of a great preponderance of the persons interested, and he felt anxious that they should know the exact position of the Council on the question of wooden erections.

The Chairman said, all he could say in reply to that was that if a gentleman of Mr. Lipscomb's experience, who presided over the Bench of Magistrates at Wakefield, on Friday, could not instil the decision into Mr Bulmer, it was quite impossible for anyone connected with the Council to do it. Of course, Mr. Bulmer told them at Wakefield that he had appealed to the various officials of the Council for an answer to his question as to what the offence was. The matter had been discussed there for over twelve months off and on, and he took it that if Mr. Bulmer had not learnt, or did not know already, what his offence had been, it was quite impossible, as he said, for anyone to make it plain to him. He (the Chairman) certainly was not going to try.

Mr. Bulmer said he quite understood the decision arrived at with regard to the fine for not submitting plans, but his question was what was the position of the Council now.

The Chairman: That is a question I can't answer.

The Chairman was proceeding to put the motion to the Council, when,

Mr. Bulmer said he should like his question answering, and then he had others to put.

The Chairman: I rule you out of order.

Mr. W. Hargreaves asked if Mr. Bulmer meant what was to be the position of the Council in the future?

Mr. Bulmer said that was so. There were erections yet, and what did they intend doing. A fine had been inflicted on him for not submitting plans, and he wanted to know what would follow now.

Mr. J. Armitage: I take it that if you don't remove the building you will be at Wakefield again before long (laughter).

Mr. Bulmer: I admit my abilities are very small, but yours are—

Mr. J. Armitage: Smaller (laughter).

Mr. Bulmer: Yes, I think so. I appeal now to the Clerk on the point.

The Chairman said this discussion did not arise on the minutes, and he did not think they could go into the question of wooden erections at that meeting.

The resolution was then put and carried, Mr. Bulmer voting against, and Mr. J. Oliver remaining neutral.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

At a meeting of the Water Committee there was no quorum, but the members present recommended that the tender of the Clay Cross Company for 900 yards of three inch water main for laying from Jaw Bones to the Reservoir at £6 per ton be accepted; and that the Clerk be instructed to see Mr. Wood, of the Leeds Corporation, with respect to the supply of water to Rothwell.

Mr. J. Armitage moved that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted. He said Mr. Wood had promised the Surveyor to see what could be done to secure a better supply of water to Rothwell.

Mr. Abbishaw seconded, and explained that at the present time, if they were short of water from Leeds, they had to connect with Ardsley. When they did so, that shut off the water from Leeds altogether, and by laying down the 900 yards of pipes they would avoid this, and be able to run the water into the reservoir from two sources.

The recommendations were adopted, and on the motion of the same gentlemen, the seal of the Council was ordered to be affixed to the agreement with the Ardsley Council for the supply of water at a price of 9½d per thousand gallons—the same price, it was explained, as the water had been supplied for some time without an agreement being sealed.

ALLOTMENTS.

Mr. T. Oliver mentioned the matter of two allotment holders at Carlton having given up their allotments without proper notice.

Mr. J. Hargreaves: Do I take it that the Council has some money to lose?

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr. J. Hargreaves said he thought the Council ought to take legal action, if it could be taken. There was a great deal to do about allotments, and now they found that before two years were over there was this difficulty. He moved that the Allotments Committee for Carlton be instructed to go into the matter, and obtain information, so that the parties might be asked to pay the rent or give the proper legal notice.

Mr. Bulmer seconded, and the resolution was carried.

This concluded the business.

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ROTHWELL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Board was held on Friday evening, present Messrs. A. Batty (chairman), J. Butterick, J. Elstob, B. Richardson, W. Lunn, and Rev. J. A. Alderson, with the clerk (Mr. Marshall), and the attendance officer (Mr. Denton).

The minutes of three Board meetings and three Committee meetings having been read, were confirmed. Several small matters as regards the Rothwell Haigh School were disposed of.

TEACHERS.

There were several replies to the Board's advertisement for an Assistant in the Rothwell Infants' School, but as none of the candidates appeared likely, it was resolved to advertise again.

Mr. Lunn's amendment, to offer £50 in the advertisement was not seconded.

Leave was granted to two of the Rothwell Haigh teachers, who propose sitting at the forthcoming Certificate examination the first week in July.

THE BAD ATTENDERS.

The Clerk submitted information as to the terms on which the Leeds Board is willing to accept boys from this district, whom it may be necessary to have sent to the Shadwell Industrial School. As, however, there is some improvement in the attendance of two or three lads, respecting whom these enquiries were made, the matter is held over in the hope that this serious step may not be necessary.

THE NEW SCHOOLS.

The architect having now completed the plans and specifications for the extension of Rothwell school premises, it was proposed by the Rev. J. A. Alderson and Mr. Butterick that the plans, specifications and other details be now forwarded to the Department for final approval, and that sanction be sought for borrowing £2000 from the Public Works Loan Commissioners at 2¾ per cent. interest per annum, repayable 30 to 40 years; Mr. Lunn against.

FINANCIAL.

On the motion of the Rev. J. A. Alderson and Mr. Richardson, it was agreed to pass cheques for the following accounts and salaries:—

	£	s.	d.
Rothwell Haigh School salaries	71	0	2
Rothwell School salaries	75	0	10
Public Works Loan Board	7	11	7
Royal Liver Friendly Society	78	19	2
Imperial Insurance Company	2	5	0
Wesleyan School Trustees	11	0	0
W E Richardson ..	2	2	0
A Marshall, clerk ..	22	10	0
W Denton. attendance officer	7	10	0

The balance in the bank last month was £15 12s 4d; £107 7s 6d fee grant; £250 from Rothwell Overseers, and £3 4s 9d food sold, has been received since, making altogether £376 4s 7d; accounts paid £229 1s 9d, leaving in hand £147 2s 10d.

RAISING EXEMPTION STANDARD.

Mr. Lunn, having given the necessary notice, now moved, that before a child can sit for a labour certificate, it shall have passed into the sixth standard, and not the fifth as at present. It was not his intention that a child should not leave school until he passed the sixth standard, as some might be old men before they could pass it, but he thought the child should be kept at school as long as possible. They were close to the Leeds School Board, whose exemption standard was the sixth, and their Stourton children were now unable to get work in Leeds until they had passed the sixth. He acknowledged that this alteration might not mean much, in case Mr. Robson's Bill passed the House of Lords, as by it no child could leave school until he was 12 years old, and it was intended that the Act should come into force on the 1st of January, 1900. The Board had supported Mr. Robson's Bill, and he hoped it would pass, but this resolution of his would take effect on this year's examination at any rate. He was disgusted with an Education Act which allowed a child to begin work at 11 years of age; by passing his resolution, it would be impossible for the child to pass the 6th standard until he was 12 years old.

The Chairman expressed himself as favorable to much that Mr. Lunn had said, and would second the resolution, and it was quite true that it was the sharper children they wished to retain longer, as the dull ones were slower in reaching the exemption standard.

Mr. Butterick was doubtful of the wisdom of such a proposal, especially in face of Mr. Robson's bill. They had considerable difficulty, sometimes, now, in keeping children on till the fifth standard, and especially seeing that Carlton only had the fourth, and Woodlesford the fifth. If the Board went on these lines he thought they would soon be confronted with the 'half-timer.' He objected to the resolution, and preferred to wait until Mr. Robson's bill became law.

Mr. Elstob also contended that it was not necessary to make this alteration seeing that it was fully anticipated the new Bill would come into operation at the new year, when no child could leave school until he was 12 years old.

The Clerk said that this resolution would really be an alteration of the Bye-laws, and as such would have to receive the approval of the Department, after being deposited for inspection and duly advertised, all which would take a considerable portion of the remaining six months of the year.

Mr. Richardson thought they would have been in a better position for discussing the question, had they known the ages of the children who had recently sat for Labour Certificates.

Mr. Lunn urged that by passing his resolution, the Board would at any rate keep the children for examination in the sixth standard next time, and he was anxious to give them all the educational benefits possible.

On the resolution being put, there voted in favour Messrs. Lunn, Batty and Richardson; against Messrs. Butterick, Elstob and Alderson; the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the resolution.

A MOST DELICIOUS LEMONADE.

Eiffel Tower Lemonade is made from the finest lemons, and the great advantage is that it is partly manufactured in Italy in the midst of the lemon orchards. The lemons are taken direct from the trees to the factory to commence their transformation into Eiffel Tower Lemonade. A 4½d. bottle of Eiffel Tower Lemonade makes 2 gallons of delicious Lemonade. If you cannot get it from your Grocer, send 4½d. to G. Foster Clark & Co., 3650, Eiffel Tower Factory, Maidstone, for a bottle.

DEMONSTRATION OF YORKSHIRE MINERS.

Fine weather favoured the annual gala of the Yorkshire miners, which took place at Barnsley, on Monday last.

A cheap excursion was run from Woodlesford station, 180 tickets being issued to miners, their wives and families. In the procession the Rothwell and Stourton Branches were headed by the Rothwell Old Band, whilst our local Temperance Band led the Carlton Main Branch, by whom they have been engaged for many years. Of the branches, between ninety and a hundred were represented. There was a fine display of handsome banners variously inscribed. Four or five were adorned with a picture of Mr Gladstone. On others were portraits of prominent Trade Union leaders. Upon the banner carried by the Methley miners was the announcement that "Strikes and lock-outs have no existence in our branch," and this is not a mere pious bit of lettering but a fact. The late Mr. T. W. Embleton, who was for many years the manager of the colliery, always got on splendidly with the workmen, who thoroughly trusted him, and never had occasion to resort to extreme measures in order to obtain the removal of any little grievance.

The open air meetings took place in Mark Oldham's field in Racecommon Road. Here from three platforms in different parts of the enclosure numerous addresses were delivered, the speakers including Mr. Pickard, M.P., (president of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain and general secretary of the Yorkshire Miners' Association), Mr Joseph Walton, M.P., Mr. W. Holland, M.P., (Rotherham), Mr. W. Nussey, M.P., (Pontefract), Mr. Alf Thomas, M.P., (South Wales), Mr. E. Cowey, and Mr. W. Parrott.

From each of the three platforms the following two resolutions were submitted:—"(1) That this annual demonstration meeting of the Yorkshire Miners' Association learns with pleasure that the membership is good and that the funds increase, therefore hereby determines to follow on the lines adopted by the Miners' Federation of Great Britain in Trade Union matters, thanks the officials and others for securing a further advance in miners' wages and the establishment of a second board of conciliation whereby practically adopted a minimum and a maximum rate of wages until the year 1901, and also rejoice at the accession of South Wales to the ranks of the Federationists, and hope to see the day when all miners will be under one flag."

"(2) That this meeting thanks all Members of Parliament who have in any way supported the Eight Hours Bill, the Mines Regulation Amendment Bill, and the best provisions of the Truck Amendment Act. We also deprecate the passing into law clauses in Workmen's Compensation Act whereby Employers contract out of its provisions and whereby insurance and indemnity ... are permitted to interfere with the ... out of the law, and the aggravation ... irritation thereby caused in the administration of the law of 1897 by those societies. This meeting is also of opinion that the Act of 1897 needs amending, especially with regard to the phrase 'in and about his employment;' is of opinion the Government must deal effectively with old-age pensions and other bills be passed into law aiming at the amelioration of the condition of the miners and the working classes generally."

Mr. Pickard presided at the first platform. In 1881, he said, when the Yorkshire Association amalgamated they had a membership of about 6,000, and had £4 000 in cash. To-day they had over 50 000 members with £146,000 in money and property. That was a great advance. (Hear, hear.) During the interval they had spent something like £700,000 in strikes and lock-outs. They did not begrudge that expenditure, for it represented useful work in the direction of improving the conditions of labour and the rate of remuneration of Yorkshire miners. (Hear, hear.) His great ambition was that the membership of their national federation should be largely increased, and that they should possess aggregated funds amounting to a million sterling. When would that be realised? (A Voice: "Never, with a contribution of sixpence a week.") It ought to be forthcoming before the year 1901. An additional sixpence per week per member would provide it. When he was a young man the men used to pay a shilling and their sixpence. Now that the National Federation had a membership of considerably over 300 000, they ought to take courage and make up their minds that nothing was impossible for them to do. They had often heard non-unionists ask, "What does thou pay this money for? tha'll niver get owt for it." What did they get in 1893? (Applause). Did they not win a great victory, and were they not to-day enjoying the results of that triumph? They secured an advance in the minimum rate of wages of 30 per cent. on the 1888 rate. And what did that mean? It meant that in Yorkshire alone the miners were receiving £500 000 a week, which they would not have had but for that struggle, in which men, women, and children all buckled on their armour, and created such a feeling in this country as was never experienced before. The fact had been commented upon that he had not voted for the grant of £30 000 to Lord Kitchener. He did not vote for that grant because he remembered that there were officers in the army who ordered soldiers to shoot down certain poor innocent men at Featherstone. He had come to the conclusion that if officers at Featherstone with calm minds, and with no real provocation, could order soldiers to shoot down innocent victims, that officers in the Soudan engaged in fighting a great battle with the fever heat of war in their blood would almost order anything rather than neglect making a point. (Hear, hear.)

EPPS'S COCOA ESSENCE.—A THIN COCOA.—The choicest roasted nibs of the natural Cocoa, on being subjected to powerful hydraulic pressure, give forth their excess of oil, leaving for use a finely flavoured powder—a product, which, when prepared with boiling water, has the consistence of tea, of which it is now with many, beneficially taking the place. Its active principle being a gentle nerve stimulant, supplies the needed energy without unduly exciting the system. Sold only in labelled tins. If unable to obtain it of your tradesman, a tin will be sent post free for 9 stamps.—James Epps and Co., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London

SHE WAS FORWARDED BY POST.

The Postmaster-General's annual report, which came out the other day, records a case of personal postage and the express delivery service. About twelve months ago a young woman who had lost her way, "posted herself" at Swiss Cottage Post-office, in North London. For the sum of threepence she was conducted by special messenger to her destination, where a receipt for her was duly obtained!

A GAELIC CHIEFTAIN'S OATH.

The Gaelic chieftain's oath before going into battle has been discovered in an Irish text of the second century, and deciphered as follows:—"The heavens are above us, the land below us, the ocean around us—everything in a circle about us. If the heavens do not fall from their high fortress the stars like rain on the face of the earth; if shocks from within do not shatter the land itself; if the ocean from its blue solitude does not rise up over the brows of all living things, I, by victory in war, by combats and battles, will bring back to the stable and the fold the cattle, and to the house and to their dwellings the women that have been stolen by the enemy."

THE SPECIE-ROOM ON SHIPBOARD.

In these days of heavy gold shipments the specie-room on the steam-ship is a very important institution. It is located in an out-of-the-way place amidships, under the saloon. Few of the passengers know of its existence, or of the valuable treasure that is carried across the ocean with them. The room varies slightly in different ships, but is usually about 16 feet long, by 10 feet wide, and 8 feet high. It is constructed of steel plates one-quarter of an inch thick, and strongly rivetted together. Each floor, ceiling, and the walls are all of steel plates. There is a heavy door also made of steel. It is provided with a variety of combination lock that is said to be burglar-proof. The gold and silver are usually in bars, but occasionally a quantity of coin in bags is shipped.

GOOD SLEEPERS.

The Turks devote to sleep any spare half hour that may happen to be at their disposal. It has often struck me with astonishment to see how little respect anyone in Turkey pays to sleep. When I have been staying in the villages I have often heard a member of the family get up, and after searching about among his sleeping companions, arouse them to ask where his tobacco was, or upon some equally slight excuse.

A lad of eighteen would thus wake up his father, a man of sixty, perhaps, two or three times in the night, and yet there would never be an angry word of remonstrance; and when I have snapped savagely at some one for walking into my room, and over my body in the middle of the night, my snappishness has caused the greatest astonishment.

Many times I have turned in with the natives in the same room with me, and though I was generally tired and my companions not, yet I think I may say I was invariably the last to close my eyes.

PROMPT AND HEROIC.

All Australian boys are taught the necessity of guarding against snake bites. The treatment of such wounds is a necessary part of their education. One day two little fellows, six and eight years old, went into a bush to play. The smaller one, chasing a rabbit into a hole, passed in his hand, and brought it out quickly with the head of a venomous snake attached to one of his fingers.

"Quick, Charley!" he cried, putting his hand on a stump. "Chop off my finger! The snake has bitten it."

Charley, without a pause, lifted his axe and chopped off not only the damaged finger, but two of the others as well. Then the boys ran straight into town, over a mile distant, and sought a surgeon, who dipped the injured members in ammonia before dressing them. Imagine the pain of such a burning bath!

A young Australian lady was one day walking along, when she saw a dirty and wretched-looking tramp to whose leg a venomous snake had affixed itself. After killing the reptile with her parasol, she cut the trouser away from the wound, and then, cutting a cross upon the bite itself, applied her lips to it, and sucked the poison away. The tramp's life was saved, at the sacrifice, perhaps of some dainty scruples.

RUSSIAN DIMPLOMACY.

The late Sultan of Turkey, Abdul Aziz, was not absolutely mad, sufficiently eccentric to cause constant trouble, not only among his own ministers, but also where the foreign ambassadors, were concerned. One of the ambassadors, however, General Ignatieff, of Russia, was sufficiently clever to outwit him, and introduce the business of nations under the guise of personal pleasure.

At one time the Sultan absolutely refused to grant an audience to any member of the diplomatic body, and spent the greater part of his time in cock-fighting, an amusement which he greatly relished.

Ignatieff learned that his Imperial Majesty was in need of fresh birds to supply the place of those killed in fight.

Thereupon he procured a fine-looking white fowl, of the barnyard species, had it trimmed and spurred to resemble a game cock and sent it in a richly-decorated cage to the Sultan.

The ruse was successful, but the Sultan, at first delighted with the gift, soon sent for the ambassador to present himself at the palace to explain, if he could, why the bird had no inclination to fight. Ignatieff went, examined the bird in the presence of the Sultan, and, with great astonishment and regret, acknowledged that it was quite unable to cope with the royal gamecocks, which are of an undoubtedly superior race.

A conference followed on the subject of gamecocks in general, and this one in particular, and then the diplomatist had succeeded in drawing the Sultan into a conversational mood, he adroitly introduced the political matter he had so long waited an opportunity to discuss. After a long conversation he returned to his embassy triumphant over his colleagues.

CURIOSITIES OF THE VOICE.

Dr. Demmay, in a paper read before the French Academy of Medicine, gives some details of the history and limits of the human voice, which he has obtained after much patient research. According to the doctor, the primitive inhabitants of Europe were, generally speaking, tenors; their descendants of the present day are baritones, and their descendants will have semi-bass voices. Looking at differences, he calls attention to the fact that the inferior races, such as negros, etc., have higher voices than white men.

The voice also has a tendency to depend on the age, the tenor of sixteen becoming the baritone of twenty-five, and bass at thirty-five. Fair complexioned people have higher voices than dark-skinned, the former being usually tenors or tenors, and the latter contraltos or basses. Tenors, says the doctor, are slenderly-built and thin; basses are stoutly made and corpulent. This may be so, as a rule; but one is inclined to think there are more exceptions than are necessary to prove the rule.

The same remark applies to the assertion that thoughtful, intelligent men have always deep-toned voice, whereas triflers and frivolous persons have soft, weak voices. The voice is perceptibly higher, he says, before than after a meal, which is the reason why tenors dine early—that the voice may not ... It was almost superfluous for him to remind his learned audience that singers who are prudent eschewed strong drinks and spirituous liquors, especially tenors; for the basses generally eat and drink with impunity. The South says the doctor, furnishes the tenors, the North the basses; in proof of which he holds that the majority of the French tenors come from the south of France, while ... belong to the northern department

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

It was children's day at the Rothwell Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday last, and in inviting Mr. J. Shurmer, of Rothwell, to conduct the services, the Committee had secured a typical children's friend and an ardent worker in and supporter of the Sunday school movement. Special hymns are always sung by the children at these services, and this year's selection, mostly from the Leeds S. S. U. collection, will bear favourable comparison with any of those adopted in recent years. It was gratifying to find Mr. J. Idle again occupying the position of conductor, a duty which ill health on several occasions has debarred him from undertaking. Mr. Marshall, organist, occupied the organ bench, and was assisted in the accompaniments by a small band of musicians including, Mr. S. Morton, Mr. W. Batty, Mr. P. Gibson, and Mr. H. Curtis, violins; Mr. C. Ward and Mr. E. Maltby, cellos; Mr. Throp Hampson, piccolo; and Mr. Lewis Ward, clarionette; and Mr. R. Hammill, oboe.

The morning sermon was based on the words "Thy Kingdom come," on which Mr. Shurmer spoke with marked lucidity and convincing argument. Quite a budget of up-to-date statistics were given in proof of the rapid strides the Christian churches and philanthropic institutions have made during the present century, as compared with the advancements made during the earlier parts of the Christian Era. The percentage of crime was also shown to be on the decline in those parts of the world where the influence of the gospel had been established, and many and varied were the arguments adduced in proof of the coming of the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, and of the enormous strides the beneficial influences of the gospel were making at the close of the nineteenth century. The growth and paramount importance of the Sunday school was appropriately dwelt upon, and words of encouragement spoken to those actively engaged in this branch of Christian endeavour.

In the afternoon, the gallery was crowded with children, parents, and friends, whilst many found accommodation in the body of the chapel to join in the popular Children's service.

Mr. Shurmer again occupied the rostrum, and gave an interesting and instructive address on the query "Why is a lead pencil like a Sunday School Scholar."

At night, there was a large congregation when Mr. Shurmer preached a practical sermon on "The hope set before us."

At all the services the special hymns were sung, and collections taken on behalf the school funds.

On Monday night, in continuation of the anniversary, a public meeting was held, presided over by Dr. Buck in a genial manner. The Chairman, in his opening address, spoke of the origin of the Sunday School movement, of the wonderful developement of the enterprise since the times of Robert Raikes, the Gloucestershire printer, and of his personal sympathy with this branch of the church's work.

The school report was given by Mr. H. Armitage, one of the secretaries, from which it appears that at the close of the last school year there were on the books a total of 63 officers and teachers, of whom 60 were members of the Wesleyan Methodist Society. In the morning, the average attendance was 18, and in the afternoon 26. There were 312 scholars in the school, 59 being under 7 years of age and 77 above 15; average morning attendance 85, afternoon 212. Of the scholars 17 were members of Society, with 12 on trial for membership, and 34 in Junior Society Classes. The conference Catechism is regularly used during the morning school, and connection with the Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School Union is still maintained. Annual Juvenile Missionary collections are taken up at Christmas time, this year the children gathering on their cards a sum of £4 3s 7d. The annual cost of the school, including cost of treat, is returned at £33 8s 7d. Comparing these figures with those of the preceding year, 1897, a decrease of one is shown in number of officers and teachers, and of 30 in the number of scholars on the books. There is a satisfactory increase of 18 in Junior Society classes, and of £1 11s 11d in the amount collected for Foreign Missions. Collections for the Library funds cover expenses, and allow of a few pounds being occasionally spent in new books. There are at present 624 volumes in the Library, but the number of readers is not so great as one might wish, there being only 68 of the scholars and teachers who care to pay for the penny card which entitles them to the privileges of the library for 12 months. At a special Teachers' Meeting held in May last, regulations to govern a prize scheme for attendance were approved. The awards will be made according to attendance, 100 attendances out of a possible 104 securing first prizes, 90 second and 75 third. The prize scheme marking commenced on Sunday, June 4th. and it was satisfactory to note that on that day at both morning and afternoon school there were more scholars present than on any occasion during the preceding eleven months. The first prize distribution will take place in connection with next year's anniversary. The School Enlargement Scheme has taken definite form during the past twelve months, plans having been prepared, and approved, and contracts for the work let.

Mr. Goodall gave a short address on essential requirements for successful Sunday school work, and Mr. Shurmer spoke on the importance of having the best qualified Christian workers as teachers, improvement in school buildings, furniture, apparatus, and where ever practicable more class seclusion.

The Rev. J. B. Maltby, besides referring to the spiritual aspect of the work, explained the school enlargement scheme, active operations in connection with which had been commenced the same day.

The meeting although, only moderately attended was of a capital tone and calculated to do good.

On the motion of Mr. Seanor and Mr. Denton, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for presiding, and to Mr. Shurmer for his greatly appreciated efforts in connection with that meeting and the Sunday services.

Including a donation of £1 from the chairman at the Monday night's meeting, the collections amounted to £9 14s 1d an advance of nearly £1 on last year's total.

On Wednesday, the annual festival took place, and was largely attended; the scholars met at the school at two o'clock, went in procession round the town, singing at various places enroute. At four o'clock the children were served with tea, after which a public tea for teachers and friends was served. In the evening, recreation was indulged in, in Mr. Brook's field on the Marsh, kindly lent. The weatherwas especially favourable throughout the day; the children returned to school at nine o'clock, and were served with a bun each as they left for home. The anniversary this year has been a very successful one in every way, there being an increase of subscribers, collections up, and fine weather for the festival and field sports.

WESLEYAN QUARTERLY MEETING.

The quarterley meeting of the ministers and officers of the Rothwell circuit was held at Oulton, on Wednesday afternoon, preceded by an excellent tea. The Rev. J. B. Maltby presided, and there were also present a number of friends from various parts of the circuit. The number of members is 510, 3 less than last quarter, their having been a number of removals; 96 young people are in junior classes. Mr. Seanor, J.P., gave the financial report, the income being a few shillings down; the expediture is rather heavier (£111); it is anticipated, however, that the balance will be equalised next September. Mr. W. Stephenson reported 204 teachers and 1165 scholars in the eight schools of the circuit. This being the last meeting which the present ministers will attend in this circuit, very cordial thanks for their excellent services were presented to the Rev. J. B. Maltby, Rev. J. T. Tyreman, with many expressions of good wishes for their future success and happiness in their new spheres of labour. To these resolutions both gentleman reciprocally replied.

The Chairman reported that the promises to the Twentieth Century Fund in this circuit now amount to £551 guineas, and it is anticipated this will be still futher increased as time goes on. Arrangements are being made for raising the spiritual life of the Leeds District by the addition of 1000 members in the coming winter, and this circuit meeting is making sundry preparations for joining in this object.

In connection with the coming of the new ministers to this circuit after Conference, reception meetings are proposed to be held at Rothwell and Normanton, the first week in September, the entire financial results of the meetings being for the circuit funds.

WOODLESFORD WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The Wesleyan Sunday School Anniversary was held on Sunday last, when Mr. Blakeley, of Normanton, preached morning and evening, and conducted a children's service in the afternoon. Special hymns were sung under the leadership of Mr. Wheeler, and the congregations were large. The festival was held on Tuesday, the 20th; the scholars accompanied by teachers and friends paraded the village and sang their hymns. After tea, an adjournment was made to a field kindly placed at the disposal of the committee by Mr. H. Berry, where games were indulged in and a most enjoyable and successful anniversary was brought to a close. The committee are greatly indebted to Mr. Berry for his kindness in granting the use of his field and a very hearty vote of thanks was fittingly moved to that gentleman by Mr. Dinsdale and carried with three hearty cheers, concluding with the National Anthem.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We would particularly urge our friends to send in their letters and news, as early as possible, as we cannot accept contributions later than Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, except in the case of matters occurring on Wednesday or Thursday, which should be forwarded within a short period after. Advertisements may be sent as late as Friday morning.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.

ROTHWELL MINERS AND LOCAL AFFAIRS.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Dear Mr. Editor,

We are instructed by the members of the Rothwell Branch to ask you to insert the following:—"We, the members of the Rothwell Branch, consider that the action of the members of the Rothwell School Board when letting the tenders of the new Infant School, in not stipulating that the contractors engaged should pay the Trades Union rate of wages is contemptible in the extreme, when a resolution is on the books which provides for the above conditions. We can only promise to bear this in mind, and shew our contempt when the opportunity occurs. It is the whole of the people who elect them to their position and we are of the opinion that the peoples' interest should be looked after and not the interest of the few.

On behalf of the Branch,

We are, yours truly,

June 22nd. THE COMMITTEE.

Dear Mr. Editor,

We are instructed by the members of the Rothwell Branch of the Yorkshire Miners Association to ask you to insert the following:—"That we urge upon the Yorkshire Miners' Association, to support the principle of Trades Federation, and further to assist in every way possible the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress in its attempt to federate all trades." We asked the Executive Committee of the Yorkshire Miners' Association, to send the above resolution before the district to be voted upon, but this democratic committee refused because they deemed it a dangerous resolution. We consider if it be dangerous to federate all trades, it is also dangerous to federate separate trades which they support.

We are, yours truly,

THE COMMITTEE.

CO-OPERATIVE STORES FOR OULTON-WITH-WOODLESFORD.

On Wednesday evening, an interesting and important event took place in the annals of the above township, the inhabitants on that date witnessing the laying of the foundation stone of a branch shop of the Leeds Industrial Co-operative Society. The new store, the building of which has been let to Mr. Simpkiss, will be situated on the main road near the Midland Hotel, and between that hostelry and Station Lane. Councillor Jas. Tetley, president, conducted the proceedings, and there were also present and took part in the proceedings, Mr. Gration, Mr. S. Costigan, Mr. J W. Fawcett, (secretary), Mr. Romp, the Society's building manager, and other leading co-operators. Mr. W. B. Collinson, a director, laid the stone, under which were placed a series of the Society's checks, a written statement of the financial and numerical strength of the Society at the present time, and copies of the daily papers.

CO-OPERATORS' EXCURSION.

On Monday last, the employees of the Leeds Co-operative Society held their annual trip, Bridlington being the place visited. About thirty from the Rothwell, Lofthouse, and Carlton branches joined the excursion which was favoured with fine weather. A collection was taken on the occasion in order to render some assistance to Mr. L. Thornton, a late president of the Society, who is ill and in need of help. A generous response was made and expressions for Mr. Thornton's speedy recovery expressed.

TEA AND GALA.

In support of the Rothwell Temperance Bazaar fund, a public tea was provided in the Rothwell Temperance Hall, on Saturday night last, to which a moderate company sat down. In the evening the Temperance Band played at a gala, held in Mr. Brook's field, on the Marsh, and the weather being fine and warm, the programme of dances was much enjoyed by those present.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

On Sunday last Mr. Smith presided. There was a good congregation to hear an address given by Mr. Blackburn, of Leeds, on "Jacob's Dream." Miss Clara Backhouse, of Rothwell Haigh, was the soloist, her selections being "The Last Milestone," and "The Star of Bethlehem." Mr. T. W. Crossland accompanied.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending June 17th, 1899, is £228; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £230, thus showing decrease of £2. For the 24 weeks ending June 17th, the return is £7740 against £5716 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £2024

THE BLACK DOG.

"Then the black dog got on to my back, and stuck there all day," said Robert Louis Stevenson.

In plain English, he was in a fit of profound melancholy. There are no end of things that tend to make us low-spirited. We won't discuss them. You know what they look like as well as I do. When the black dog wants to climb on our backs, he uses some of these things as a staircase.

I allude now to outside reasons and causes, such as loss of friends, of money, etc., etc. But we often *feel* the mercury going down in our mental barometer, without seeing or experiencing a cause for it. We sometimes fancy it a warning of trouble ahead, and worry as if we had consciously walked over the spot where we are booked to be buried. We try to shake off the brooding impression, but it hangs on, like Mr. Stevenson's black dog.

What is it that sends our spirits down into our boots and makes a familiar tread sound like the approach of an undertaker? Perhaps we can cull the idea out of the letters (both short) of two women.

"For over twenty years," runs one of them, "I suffered from biliousness. A good deal of the time I felt heavy and tired, and so low-spirited and sad that the earth seemed dressed in sackcloth. Everything had the hue of evil, present or to come. After meals I had an awful pain at the chest and through to the shoulders. I had fearful headaches, and when the bilious attacks came on I was prostrate.

"For hours together I would be deadly sick—retching and straining; but all I brought up was a bitter, nasty fluid. About every fortnight I had these spells, and they made me very weak. No matter what diet I took I was just as bad. I used liver pills and medicine of all kinds, but sawdust or water would have done me as much good.

"At last a gentleman at Hertford told me of Mother Seigel's Syrup, and said it was the only real and effective remedy for liver complaint he had ever seen or heard of. On the strength of what he said I got a bottle, and it made me better than I had been for time out of mind. It cleared the bile out of my system and caused my liver to act naturally, and as it should. It lifted a load off me, and made me feel light, high-spirited, and happy. Since that time I have enjoyed good health. If liver trouble ever comes on me again—as I think and hope it will not—I shall take down my bottle of Mother Seigel's Syrup and seek no further. I know it will set matters right." (Signed) (Mrs.) ANNIE SEERING, Wormley, near Broxbourne, Herts, February 3, 1899.

"In June, 1895," writes another frank and intelligent woman, "I seemed to have run into a region of dulness, weakness, and gloom. What ailed me I could not surmise. My skin began to turn yellow, and so did my eyes. I had no appetite, and was frequently sick with pain at the chest after eating. I craved food, yet the very sight of it repelled and disgusted me.

"I lost sleep until I suffered from habitual insomnia, and my spirits sank until as if nothing hopeful or cheerful was left in the world. As for ever being well and strong again, I gave up expecting it.

"In this way my life dragged along month after month. A relative of mine, Mrs. Hemes, of Bourneheath, then told me how she had been cured of a similar complaint by Mother Seigel's Syrup, after having vainly tried everything else she could think of. So I commenced using it, and found relief in so brief a time as to surprise me.

"This was evidently the true and right medicine for the stomach and liver. My bad symptoms and feelings grew less and less until I could eat and digest and not suffer. After having taken three or four bottles of the syrup I was in health once more, with my heart full of thankfulness and my mouth full of praise for the medicine that had done so much for me. You are free to make my letter public if you think best." (Signed) (Mrs.) ELIZABETH FIELD, Catshill, near Bromsgrove, Wors., July 21, 1898.

Nine times out of ten the Black Dog is a torpid liver. Drive him away with a few good doses of Mother Seigel's Syrup.

CRICKET.

Will the Secretaries of Cricket Clubs kindly forward List of Fixtures, Reports of Matches (both first and second elevens), and List of players chosen as early as possible.

OULTON DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Results up to date.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	D'wn.	Pts
Oulton	7	4	1	2	10
Middleton Park..	7	3	2	2	8
Whitwood	7	3	2	2	8
Rothwell	7	3	2	2	8
Carlton	7	2	2	3	7
Altofts W Riding	7	2	2	3	7
Lofthouse	7	2	3	2	6
Methley	7	0	5	2	2

HENRY HODSON, Woodlesford, Sec.

ROTHWELL v. WHITWOOD.
Played at Rothwell on Saturday last

Whitwood.

Procter, b Morgan	0
Rayner, c and b Walker	32
Barrett, b Chadwick	0
Jackson, b Chadwick	1
Cox, b J W Chadwick	13
Plimmer, b Morgan	1
Tolson, b Morgan	0
Dawson, c Morgan b Chadwick	5
Overton, b Walker	13
Hutchinson, b Walker	3
Baker, not out	0
Extras	7
Total	75

Rothwell.

H Dacre, b Rayner	7
W E Richardson, b Rayner	0
J Walker, b Overton	30
H Clark, c Plimmer b Jackson	0
T Dobson, b Baker	3
H Morgan, b Rayner	19
H Wormald, run out	0
J W Chadwick, not out	6
W Bedford, b Rayner	0
Dr. Buck, c Baker b Overton	8
Extras	5
Total for 9 wkts	78

Bowling Analysis—Rothwell:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
H Morgan	13	8	19	3	6.1
J W Chadwick	12	2	40	4	10.
Joe Walker	6	3	9	3	3.

Bowling Analysis—Whitwood:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
Rayner	10	3	16	4	4.
Jackson	9	3	21	1	21.
C Baker	5	0	22	1	22.
C Overton	6 4	0	14	2	7.

OULTON v. MIDDLETON PARK.
Played at Oulton on Saturday last

Oulton.

E A Higgins, c G Place b Spink	0
G M Abbey, c G Place b Spink	3
J Jeffrey, b Hawden	2
L E Greenwood, b Goldthorpe	20
H Mitchell, lbw b Goldthorpe	7
W Smith, b Spink	0
E Boothroyd c and b Spink	41
C Briggs, b Rhodes	0
H W Higgins, b Hawden	16
O Inman, b Hawden	0
F Murtland, not out	0
Extras	7
Total	96

Middleton.

J W Place, run out	19
Wainwright, c Jeffrey b H W Higgins	17
S Goldthorpe, b H W Higgins	0
A Spink, b Murtland	0
G H Place, lbw b Greenwood	23
R Caley, c and b H W Higgins	1
E Hawden, b Murtland	0
E Standidge, b Greenwood	13
J Rhodes, b Greenwood	5
F Coop, b Briggs	2
J Ramsden, not out	2
Extras	12
Total	94

Bowling Analysis—Middleton Park:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
A Spink	12.2	4	24	4	.6
Hawden	9	1	34	3	11.1
S Goldthorpe	8	0	15	2	7.1
J Rhodes	5	1	16	1	16.

Bowling Analysis—Oulton:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
L E Greenwood	12.4	4	23	3	7.2
C Briggs	7	1	15	1	15.
H W Higgins	9	2	25	3	8.1
F Murtland	11	2	19	2	9.1

OULTON 2nd. v. MIDDLDTON PARK 2nd.
Played at Middleton Park on Saturday last

Middleton 2nd.

D Ramsden, lbw b Lockwood	49
H Speak, b Bell	0
J Ramsden, b Bell	6
W Taylor, b Cain	5
E Bailey, c P Inman b Bell	29
F Fotherby, c Hurdus b Bell	0
H Savage, b P Inman	43
G Crossland, c Lock b Bell	0
S Caley, not out	25
Extras	14
Total for 8 wkts	171

Innings declared.

Oulton 2nd.

P C Higgins, c Taylor b Savage	3
J Morley, b Taylor	0
P Inman, c Taylor b Savage	0
T Hurdus, b Savage	7
E Brierley, not out	4
Lockwood, c Ramsden b Robershaw	6
Extras	1
Total for 5 wkts	21

ROTHWELL 2nd. v. WHITWOOD 2nd.
Played at Whitwood on Saturday last

Whitwood.

Thorpe, b J Lunn	28
Voyce, b J Lunn	10
T Tolson, c Fox b J Lunn	4
Ripley, b J Lunn	9
Measham, c Smith b J Lunn	0
G H Tolson, b Spurr	0
Morritt, lbw b Spurr	0
Poole, b J Lunn	0
Fowler, b Spurr	20
Wood, c Smith b Spurr	0
Mitchill, not out	3
Extras	1
Total	75

Rothwell.

H Brown, c Tolson b Measham	1
Fox, c Tolson b Poole	23
R N Lunn, c Ripley b Measham	7
J W Smith, not out	8
W Spurr, not out	35
Extras	7
Total for 3 wkts	84

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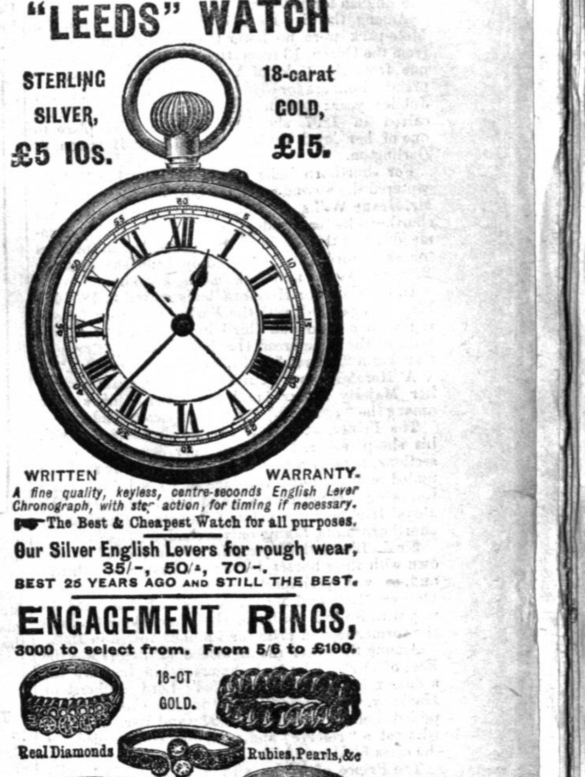

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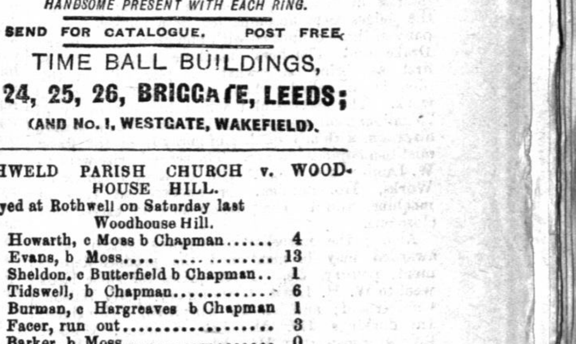

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RGTHWELD PARISH CHURCH v. WOODHOUSE HILL.
Played at Rothwell on Saturday last

Woodhouse Hill.

Howarth, c Moss b Chapman	4
Evans, b Moss	13
Sheldon, c Butterfield b Chapman	1
Tidswell, b Chapman	6
Burman, c Hargreaves b Chapman	1
Facer, run out	3
Barker, b Moss	0
Clayton, not out	3
J Robinson, c Atack b Chapman	0
Spencer, run out	0
Robinson, st. Hargreaves b Chapman	1
Extras	3
Total	35

Rothwell Parish.

Atack, b Howarth	0
Kale, c Sheldon b Burman	1
Ward, b Howarth	7
Chapman, c Tidswell b Burman	3
Naylor, c Facer b Howarth	4
Moss, st. Sheldon b Howarth	18
Hargreaves, b Howarth	0
Butterfield, b Burman	5
Stevenson, b Burman	2
Lunn, not out	1
Abbishaw, c Facer b Burman	1
Extras	6
Total	48

ROTHWELL TRADEMEN v. CLECKHEATON.
Played at Cleckeaton on Wednesday last

Rothwell Tradesmen

E Milner, c and b Barber	3
J Stead, c Muschamp b Bentley	59
J Walker, b Bentley	39
M Fowler, st. Scott b Bentley	14
H Dacre, c Shackleton b Barber	8
H Morgan, not out	30
A Denton, b Barber	1
W H Easton, not out	0
Extras	10
Total for 6 wkts	164

Innings declared.

Cleckheaton.

D Scott, b J Walker	11
J W Sidman, b Morgan	18
J Walker, b J Walker	0
T Barber, c Walker b J Stead	6
J W Muschamp, not out	3
P Bentley, not out	9
Extras	14
Total for 4 wkts	61

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET MATCHES.

At Lofthouse—Rothwell v Lofthouse.

ROTHWELL FIRST ELEVEN—Dr. Buck (capt), Joe Walker, H Morgan, J W Chadwick, W E Richardson, Hy Dacre, T Dobson, jun., H Clark, F Bedford, H Wormald, H Greenwood; Reserve, J W Smith.

At Rothwell—Rothwell 2nd v Lofthouse 2nd.

ROTHWELL SECOND ELEVEN—H Brown (capt), W Fox, J W Smith, W Spurr, R N Lunn, Jas Lunn, J Fox, J W Haigh, A Cripps, C Ward, Jos Smith; Reserve, T Parker.

At Leeds—Rothwell P C v Leeds Good Shepherds.

PARISH CHURCH TEAM—P Chapman (capt), E Moss, J H Drew, A Tiffany, G Kale, J Hargreaves, J Atack, W Ward, M Naylor, H Lunn, C Butterfield; Reserves, E Beckwith, S Abbishaw.

WEDNESDAY.

At Rothwell—Rothwell Tradesmen v Bramley T.

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN'S ELEVEN—Dr Buck (capt) Dr James, H Wormald, M Fowler, J Walker, O Wilkinson, J Wilkinson, A Denton, J Stead, C P Ward, E Milner.

A FORMIDABLE ROTHWELL BOWLER.

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Grand Cricket Match
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WOODLESFORD v. EAST ARDSLEY.
GALA AT 7.

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WARD—In loving memory of our dear mother, Elizabeth Ward, of Pit Field, Carlton, who died June 29th, 1898.
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When we think of our dear mother,
Whom no more on earth we see."

DEATHS.

ARMITAGE—June 29th, aged 4 years, Dorothy, daughter of William and Edith Armitage, of Thorpe Hall, Thorpe, near Wakefield.
NICHOLSON—June 24th, aged 47 years, John Nicholson, Stourton.
PARK—June 28th, aged 6 months, Donald, son of Tom Park, Stourton.
WORTH—June 28th, aged 60 years, Jane, wife of James Worth, Stourton.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley
Friday, June 30, 1899.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A fortnightly meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the offices, Hunslet, Dr. Hawkyard presiding. The other members present were Mr. Fryer, (vice-chairman), Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Woodcock, Rev. A. J. Irvin, Rev M. J. Dillon, Messrs. Butterick, Nicholson, Edwards, Banks, Houghton, Robb, Hargreaves, Beddon, Bamforth, Charlesworth, Knight, with the clerk (Mr. Mee) and assistant clerk (Mr. Ward).

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as printed.

The Master's report book showed that gifts of magazines had been received from Mr. Woodhead, Gowen Street, and of a door roller from Mr. Robb. An entertainment had been given in the Workhouse by Mr. Bamforth and friends; thanks were expressed for these kind actions.

The vagrants relieved during the fortnight were returned at 218, against 290 during the same period last year.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Visiting Committee a letter was presented from Dr. Barnardo's Homes, in reply to an enquiry of the clerk, stating that George Lee had been placed out in Canada with Mr. Newton E. Grahame, Portland, Ontario, but they had not yet received a report about the boy.

It was proposed by Mr. Houghton, that subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, the Guardians be recommended to make a donation of £5 5s 0d to the funds of Barnardo's Homes; seconded by Mr. Robb, and carried unanimously.

The Committee having inspected the house in Hillidge Road, decided that it be utilized for the accommodation of nurses. It was proposed by Mr. Banks that the present doorway be made fast, and a new one broken out in the south west corner, that the sink be removed and the cupboard put in its place, that a new ventilator be placed near the existing door, and that the work be commenced at once; seconded by Mrs. Dickenson and carried unanimously. It was proposed by Mr. Houghton that all the outside woodwork, together with the windows and new work inside be painted and varnished, that the present varnish work be washed down, and that the walls be stripped and re-papered with paper between 6d and 8d per piece; seconded by Mr. Dillon, and carried unanimously.

The minutes were confirmed on the motion of Messrs. Dillon and Banks.

CHILDREN'S HOMES.

At the above Committee, Mr. Hargreaves reported an interview with the plumber, Mr. Wilson, as to the water service pipes. The pipes to Nos. 1 and 3 homes were found to be laid under the concrete floor and in some places were badly corroded. Mr. Wilson was instructed to put in new pipes where necessary.

The superintendent applied for the usual holidays for the officers, which were allowed. He also reported a number of breakages, and that some of his wards were fit for service. Inquiries were ordered to be made as to the terms upon which the children might attend the swimming baths in Joseph Street, Hunslet.

The minutes were confirmed on the motion of Messrs. Butterick and Edwards

THE TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

With regard to the proposed experimental joint treatment of tuberculosis cases in the Leeds district, the Medical Officers in the Union had been written to by the Clerk, and asked to furnish returns of cases coming under notice in their respective districts, and especially of those patients who would likely benefit by a stay at such a sanitorium as proposed to be established.

Drs. Wainman, Clough, Stevenson, James, and Pogson, in fact all the officers except Dr. Smith, had replied giving the particulars asked for, and expressing their views with regard to the cause and treatment of the disease, all of them being strongly of opinion that an established sanitorium such as was suggested, would be of great benefit in cases where the disease was showing first symptoms.

The Chairman said that from the figures given by the medical officers, it would be seen that there were plenty of cases that might benefit by being removed from their present unfavourable surroundings, in fact only a small number of their cases could be treated in connection with the experiment that was suggested. He saw Holbeck was of opinion that the Leeds City Council should take the thing up and make the experiment.

Mr. Hargreaves said he agreed with what the medical gentlemen had said, but as to the authority by whom the experiment should be tried, and to whom it was bound to be an expense, he could not see that they as a Board of Guardians should take it up. The Guardians did not provide for the treatment of any other infectious disease, that was the duty of the sanitary authorities, and in his opinion the experiment with regard to tuberculosis should be carried out by the Leeds City Council, the outside Rural and District Councils, or the West Riding County Council, who provided hospitals for other infectious diseases. As a Guardian he could not bind himself to call upon the ratepayers to make this provision out of the rates. They needed such a sanitorium as had been proposed, and valuable lives might be saved thereby, but the sanitary authorities should be prime movers in such an undertaking.

Mr. Butterick: Is the Leeds City Council making any move in the matter, Doctor?

The Chairman: No, but I don't know what they may do; nor is the West Riding County Council likely to do much in the matter, in view of their present great expenditure.

On the motion of Messrs. Hargreaves and Fryer, it was agreed to ask the Leeds City Council to provide a sanitorium, and that the Hunslet Board subscribe to it, providing cases from the Hunslet Union are allowed to be treated thereat.

THE NURSING STAFF.

On the motion of the Rev. M. J. Dillon, seconded by Mr. Fryer, it was agreed to increase the nursing staff by having one superintendent, two staff nurses, and three probationers, the latter to receive lectures during six months of the year, and be presented with certificates at the end of the term. In answer to Mr. Butterick, the Chairman said the additional cost would mean something like £100 per year, but lately they had spent nearly the salary of a nurse in advertising, but under the new arrangement a good deal of this expense was likely to be obviated.

INCREASE OF SALARY.

According to notice, the Rev. M. J. Dillon proposed that Mr. Ward, the assistant clerk, be given an increase of £20 per annum.

Mr. Bamforth seconded, and Mr. Knight supported.

Mr. Butterick said no one was better satisfied with the work of the assistant clerk than himself, but the many salaries which were being increased would mean a serious thing to the ratepayers of the Union. If this resolution was carried they would be paying about £140 more per year in salaries than they were paying last year at the same time. They had only just appointed a lad at the office at £14 per year, and he should relieve the work in some measure. He proposed Mr. Ward's advance be £10.

Mr. Banks seconded the amendment, as he thought such an advance reasonable.

Five voted for the amendment, and eight for the resolution.

On being put substantively, the motion was carried, Mr. Butterick and Mr. Charlesworth voting contrary.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Finance Committee recommended payment of accounts amounting to £2580 4s 5d, cheques for which were signed.

The new Buildings Committee had again considered the work in connection with the office alterations, but as there was still some uneasiness in the building trade, it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Clerk, to call the Committee together again when there is any probability of the work being carried out.

A letter was read from the Clerk to the Rothwell District Council in which was set forth the resolution passed by the Council with regard to the construction of a sewer from the new workhouse at Rothwell Haigh.

OULTON & WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Board was held on Monday evening last, in the Board Schools, Woodlesford. The following members were present:—Messrs. H. Trinder (chairman), W. H. Newsome, T. Batt, J. T. Lygo, Rev. A. J. Irvin, and the clerk (Mr. R. J. Smith).

The minutes of the last monthly meeting and two special meetings were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Clerk reported that the balance from last month was £21 16s 1d, he had also received fee grant from Education Department, £40 12s 6d, and Mr. B. W. Butler (right of way), 1s; making a total of £62 9s 7d.

The following accounts were passed for payment on the proposition of Mr. Batt and Mr. Irvin:—

	£	s.	d.
School Cleaner	2	8	0
Sundry Expenses	1	2	2
Deputation ,, ...	3	13	6
R. Scott, sweeping chimneys ..		8	0
Rothwell Gas Co.		14	3
Teachers' Salaries	63	6	8

RIGHT OF WAY.

The Clerk reported that he had written to Messrs. Ford and Warren asking them to carry out the instructions of the Board; he now read a reply in which Mr. G. C. Pulleyne had promised to see his clients. He also read another letter, in which Mr. Pulleyn stipulated certain conditions in reference to the Board forming a road 8 feet wide, and allowing compensation to the owners for the loss of plants, trees, etc.

The Chairman's opinion was that instructions be given to Messrs. Ford and Warren to negotiate with Mr. Pulleyne, as to what would be the cost of the new road, as he thought they would be the savers by keeping from law, and considered it would be the cheapest way out of it; they would not be doing any harm or injuring their cause by so doing.

Mr. Newsome: My opinion is that the law should take its course.

Mr. Batt was in favour of arbitration on the laws laid down by the Board; if they would not carry that out, then he would support Mr. Newsome's proposition.

The Clerk, in answer to a question as to the desirability of taking the step suggested by the Chairman, said he thought that it would better the Board's position in trying to negotiate, knowing that costs would occur in any way.

Mr. Irvin seconded the resolution, which on being put to the meeting was only supported by proposer and seconder, the other members remaining neutral.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Clerk read a report of C. McWilliam, from the Leeds School Board, which was accepted as satisfactory.

Miss Amelia Hollis was granted a week's leave of absence to attend the Certificate Examination.

It was arranged that the next Board meeting be held on the 24th. July instead of the 31st, and that that the Midsummer Holidays commence on the 28th of July for a month.

It was decided that two persons be summoned for irregular attendance, whilst several other parents attended before the Board and were warned.

THE NEW LEEDS RAILWAY.

THE GREAT NORTHERN'S LATEST DEVELOPMENT.

The scheme of the Great Northern Railway Company in opening out a new line for goods traffic, from a junction near Beeston Station to Hunslet, is almost completed, and arrangements are being made for the opening of the new railway, if possible, next week.

The line, which has cost about half a million of money, has taken two and a half years to lay down. It is four miles in length, including the extensive goods yard at Hunslet, and is spanned by several bridges. That over the river, a swing bridge, is one of the finest of its kind to be found anywhere. Its total length is 275 feet between the abutments, with a clear span of 170 feet over the waterway. The two main girders are 295 feet in length and 30 feet in depth, and weigh 1,250 tons. To get a solid foundation for the piers it was found necessary to excavate to a depth of 35 feet. The pier upon which the bridge is pivoted for swinging is 45 feet in diameter.

In the station area at Hunslet there are upwards of 8,000 yards of single line permanent way, forming nearly twenty separate lines of sidings, and accommodation for nearly 1,000 wagons. The goods warehouse is 300 feet by 150 feet, and has a floor space of some 8,000 square yards. The station has been fitted with every modern facility for dealing quickly and effectively with the heavy traffic for which it is mainly intended, and will be illuminated by electricity.

The new station will serve the eastern portion of the city for goods and mineral traffic, and will greatly relieve the congestion of Boar-lane, caused by the traffic from Wellington-street.

A MOST DELICIOUS LEMONADE.

Eiffel Tower Lemonade is made from the finest lemons, and the great advantage is that it is partly manufactured in Italy in the midst of the lemon orchards. The lemons are taken direct from the trees to the factory to commence their transformation into Eiffel Tower Lemonade. A 4½d bottle of Eiffel Tower Lemonade makes 2 gallons of delicious Lemonade. If you cannot get it from your Grocer, send 4½d. to G. Foster Clark & Co., 3650, Eiffel Tower Factory, Maidstone, for a bottle.

LOFTHOUSE-WITH-CARLTON SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Board was held at Robin Hood, on Wednesday evening last, the members present being Messrs. G. Armitage (chairman), J. Dobson, J. Horner, W. Ridyard, Rev. G. H. Scott, and the clerk (Mr. J. H. Lee).

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

APPLICATIONS.

Mr. W. Hainsworth, of Carlton, made application for the payment of a doctor's bill for 8s for his child being trapped by the school door, in consequence of which he was under the doctor 5 weeks.

At a later stage of the meeting, Mr. Butterworth was called in, and explained the cause of the incident, which appears to have been quite accidental.

Mr. Horner proposed and Mr. Dobson seconded, that the bill be paid, seeing that the accident had occurred on the Board's premises.

The Chairman and Mr. Scott considered that the Board should not pay such accounts, as it would form a precedent, and they would never know where it was going to end.

Mr. Scott said he would rather contribute something personally before take such a course.

This suggestion was quickly taken up and the amount subscribed.

Mr. Scott said he thought there ought to be some means of fastening the doors back, especially on windy days.

Mr. Hiram Ward had made application for the use of the Carlton school, on July 8th., which the Clerk had granted.

ACCOUNTS.

The Clerk reported the receipts as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Robin Hood Evening School	14	11	0
County Council for Cookery Class ..	17	4	0
Carlton Evening School ..	7	18	6

The following accounts were passed for payment on the motion of Mr. Horner and Mr. Scott:—

	£	s.	d.
Robin Hood teachers' salaries..	30	11	10
Carlton ,, ,, ..	37	0	10
Miss Lee, Cookery Class ..	11	0	0
Mr. E. H. Butterworth, evening class	6	0	0
Clerk's salary	7	10	0
Mr. D. Bell, attendance officer	2	1	8

TEACHING STAFF.

Applications were received from Miss Ada Green for a position as a pupil teacher, and Miss Dora Ellis as a monitor in either of the schools.

Mr. Grimshaw attended before the Board, and in reply to the members, said that if two pupil teachers were engaged, it would meet all the requirements in reference to his department, and he would be quite satisfied.

Mr. Scott proposed that the above applications be accepted; this was seconded by Mr. Horner.

Mr. Dobson said it seemed rather strange after they had been at all the trouble in going into the question of the teaching staff, when Mr. Grimshaw was willing to the transfer of a teacher from his school to Carlton, that he was now wanting an increase in his own staff; the schools were not increasing so much at the present time.

Mr. Horner said that Mr. Grimshaw was willing to help Mr. Butterworth seeing that he was greatly under-staffed, and at the wish of the Board he was willing to give their suggestion a trial, and for the time being he was very generous, but he found out now that he could not possibly carry on without some assistance, as he would have to take nearly 70 scholars himself.

On the proposition being put to the meeting, only the proposer and seconder voted in favour, the other members voting against.

Mr. Horner then proposed that an assistant teacher be engaged at £50 per annum.

Mr. Ridyard said that seeing 37 scholars were coming from the Infants department, they would be over-staffed in that school. He thought they had seven members on the Board instead of five, and he did not think they should ask Mr. Butterworth and Mr. Grimshaw what should be done at every turn; the Board should say what was to be done, and not ask them.

Mr. Horner thought that some of the members had been frightened by Mr. Oliver and other ratepayers at the public meeting held previous to the election, and if that had not taken place, it would have been practically carried now to increase the staff.

The Chairman ruled Mr Horner's remarks out of order; personally, he said he was proof against such talk as he referred to.

Mr. Scott and Mr. Horner strongly objected to the remarks in reference to the head teachers, as they were quite uncalled for, and they could not possibly carry on the business without their advice at times.

Mr. Scott seconded Mr. Horner's proposition, which was again defeated; the Chairman, Mr. Ridyard and Mr. Dobson voting against.

Mr. Dobson proposed that the indentures of Miss E. S. Newton (Carlton school), and Miss Ives (Robin Hood school) be extended, seconded by Mr. Horner, and carried.

Mr. Grimshaw again interviewed the Board, and asked if they had appointed another teacher, as it was an utter impossibility for him to take 70 children; the only course open for him would be to enter a protest in the log book in the interest of the teachers he certainly could not carry out the work, and he did not think he ought to be asked; he would be pleased if the Board could show him any way to carry on under such an arrangement. He had simply been held up to ridicule by other teachers in the district; he would give them six months to consider his position.

The meeting broke up without any definite action being arrived at in reference to Mr. Grimshaw's application.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected COCOA, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—Civil Service Gazette.—Made simply with boiling water or milk—Sold only in packets and pound tins, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & CO., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London."

TIT-BITS.

SOUNDING HIS CUSTOMER.—Boy (one behind him, the other with a cigar-stump to gent with high hat): "Gisser light, guv." Gent: "I haven't got one." Boy (producing, other hand, holding boxes of vestas): "... here's yer chance, guv.—1d. a box, two for ..."

HE WAS SORRY.—"Ma, Johnnie has ... me." "What did you do to him?" "I ... him." "Well, he wouldn't have kicked you if you hadn't bitten him first. You ought to be sorry." "I do." "Sorry for what?" "... didn't bite him after he kicked me."

HIS MOTTO.—In an engineer's shop at S... recently the manager advertised for a ... for the office. The first lad that went to the position was asked what his motto was. "The same as yours, sir," answered the lad. "How do you know my motto?" asked the manager. "It tells you on the door, sir; push!" The lad was started at once.

WHOLESALE RATES.—Magistrate: "... been up before me a good many times, Rastus. It's the same as usual—forty ... or a month." Uncle Rastus: "I has been befo' you a good many times, yo' honor; be'n a good customer, an' ef yuse got any sale rates, I specs I oughter hab 'em."

ROUGH ON THE DOCTOR.—Scene: ... Street. Renovation of doctor's house. Doctor (to painter): "Painter, your brush and paint hide a multitude of faults." Painter (who remembers more than one sharp rebuke from the doctor): "Yes, sir; and it strikes me somethin' forcible like, that six foot of cold earth and a coffin hides a *bigger* multitude of your faults!"

THOUGHT IT BEST TO GO.—A militiaman who on the occasion of a sham fight heard the general give the order: "Everything is to be done the same as in actual warfare." Presently, when the fight was getting rather exciting, the man took to his heels. "Where are you going?" demanded the general. "Well, sir," the man replied, "I'm running the same as I would in actual warfare!"

SO STUPID OF THEM.—Several ladies at their club a few evenings ago, discussing the virtues of their husbands. "Mr. Bingleton," said one of them, referring to her life partner, "never drinks, never swears, indeed he has no bad habits." "Does he ever smoke?" ... asked. "Yes, he always likes a cigar after he has eaten a good meal. But I suppose, on an average, he doesn't smoke more than ... a month." Some of her friends laughed ... didn't seem to understand why.

IN TEXAS.—A Texas judge was robbed of a horse not long ago, and the thief being arrested, was brought before him for trial. The judge eyed the prisoner with deep satisfaction for a minute or so, and then delivered himself of the following: "Owing to a personal prejudice the Court will not hear this case. You will be tried by the bailiff, who will find a verdict in accordance with the facts. In the meantime," he added, impressively, "the Court will go outside and bend a rope and pick out a good tree."

A "STRIKING" REPLY.—During the ... strike of cotton operatives at Clitheroe, ... Blackburn, a man, seemingly somewhat ..., accosted a number of non-society weavers who were standing by a factory gate one dinner hour, and rather roughly said: "Say, lend me a match." One young chap, struck by the peculiarity of the request, and thinking to have a laugh at the drunken fellow's expense, drew a box of matches from his pocket, handed him one, ... other a match, and then sharply asked: "... when will you return the match?" "After the strike!" came the answer, as quickly as it was unexpected.

LUCKY FOR HIM.—One of the neatest examples of the tables being turned upon a bullying counsel was afforded by a clergyman who gave evidence in a horse-dealing case at the Worcester assizes. He gave a somewhat confused account of the transaction in dispute, and the cross-examining counsel, after ... several blustering but ineffective attempts to obtain a more satisfactory statement, said, "... sir, do you know the difference between a ... and a cow?" "I acknowledge my ignorance," replied the reverend gentleman. "I hardly know the difference between a horse and a cow, or between a bull and a bully—only a bull, I am told, has horns, and a bully"—here he made a respectful bow to the advocate—"luckily for me, has none."

THE "OWD MAN."—Many amusing anecdotes are told about "trippers" who came across Mr. Gladstone, in the park at Hawarden, very busy with his axe, and watched him at work without discovering his identity. On one occasion a couple of Lancashire "lads," while roaming the park, saw a man at work felling a tree. "Hallo, old chap! That's hard work, ain't it?" said they. "Yes," said Gladstone. "Dost think we shall stand a chance o' seeing Gladstone to-day?" "Oh, yes—I think you'll see him to-day!" Away they went to find him, never dreaming that already they had cast eyes upon the object of their search. On another occasion, as he was felling a tree near the public road, an elderly man walked up to him and said, "... man, let me have howd o' that axe." Mr. Gladstone at once handed it to him, and he cleared away with it, saying, "That's the way to ... axe. I've been used a good deal to this sort of a job, tha knows." A day or two after he heard that he had been speaking to Mr. Gladstone, and made all haste to apologise for his ...ness. "No apology is needed," was the reply.

HIS FIRST REPORT.—When it was first arranged some years ago for postmasters in the United States to send in quarterly reports, some strange documents were furnished. One of the strangest, addressed to the President, came from Waterford, Fulton county, Ill., and is a model of comprehensiveness, if not of grammatical precision. It is filed at the ... Office Department, and reads as follows: "waterford, fulton co ils. July the 9 ... president of the United States—Dear Sir ... required by the instructions of the Post Office to report quarterly, I now foolfill that pleasant duty by reportin as naburs have ... about dun. wheat is hardly an average crop ... rollin lans. corn is yellowish and ... more than 10 or 15 booshils to the acre ... health of the communitie is only tolerably ... sils and colery have broken out in abought 2 ... half miles from hear, thair are a powerful awakenin on the subjec of religion in the neighbourhood. nancy Smith a neer nabor had twins before yisterday and one of them wont live ... its days this is about all I know and have ... port the present quarter give my respects to your wife and subscrib myself your ... Abigail jenkins p m at fulton Co Ils."

A GOOD CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.—"..." said the man in the macintosh, lighting a cigar, "it was one of the most remarkable I ever knew. Rheumatism twenty-five ... both shoulders—had to be fed like a child. Arms had hung helpless ever ... knew him—no use of them whatever." "... he was cured without medicine?" ... man who had his feet on the table. "Yes ... liniments?" inquired the man with the hat. "Or liniments." "And recovered the use of his arms in one moment?" ... served the man with the goggles on. "I've heard of such thing," remarked the ... in the Inverness. "It was under circumstances of strong mental excitement, wasn't it?" "I thought so. He was induced to believe he could be cured if only he made the effort, did he?" "I suppose so. Something or other of that nature." "Then there's nothing so ... about it. The history of medical practice is full of such cases. It was only an instance of what they call faith cure." "No," said the man in the mackintosh, reflectively, "you could hardly call it that. The cure was effected by a man with a revolver, who met him on a lonely road and said: 'Hold up your hands!' And he held them up."

The rejected one: "I have a rival." The girl of his choice: "Hardly that; I promised to marry him"

WIT AND HUMOUR.

"My husband is one man in a thousand." "... did he enlist?"

"Papa, what makes a man always give a diamond engagement-ring?" Her ...: "The woman."

... "Pa, what does fee-simple mean?" ... "It's the fee a man gives to the clergyman when he gets married."

... "Alice has decided finally to marry an ...?" "Yes; she captured him in what she declares to be her last engagement."

... "Johnny, do you feel proud of being an ...?" "No; 'cause I ain't no uncle." "Why ...?" "'Cause I'm an aunt. The new baby's a ..."

"Handsome woman, that Major Dodd's ... but what loud gowns she wears!" She: "... suppose because the major is so shockingly ... you know."

"... her is the most bashful man I ever ..." "How on earth, then, did he come to get ...?" "It was leap year. He was too bashful to refuse."

Old Lady (anxiously): "Does this train stop ... London?" Porter: "Well, if it don't, ... you will see the biggest smash-up you ... ever see."

Bobby: "Dad, what is a mutual friend?" Mr. ...: "He is generally one who makes it his business to see that you don't miss hearing the things your friends say about you."

Customer: "Are my clothes ready?" Tailor: "Not yet, sir." Customer: "But you said you would have them done if you worked all night." Tailor: "Yes: but I didn't work all night."

"Papa, I know what I'm going to buy for your next birthday." "Well, what?" "A nice painted shaving-mug." "But I've got a fine one now." "Oh, I've just broken that."

Leisurely Guest (who has dawdled an hour and a half over his luncheon): "What are you adding sixpence more to that bill for?" Waiter: "For rent."

Proprietor: "Where is the book-keeper?" Office Boy: "He isn't in. His wife sent him word that the baby was asleep, and he's gone home to see what it looks like."

No Cloud Without a Silver Lining.—Lady: "Are you not rather small for a nurse?" Bridget: "Oh, that won't make no difference, mum; the baby'll hurt hisself less when I let him fall."

"Madam," said Meandering Mike, "hev ye got ... cold tea?" "No," replied young Mrs. ...kins, in a tone of sympathy; "but you wait a few minutes, and I'll put some on the refrigerator and cool it for you."

Mrs. Kindly: "Just look at that poor hungry tramp, Freddy. Don't you wish he'd had half our Christmas pudding?" Freddy (who is experiencing symptoms of indigestion): "Oh, mamma, I wish he'd had it all!"

"My son," said a father to a seven-year-old hopeful, "I must discipline you. Your teacher says you are the worst boy in the school." "Well, papa," was the reply, "only yesterday she told me I was like my father."

"Allow me to lay this little gift at your feet." "No, no; I never take any presents from my gentlemen friends." "But this is only a copy of my poems." "Oh, in that case I don't mind. I thought it was something of value."

She: "Who is that frightful-looking woman behind you who is talking with a man?" He: "It's my wife." She: "But you haven't looked round to see whom I mean." He: "Oh, your description is enough!"

Theatrical Star (looking through the peep-hole): "What a beggarly audience!" Manager: "That audience, sir, is composed of our best people. It's the array of empty benches that's beggarly."

Burglar (sternly): "Where's yer husband?" Woman (trembling): "Under the bed." Burglar: "Then I won't take nothing. It's bad enough to have such a husband without being robbed, too."

Miss Keedick is taking the first course in the Female College of Journalism. It will last three months." "What is the scope of the first months?" "Learning to sharpen a lead pencil."

Editor: "You live in a boarding-house, don't you?" Paragraphic: "I do." Editor: "How is it we never get any tough-spring-chicken jokes from you?" Paragraphic: "They can't afford chickens where I board. I write hash jokes."

Successful.—Mr. Goodman: "My little man, when I was your age I didn't smoke the way you do." Slum Child: "I should'nt think so! Why there ain't a kid in the alley that kin ... like me."

Mrs. Finnegan (starting up as Tim comes home a little shaky): "Phat's all the n'ise below? Did ye hear some wan shout foire?" Mr. Finnegan: "B'gorra, ye did; but be aisy. The foire'sh in Widdy McLone's tiniment on the first flure, an' there's sixsh flures betwaine it an' ours."

"What do you mean, sir," roared the irate father, "by bringing your portmanteau to my house and ordering a room?" "I'm adopted as one of the family," coolly answered the young man. "Your daughter said she would be a sister to me."

"That umbrella you lent me yesterday," said the man who had just come into the office. "Yes?" "Here it is. I came to return it." "Dear me!" was the absent-minded reply. "I had no idea it was in such bad condition as all that!"

Tommy, aged five, and his cousin Willie, aged six, had several little altercations, in which Tommy invariably got the worst of it. One day his mamma said to him: "Tommy, to-morrow is Willie's birthday. Wouldn't you like to give him something?" "You just better believe I would," was the reply, "but you see he's bigger than I am, and I can't."

Fogg: "I am afraid I'm breaking up." Figg: "Why, what's the matter now?" Fogg: "I went to look at a house that is to let, yesterday. It was only five minutes' walk from the station. I know that, because it said so in the advertisement; but hang me if it didn't take me twenty minutes to walk it. It is evident enough that I'm ageing fast."

He (in the conservatory): "Why did you lead me on to a proposal if you intended to refuse me?" She: "You do me great injustice. What have I done to make you think I loved you?" "In every waltz with other men you kept them almost at arm's length, but when waltzing with me you leaned your head on my shoulder and let me almost carry you." She: "That was to keep my feet off the floor, so that you wouldn't step on my toes."

Woman: "That rocking-chair you sold me is a fraud." Secondhand Dealer: "How's that?" "The rockers are not even, and, as you rock, it keeps moving sideways all over the room." "Good Gracious! I have made a mistake and sent you a new patent rocker, warranted not to wear out the carpet all in one place. That kind costs five shillings more." "Huh! Well, it's your mistake, and I won't pay the five shillings, and I won't send it back, so there!"

A ploughboy was sent by a farmer to carry a parcel to a neighbour of his in the same neighbourhood. After an old-time custom, the gentleman to whom the parcel was sent asked the boy if he would have a half-pint of beer. "Yes," was the plain and unmannerly answer of the ... carter. The farmer was annoyed at the bad manners, and growled, "Yes, and what ...?" hoping to extort "Yes, thank you, sir." The youngster, with the utmost coolness, replied: "A piece of bread and cheese, if you please, sir."

The other day a Chicago lady went to her lawyer, and asked excitedly whether he had filed her application for a divorce which she had instituted against her husband. "I am working on the papers now," he replied. "Thank heaven; then I am not too late!" she exclaimed, "Destroy all the papers and evidence at once." The lawyer was beginning to congratulate her on her reconciliation to her husband, but she cut him short by exclaiming, "Reconciled, no; he was run over by a freight train this morning, and I want you to commence a suit at once against the company for damages."

INTERESTING WEDDING.

Last Wednesday, a marriage was celebrated at Dewsbury Road Wesleyan Church, which, for various reasons, very largely interests the readers of this journal; we refer to the matrimonial festivities between Mr. Ernest Broadbent Pickersgill, only son of Councillor Pickersgill, Middleton-crescent Dewsbury-road, and of Miss Annie Gertrude Flockton, eldest daughter of Councillor Flockton, 221, Dewsbury-road.

Mr. Pickersgill (father of the bridegroom) is a Rothwell man of whom we are all proud, and who never fails to proclaim his warm affection for the place of his birth. For some years he was a member of the Board of Guardians, and has sat for nine years in the Leeds City Council, winning for himself the high esteem and respect of his colleagues in that important Corporation.

The bride's father, Mr. G. W. Flockton, is also closely connected with Rothwell and Carlton, his mother being one of the Miss Swifts, of Carlton, and his uncle and aunt lived for some years in Trinity Villas, Rothwell, well and kindly remembered by many. He has also worked his way up to an honoured position, first on the Board of Guardians, and recently in the City Council, his manly character, wise judgment, and genial disposition having gained for him the cordial support and good wishes of all who know him.

The wedding took place at Dewsbury Road, (as we have said), in the place of worship most dear to the families concerned, and with the erection and support of which they have been closely identified. The Rev. J. E. Pater, of Banbury, (late of Hunslet) was the celebrant, assisted by the present minister, the Rev. J. Judge, and the chapel was crowded with friends. Just before eleven o'clock, the bride arrived, leaning on the arm of her father, being dressed in white ivory silk, and wearing a veil with wreath of orange blossom. The bridesmaids were Miss Alice Flockton and Miss Lilian Flockton, sisters of the bride; Miss Alice Armitage, cousin of the bride; and Miss Wheawill, cousin of the bridegroom. Mr. J. E. Hill acted as best man, and Mr. G. Broadbent as groomsman. Immediately after the service, the entire wedding party, to the number of sixty or seventy, drove off in carriages to the residence of Mr. James Armitage, uncle of the bride, (member of the Rothwell District Council), arriving at Iveridge Hall before one o'clock. Here great preparations had been made for the reception of the guests, and being favoured by magnificent weather, the spacious rooms and extensive grounds were soon resonant with the sounds of pleasure and congratulation. The breakfast, which was on a generous scale, was laid in the large ball room of the Hall, and presented an attractive sight.

The presents were very numerous, both of a private and more public nature, and many of them were of a costly description. The happy pair subsequently left for Llandudno, to spend the honeymoon, where, for their own sakes and for the sake of their parents, they are followed by the good wishes of all who know them.

THE CHURCH ARMY.

This week concludes the four weeks' mission of the Church Army representatives, to Rothwell, and there can be no doubt the visit of Captain Smith and his fellow soldiers has been the means of exciting greater interest in the inner religious life of a number of persons, a result which it is hoped will grow when they are gone. The meetings have been well attended, a good number of Wesleyans having given their presence and support to so good a cause. There has been a comparative absence of form in the services, extempore prayers and addresses, with well known mission hymns, being evidently enjoyed by those present. Last night, Captain Smith, gave a lantern address on "What we believe," his remarks being based on '*The Apostles' Creed*,' and his appeals were addressed directly and pointedly to the hearts of his hearers. We cordially commend the 'Army' work to all who desire the advancement of true religion, so long as the 'soldiers' refrain from the bigotry and ostracism which shuts out all other regiments save their own, from the great Christian Army of the world.

METHLEY PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

On Sunday last, Mr. Tom Murphy, who is now well known in this district, gave an excellent address in the above place of worship, on his past career. Miss Fanny Howarth, of Hunslet, gave two solos during the service. In the afternoon a musical service was given by the following artistes:—Miss F. Howarth, solos, "Holy City" and "Charity;" Mr. James Howarth, violin solo, "Dream of Paradise;" Mr. T. Vickers, "Star of Bethlehem" and "Comfort ye" (*Messiah*); mandoline trio, Miss Stone, Mr. T. Vickers, and Mr. Jas. Howarth, "Ora pro nobis" and 'Dreamland." Mr. E. B. Bramley presided at the organ.

MISS BUTTERFIELD APPEAL.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Dear Mr. Editor,

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	21	9	3
Mr. J. Hopton		1	0
Rothwell Orchestral Society	1	0	0
Mr. Stainer		2	0
Messrs. James Batty & Sons		7	6
	£22	19	9

The Manse, Rothwell, June 29th.
Yours faithfully,
J. ARTHUR ALDERSON.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

Mr. Paul presided on Sunday afternoon last, when Mr. Collinson, of Hunslet, gave an excellent address on "Jonah." Miss Cundall was the soloist, and rendered her selections well.

TO MOTHERS. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used over 50 years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is pleasant to taste; it produces natural quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." Of all Chemists, 1s. 1½d per bottle.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

STILL HE WAS NOT PLEASED.

He: "I had my portrait taken along with Nero—my big St. Bernard, you know. May I have the pleasure of presenting you with a copy?"

She: "Thanks, awfully! I always did admire a handsome dog."

THE CYCLING FIEND.

Bye: "I had a tremendous stroke of luck yesterday. I was riding my bike when I ran into a man and broke both his legs."

Try: "I don't see anything lucky about that."

Bye: "I got away before anyone came."

THE FACTS OF THE CASE.

Mrs. Gadabout: "I don't believe that Dr. Newhand knows a thing about medicine."

Mrs. Nextdoor: "Why?"

Mrs. Gadabout: "He told my husband that all I needed was a rest in some quiet country place, when he knew that I was dying for a tour on the Continent."

CAN STAND ANYTHING AFTER THAT.

"I ought to warn you," said the dentist considerately, "that this operation may be a little painful."

"Oh, go ahead," replied his patient cheerily. "I'm sure I can stand it. I jolt up to town on one of the South London lines every day."

IN RUSSIA.

Official: "You cannot stay in this country, sir."

Traveller: "Then I'll leave it."

Official: "Have you a permit to leave?"

Traveller: "No."

Official: "Then you cannot go. I leave you twenty-four hours to make up your mind as to what you will do."

NOT GUILTY—NOT QUITE.

A celebrated criminal lawyer, having just defended a noted assassin so brilliantly that the wretch was acquitted in the face of overwhelming evidence, steps up to the judge.

"A word in your ear, my lord."

Judge: "Well, what is it?"

"I would ask that the prisoner be detained in gaol until to-morrow morning. I have a lonely field to cross on my way home, and the rascal happens to know that I have money about me."

Obliging Judge: "Oh, certainly."

WHY THE EDITOR WAS ILL.

"If anybody inquires for me," said the editor feebly, "you can say I have gone into the hospital."

After he had tottered out of the office they looked on his desk, and saw that he had opened a letter from "Old Subscriber," containing these questions:—

"Which is correct—'To-morrow is Friday,' or 'To-morrow will be Friday'?"

"What were the causes that led to the Franco-Prussian War?"

"Will you please give, in as brief outline as possible, a history of Government by Cabinets up to the present date?"

REAL PRIME YANKEE.

"Do you want to buy a real prime lot of butter?" said a farmer, who had picked up a load at fifty different places, to a London merchant.

"What kind of butter is it?" asked the buyer.

"The best; all made by my wife; from a dairy of forty cows; only two churnings."

"But what makes it so many different colours?" said the merchant.

"Well, well! Hear that, now! You wouldn't ax that question if you'd seen my cows, for they be a sight speckleder than the butter is."

STEPPING OVER HIS HEAD.

The Duke of York once remarked to Colonel W——, at the mess of the 11th Regiment, that he was uncommonly bald, and, although a younger man than his Royal Highness, he stood more in need of a wig. The colonel, who was of very long standing in the service, and whose promotion had been by no means rapid, informed his Royal Highness that his baldness could be very easily accounted for.

"In what manner?" asked his Royal Highness, rather eagerly.

To which Colonel W—— replied: "By junior officers stepping over my head."

The Duke was so pleased with the reply that the gallant colonel obtained promotion a few days afterwards.

A VERY GREAT TRAVELLER.

A short time ago a commercial traveller, representing a well-known Bristol firm, was driving in the neighbourhood of H——, a small market town in Devonshire, when on the road he came up with an old dame wending her way to market, heavily laden with a huge basket of eggs and butter. The commercial, sympathising with the old lady, kindly gave her a seat in his vehicle, and also found room for the eggs and butter.

"I suppose," says the old lady, "you are a commercial, sir—a traveller?"

"Yes my good woman. I am a traveller," was the reply.

"What might you travel with, sir?"

"I am in the wholesale drapery trade, madam."

"I see, sir. They tell me that Livingstone was a traveller; also that a Mr. Stanley was a traveller. Were they travelling in the drapery trade, sir?"

"I never heard that they were, madam."

"I see, sir. My husband is a traveller, sir—a great traveller."

"Indeed, madam? In what trade does your husband travel?"

"Well, sir, he's in the bricks and mortar trade, and he travels up a ladder."

AN AGREEABLE SURPRISE.

He was taking his first meal at the seaside boarding-house, and it seemed clear that he didn't like it.

"Charlotte," he said, "bring me some hash."

"Some what, sir?" asked the maidservant politely.

"Some hash. Don't you know what hash is?"

"No sir; we don't have it here."

"Can't I get it if I want it?" he asked, dictatorially.

"No, sir. If you want hash you'll have to go somewhere else."

"Well, bring me some rice and stewed fruit, then," he said changing the subject.

"Haven't any rice and stewed fruit, sir," responded the maid.

"No rice?"

"No, sir."

"Can't I get stewed fruit here, either?"

"No, sir; not here."

The new boarder was becoming excited.

"Ask the landlady to come here," he commanded.

The maid brought in the landlady.

"I am informed, madam," he said, "that I can get neither hash nor stewed fruit and boiled rice in this house."

"You have been correctly informed," she admitted, with some trepidation, for he looked like a man who could pay.

"Am I to understand that those dishes will not be served here under any circumstances?"

"That's the invariable rule, sirs."

"Very well, very well," he aid: "I'll see you after this meal, and pay you for six weeks board in advance."

A little fellow had been seriously lectured by his mother, and finally sent into the garden to find a switch with which he was to be punished. He returned soon and said:

"I couldn't find a switch, mamma; but here's a stone you can throw at me."

OULTON AND WOODLESFORD INFIRMARY DEMONSTRATION.

The very laudable efforts of the Committee for carrying out the Infirmary Demonstration of the above sister villages, has again been attended with well-deserved and satisfactory financial success. For many years now the principal effort has been on one of the Sundays in June, when a procession of Sunday school children, club members, and public bodies has paraded the streets before attending service in Oulton Church. This year's programme has been on similar lines, with an addition of a parade of members of the West Yorkshire Royal Engineers Volunteers, under the command of Captain Hoyle, who turned up in good numbers, from Oulton, Castleford and Leeds, and in their military uniform attracted a large crowd of onlookers.

The Oulton band again rendered willing service and enlivened the proceedings in the streets with military and other march music. Starting from the top of Woodlesford, in ideal weather, the main streets of Woodlesford were paraded, thence through Oulton, to the Church, where a large congregation assembled to listen to an appropriate sermon preached by the Rev. E. H. Dykes, incumbent In the evening, also special sermons were preached in all the places of worship in the two villages, and collections taken towards the funds, the respective preachers being—Oulton Church, Rev. A. J. Irvin; Oulton Wesleyan Chapel, Rev. J. B. Maltby; Oulton Free Church, Mr. H. Silversides; Woodlesford Church, Rev. E. H. Dykes; Woodlesford Wesleyan Chapel, Mr. G. W. Batty. The Oulton Cricket Club also kindly gave a 'gate' for the benefit of the funds on the Saturday afternoon, and is to be followed by a match at Woodlesford, tomorrow, the proceeds of which are on behalf of the local infirmary funds. The detailed receipts are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
PUBLIC HOUSE BOXES:—			
Woodlesford: White Hart Hotel	5	11	6
Woodlesford: Two Pointers	4	0	0
Woodlesford: Boot and Shoe	2	2	6
Woodlesford: Midland Hotel	4	12	0
Oulton: New Masons Arms ..	5	12	0
Oulton: Three Horse Shoes ..	3	9	8
Oulton: Old Masons Arms ..	2	0	0
Total ..	27	7	8
June 24th., Oulton Cricket Match ..	2	18	7
,, Gala ..	2	5	10
June 25th., PLACES OF WORSHIP:—			
Oulton Church—Morning ..	2	7	3
,, ,, —Afternoon ..	3	17	5
,, ,, —Evening ..	1	2	1
,, Methodist Free Church ..	1	2	6
,, Wesleyan Chapel ..	0	18	6
Woodlesford Wesleyan Chapel ..	1	0	0
,, Church ..	1	10	1
Collected during procession ..	11	18	5
,, at Newsamgreen ..	0	13	5
,, at Fleet ..	0	3	10½
,, during Cricket Match ..	0	5	6½
Total	£57	11	2

Mr W. P. Barrett has again satisfactorily fulfiled the duties as secretary to the movement, and Mr. Campsall again occupies his usual position as treasurer, whilst the individual members of the Committee have worked hard to a man in carrying their arrangements to a successful issue, an effort which has been very handsomely repaid.

HEARD IN THE STREETS.

CONTRIBUTED.

THAT it is an unheard-of-thing for the Rothwell builders to be so busy that no one is willing to tender for the new stone bridge; will no one take the chance?

THAT Mr. Smith is gradually clearing off his old shanties, and his new stables are rising very nicely.

THAT the new road ought to be completed this year, with the bridge.

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THAT it is high time something was done towards the Infirmary Demonstration.

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THAT the procession at Oulton and Woodlesford Infirmary Demonstration to Oulton Church was a decided failure.

THAT the Sunday School children and Lodge members were conspicuous by their absence this year.

THAT they should have showed more interest in the good cause.

THAT it was a great disappointment to many that the West Yorkshire Royal Engineers Volunteers did not join in the procession to the church.

THAT one of England's brave defenders fainted, and had to be carried out of church.

THAT it is to be hoped he will get over this little weakness, before being put on active service.

THAT it was hardly in order for the band and committee men, who comprised the procession, to stop out-side the Midland Hotel for "drinks"

THAT the church was guarded by a sentinel during service.

THAT it fell to his lot to attend to his brother soldier who fainted.

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN v. BRAMLEY.

Played at Rothwell on Wednesday last

Bramley.	
Stockhill, c Fowler b Milner	1
Bean, b Walker	5
Boan, b Walker	13
Binn, c and b Walker	0
Ross, b Walker	0
Myers, c Denton b Milner	2
Fletcher, not out	10
Appleyard, b Walker	0
Bruce, c Walker b Richardson	6
Driver, b Richardson	0
Spence, b Walker	1
Extras	5
Total	43

Rothwell Tradesmen	
H Wormald, b Boan	7
J Wilkinson, b Boan	1
Dr. James, c Bean b Boan	4
Dr. Buck, b Myers	4
O Wilkinson, not out	23
W Richardson, not out	12
Extras	6
Total for 4 wkts	57

WEDNESDAY.

At Rothwell—Rothwell Tradesmen v Cleckheaton T.

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CRICKET.

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OULTON DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Results up to date.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	D'wn.	Pts
Oulton	8	5	1	2	12
Whitwood	8	4	2	2	10
Middleton Park..	8	3	2	3	9
Rothwell	8	3	2	3	9
Altofts W Riding	8	2	2	4	8
Carlton	8	2	3	3	7
Lofthouse	8	2	3	3	7
Methley	8	0	6	2	2

HENRY HUDSON, Woodlesford, Sec.

LOFTHOUSE v. ROTHWELL.

Played at Lofthouse on Saturday last

Lofthouse.	
T Longley, b Walker	15
G Dews, b J Walker	28
S B Brook, b J Walker	0
T Parkin, b J W Chadwick	5
G W Hollings, c Morgan b Chadwk	12
J Noble, c Walker b W Richardson	18
J Horner, b H Morgan	1
J Marshall, c Dobson b Richardson	5
A H Brook, not out	35
J Parker, b J Walker	4
J Hall, b H Morgan	41
Extras	4
Total	168

Rothwell.	
H Dacre, c Parker b T Longley	1
T Dobson, b J Hall	3
H Greenwood, c and b J Hall	0
W E Richardson, not out	20
J Walker, b T Longley	6
H Morgan, c Dews b Tongley	13
J W Chadwick, not out	0
Extras	7
Total for 5 wkts	50

Bowling Analysis—Rothwell:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
Joe Walker	24	6	63	4	15.3
J W Chadwick ..	15	4	44	2	22.
H Morgan	8.4	1	18	2	9.
W E Richardson..	13	1	18	2	9.
J W Smith	3	0	21	0	

Bowling Analysis—Lofthouse:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
G W Hollings ..	14	5	20	0	
J Hall	8	3	15	2	7.1
T Longley	10	6	8	3	2.2

OULTON v. METHLEY.

Played at Oulton on Saturday last

Methley.	
C Inman, c Mitchell b Briggs	13
J Keightley, b Greenwood	7
J Sherwood, c and b E A Higgins	7
J Teale, c E A Higgins b Murtland	10
R Cox, b E A Higgins	1
E Pyrah, lbw b E A Higgins	1
A Brown, st Briggs b E A Higgins	4
H Grayson, not out	8
S Laycock, c Abbey b E A Higgins	1
W Westerman, b E A Higgins	1
J Mosby c Briggs b E A Higgins	1
Extras	2
Total	56

Oulton.	
E A Higgins, not out	24
G M Abbey, not out	31
Extras	3
Total for 0 wkts	58

Bowling Analysis—Oulton:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
L E Greenwood..	8	3	19	1	19.
C Briggs	7	1	17	1	17.
E A Higgins....	8	2	11	7	1.4
F Murtland	4	1	6	1.	6.
H W Higgins....	3	2	1	0	

Bowling Analysis—Methley:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
J Sherwood......	11.4	3	24	0	.24
H Grayson	6	1	16	0	.16
J Keightley......	4	0	15	0	.15

ROTHWELL 2nd. v. LOFTHOUSE. 2nd.

Played at Rothwell on Saturday last

Lofthouse 2nd.	
A Hall, lbw b J Lunn	9
Scott, c Whithead b Spurr	12
Dixon, b Spurr	8
U Scott, b R N Lunn	0
W Atkinson, c Dobson b Spurr	1
E Atkinson, b R N Lunn	0
Ackroyd, b Dobson	10
Averyard, b J Lunn	6
Hartley, lbw b R N Lunn	3
Longley b R N Lunn	8
Parker, not out	4
Extras	2
Total	63

Rothwell 2nd.	
R N Lunn, b Scott	8
W Fox, run out	5
A Cripps, c and b Hall	14
R Whitehead run out	3
J Lunn, c Dixon b Scott	0
H Brown, run out	0
J Smith, c Ackroyd b A Hall	0
W Spurr, not out	15
Cromack, c Atkinson b Hall	12
W Ellis, not out	6
Extras	9
Total for 8 wkts	72

ROTHWELL PARISH CHURCH v. LEEDS GOOD SHEPHERDS.

Played at Leeds on Saturday last

Rothwell Parish.	
Atack, lbw b Shaw	12
Ward, b Shaw	0
Hargreaves, b Shaw	0
Chapman, c Stark b Sunderland	3
Drew, b Sunderland	5
Kale, b Shaw	0
Moss, b Shaw	0
Naylor, b Sunderland	5
Butterfield, b Sunderland	1
Lunn, not out	3
Beckwith, c Barlow b Sunderland	3
Extras	5
Total	37

Good Shepherds.	
T Sunderland, b Drew	0
Drake, retired	8
W Stangroom, b Drew	0
W Sunderland, c Atack b Drew	1
T Stangroom c Naylor b Moss	1
Jackson, c Chapman b Moss	4
Stark, st. Hargreaves b Chapman	6
Barlow, c Atack b Moss	3
Shaw, b Moss	1
Baldridge, c Atack b Chapman	1
Hall, not out	0
Extras	9
Total	34

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET MATCHES.

At Methley—Rothwell v Methley.

ROTHWELL FIRST ELEVEN—Dr. Buck (capt), Joe Walker, H Morgan, J W Chadwick, W E Richardson, Hy Dacre, T Dobson, jun., H Clark, W Bedford, H Wormald, H Greenwood; Reserve, W Spurr.

At Rothwell—Rothwell 2nd v Methley 2nd.

ROTHWELL SECOND ELEVEN—H Brown (capt), W Fox, J W Smith, R N Lunn, Jas Lunn, W Spurr, J Fox, Jos Smith, C Ward, G Turner, R Whitehead; Reserve, A Cromack.

At Rothwell—Rothwell P C v Rothwell Haigh

PARISH CHURCH TEAM—P Chapman (capt), E Moss, J H Drew, A Tiffany, G Kale, J Hargreaves, J Atack, W Ward, M Naylor, R Stevenson, S Abbishaw; Reserves, C Butterfield, H Lunn.

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LAWN TENNIS.

LEEDS ATHLETIC 'A' v. ROTHWELL.

Played at Headingley on Saturday and resulted in a win for Leeds Athletic 'A' by 7 rubbers to 2, 14 sets to 4, 93 games to 48.

Messrs. F M Wetherell and W. P. Holtby (Leeds) beat Messrs. Sanderson and Wainwright (Rothwell), 6 2, 6 3

Messrs F M Wetherell and W P Holtby (Leeds) beat Messrs. A Nickols and Jas Armitage (Rothwell), 6 0, 6 1

Messrs. F. M. Wetherell and W. P. Holtby, (Leeds) beat Messrs. T. Oliver and T. Whiteley (Rothwell), 6 1, 6 1.

Messrs. C Wolstenholme and J. T. Routledge (Leeds) beat Messrs. Sanderson and Wainwright (Rothwell), 6–2, 6–1.

Messrs. C. Wolstenhome and J. T. Routledge (Leeds) beat Messrs. A. Nickols and J. Armitage (Rothwell), 6-1, 6-2.

Messrs. C. Wolstenholme and J T. Routledge (Leeds) lost to Messrs. T Oliver and T. Whiteley (Rothwell), 1-6, 2-6.

Messrs. F. C. Osborn and W. F. Thonger (Leeds) beat Messrs. Sanderson and Wainwright (Rothwell), 6-4, 6-3.

Messrs. F. C. Osborn and W. F. Thonger (Leeds) beat Messrs. A. Nickols and J Armitage (Rothwell), 6-0, 6-2.

Messrs F. C. Osborn and W. F. Thonger (Leeds) lost to Messrs. T. Oliver and T. Whiteley (Rothwell), 5-7, 1-6.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending June 24th, 1899, is £241; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £218, thus showing decrease of £23. For the 25 weeks ending June 24th, the return is £7981, against £5934 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £2047.

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ROTHWELL WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' TRIP.

On Wednesday last, a number of teachers connected with the above school, joined the 8 a.m. day excursion to Morecambe on their annual trip. The number of teachers joining in the outing was not so large as on some previous occasions, but those who availed themselves of the day's pleasure were favoured with conditions generally favourable and pleasure-promoting. To begin with, the weather was fine, and this being granted, there is little else to stand between the excursionist and enjoyment at such an attractive place as Morecambe. Day excursions throughout July are being run by the Midland Railway Company on every week day, and that on Wednesday last, which was utilised by the Rothwell teachers was well patronised. The Midland route is well-known for its picturesqueness, and its newdress of summer verdure, gave additional charm to the landscape in the cool, clear morning. Morecambe was reached soon after ten. There is a fair number of visitors in the town, but as yet the season has not fully begun. On all sides Morecambe is still extending, but especially is this the case at the West End, which, in its many novel attractions, is proving an important rival to the old town. The tower, the piers, the strawberry and winter gardens, and many other places of entertainment were visited, whilst the sandy beach and far reaches of coast towards Klondyke were chosen for pleasant strolls, and enjoyable recreations. The Central Pier, on which is one of the finest pier pavilions in the world, had special attractions; there, was band music and dancing; 'The Blossoms' pantomimical sketch, entitled "A hot hothouse"; Clarance and Bell, eccentric character comedians; Sara Nette, in her new, novel and versatile instrumental and light comedy entertainment; Josef Nicholson, the popular prize humourist, vocalist and entertainer; Madame de Boufflers, the favourite Lancashire soprano vocalist; Mr. John Browning, the Yorkshire baritone vocalist; Mr. Harry Carsdale, the leading London society mimic, surnamed "The farmyard linguist," in his refined and humorous entertainment of mimicry extraordinary, as performed nightly during his prolonged engagement of 32 weeks at the Palace Theatre, London; Mr. Harry Rogerson, comedian; little Lena Snaith, the clever child vocalist and dancer; Le Monte, the great Canadian protean artiste, eight changes of costume in view of the audience. On the West End Pier the attractions included—Mr. DeJong's English Orchestra; Clown Zertho with his performing dogs, the smartest dog show on earth; Miss Marie Alexander, principal contralto (Moody Manners Opera Co); Onatis Troupe, Algerian jugglers; Quinton Gibson, female impersonator; Miss Omega, wire artiste; Mr. DeJong, the greatest living flautist, and Leslie Harris, society entertainer. The Winter Gardens, advertised as the largest and greatest of the pleasure palaces of the North,—a by no means empty boast—had a programme of exceptional merit, given in the superbly decorated Victoria pavilion. The pieces included — Overture by the Orchestra; Frederick, on "La Corde Elastique"; Mephisto, the human paradox; The Bohemians, eccentric musicians; Florence Wood, comedienne; The Cruikshanks, eccentric bar performers; Selection by the Orchestra; Fred and Lilian, trapeze artistes and rope performers; Maruichi Bros., real native Japanese jugglers; Florrie Gallimore, comedienne; Alexander and Hughes, eccentric comedians, and Rosaires Troupe, acrobats. The sea was in splendid condition for boating and sailing, and some joined in short boating and fishing excursions in the bay. The return train left punctually at 7 o'clock, and after a fast run Leeds was reached soon after half-past nine. A waggonette drive home from the station completed a most successful day's outing, which abounded with mirth, music and merriment, by the side of the 'salt sea waves' at merrie Morecambe; by general consent the trip was voted one of the liveliest and brightest ever held by the Rothwell Wesleyans.

BLIND AND DEAF CHILDREN.

In days of old, children who were deficient in one or more of their natural faculties, were often 'got rid of' in the least inconvenient way, by those who had charge of them, and many a sad story would be told, if the graves of men and women of previous generations became vocal. Gradually, though slowly, a truer Christian God-like atmosphere has pervaded the country, and now, by the Education Act of 1893, the School Boards of this country are bound to see after the education of these unfortunate children, just as fully and carefully as any other children. Up to this time, several philanthropic institutions had been established, and have done splendid work, and these still flourish and deserve all the help possible.

On Wednesday last, however, the Leeds School Board led the way in this country, by opening a palatial pile of buildings in Blenheim Walk, Woodhouse Lane, as a Home and Schools for Blind and Deaf children, when a large company of invited ladies and gentlemen attended, and inspected the structure, its arrangements, and its inmates. The work has cost £30,000, and is arranged for about 100 boarders and 100 day scholars, in nearly equal proportions of blind or deaf mutes boys and girls. The entire cost of maintaining and educating a child is about £34 a year, and they are eligible from five to sixteen years of age. There are now 30 children living in the institution, and 40 who are day scholars. A number of these come from places outside Leeds, and it is with a view to providing for smaller towns, that the Leeds Board has erected this large establishment.

The inaugural ceremony was under the presidency of the Chairman of the Board, (G. J. Cockburn, Esq), who, delivered a most interesting address. Mr. Grosvenor Talbot gave a description of the building, and presented to Mrs. Fawcett (widow of the late blind Postmaster General), on behalf of the contractors, an elegantly designed golden key.

Mrs. Fawcett spoke feelingly on behalf of those who were deprived of their sight or hearing, but asked that all the help given might be used in order to make these less favoured children able to earn their own living, and to feel a degree of independence.

During the afternoon, the blind children sang three or four songs very sweetly, and after partaking of light refreshment, the visitors were at liberty to see the children work, to watch their drill, and to test their ability in various elementary subjects. The success which is attending the deaf children's efforts at lip-reading is most gratifying, some of them being very quick at detecting the teacher's words, and replying to her questions with considerable distinctness.

Besides the more prominent citizens and educationalists of Leeds, the Board had invited the Chairman and Clerk of other Boards, amongst them representatives from Bradford, Huddersfield, Dewsbury, Wakefield, Crofton, Rothwell, Woodlesford, Temple Newsam, Ardsley, Lofthouse, &c.

LOFTHOUSE-WITH-CARLTON SCHOOL BOARD.

In our report of the meeting of the above Board in our last week's issue, we are alleged to have made a somewhat misleading statement. Our report stated in connection with Mr. Grimshaw's remarks anent his teaching staff, that "he would give them six months to consider his position." Mr. Horner, one of the members informs us that Mr. Grimshaw used no such threat; in urging the desirability of appointing additional pupil teachers, he says, "He asked the Board to reconsider their resolution as to pupil teachers, as, if not appointed in July, it would be another six months before they could enter upon their first year's duties." We are sorry if there has been any misleading statement, but at the same time are of opinion that such a threat on the part of Mr Grimshaw would not have been out of place after what was practically a refusal on the part of the Board to allow him sufficient help to successfully carry on school work. A letter on this subject, and on the teaching staff, will appear in our next issue from Mr. Horner.

[Our reporter maintains, nevertheless, that the words attributed to Mr. Grimshaw were actually used. ED.]

TEMPERANCE WORKERS AT HOLLIDAY.

On Saturday last, the members of the Rothwell Temperance Bazaar Committee joined in a waggonette excursion to Harrogate, about 26 of them joining in the drive. The weather, with the exception of a sharp shower during the afternoon, was fine, and a pleasurable time was spent in visiting the many attractions of the fashionable watering place. Some availed themselves of a visit to Knaresborough, to inspect the curiosities at the "dropping well." The return journey to Rothwell was completed about 11 o'clock, the day's outing having been much enjoyed by all.

A MOST DELICIOUS LEMONADE.

Eiffel Tower Lemonade is made from the finest lemons, and the great advantage is that it is partly manufactured in Italy in the midst of the lemon orchards. The lemons are taken direct from the trees to the factory to commence their transformation into Eiffel Tower Lemonade. A 4½d. bottle of Eiffel Tower Lemonade makes 2 gallons of delicious Lemonade. If you cannot get it from your Grocer, send 4½d. to G. Foster Clark & Co., 3650, Eiffel Tower Factory, Maidstone, for a bottle.

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.]

Will you permit me through the "Letter Box" a reminder to the folk who reside within the fold of the Rothwell Urban District Council, that the "Infirmary day" is rapidly approaching. With the "demonstration" that is being organised by the committee this letter does not concern itself. The object is to suggest that a "subscription committee" be appointed, with Mr. James Hargreaves, as treasurer, and local gentlemen, tradesmen and others, who can easily afford it, asked to subscribe their guineas. I verily believe a large number of persons would gladly subscribe to a fund annually if the district was properly canvassed a month or so before the "Demonstration" day. The plan, if adopted and found successful, would furnish a reserve fund against rainy gala days or other adverse circumstances.

The Leeds Infirmary as an institution supported by voluntary subscription, to the common folk is an organised and disciplined providence. We may go a step further, and describe it as the sentiment of mercy put in harness and hard at work, directed by the highest surgical and medical skill and equipped with every necessary appliance, including devoted nursing, to ameliorate the condition of poor sufferers from accidents or other ailments to which the sons and daughters of men and women are subject. No humane man or woman needs appealing to to give support to the Leeds Infirmary. It is enough to remind them that the annual occasion is at hand, the red letter day in the Rothwell calendar of humanity—the first Saturday in September, which this year happens to fall on the 2nd of September. Well, I hope every prominent resident will be reminded by the suggested "subscription committee," and I predict that the said subscription committee will consist of the very men and women who can afford to subscribe, and run by that committee on lines parallel and yet quite distinct from the "Demonstration Committee;" the object is the same, the method merely different. Between one set of lines will be found on the collection day guineas and half-guineas; between the other crowns, half-crowns, and the useful shilling, including the omnipotent penny. But I repeat, this letter is intended merely to herald the Infirmary day, and to suggest to men and women in good circumstances that the time is approaching when they may not only distinguish themselves, but also perform a plain duty. Let no man or woman who can afford to subscribe one or more guineas complain if he or she be not applied to personally, necessarily here and there somebody will be overlooked by the most vigilant committee. In the cause of humanity, in mercy to the sick and suffering, let no offence for apparent neglect be taken if any such occurs; send the guinea or guineas to Mr. James Hargreaves, Rothwell Haigh, near Leeds, by post, or waylay him at the road side and give it to him, and in return for the subscription I can assure you as reward you will receive one of the most gratifying and benevolent smiles you ever saw. If everybody had the cause of the Leeds Infirmary at heart as that gentleman has, the Leeds Infirmary would not lack funds in its mission of mercy. While saying this, I am not unmindful of the other agencies at work in the same cause. Our Vicar is a splendid example, no good cause escapes his vigilant services, the Leeds Infirmary included. And Mr. Maltby, the resident Wesleyan minister, has his heart in the object; while Mr. Alderson, we know where useful work is involved, takes front rank. We are lucky in our local magistrates, Mr. J. R Seanor and Mr. George Armitage, gentlemen qualified in every way by means and disposition to give impetus to the machinery calculated to draw in and interest everybody in the good work, culminating in the early days of September. Workers are wanted, and I have faith to believe they will be forthcoming in sufficient numbers.

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A poor woman complained at an East London coroner's court on Tuesday, during the inquest on the death of her child, that though she sent for two doctors in succession half an hour after midnight, neither would come to see what he could do for the poor little sufferer. One of the medical gentlemen concerned gave evidence to the effect that it had become necessary for East London doctors to refuse to attend cases where the parties were not known to them, because of the outrageous assaults which have latterly been inflicted in the slums on members of the faculty, by rowdies. Thus we see that a disgraceful kind of terrorism has been established in the community which we boast to be the most civilised in the world—a terrorism which the guardians of the public peace ought quickly to efface. A doctor's work should certainly serve to protect him against the violence of the most brutal rough that infests the streets of Britain; but it does not, more's the pity. Here is a point at which severity might come in appropriately for the suppression of the "Hooligan." The most abandoned of the garrotting bullies are not above getting up a bogus night-call on a poor doctor in order to ensnare, rob, and maltreat him. The "cat" is too good for such wretches.

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The Oulton and Woodlesford Demonstration this year has been a decided success, and has resulted in a larger amount than usual being netted for the funds of the popular institution.

The Committee are grateful for all the gratuitous assistance rendered by members of the Oulton and Rothwell bands, who always willingly contribute of their best services.

I hear that some of the remarks published in your last week's issue under the heading "Heard in the Streets" are very strongly resented by Committe men and those taking active part in the Demonstration. In the first place they say that the procession was *not* "a decided failure," and that so far as the lodges and Sunday school scholars are concerned, they were not advertised or expected to take part in it. For obvious reasons, too, the volunteers' parade was a separate undertaking. So far as the Band and Committee men stopping at the "Midland" for a refresher is concerned, it is only according to custom and common courtesy that they are served with refreshment, and, when it is remembered that they give their services the individual who finds fault with this little show of hospitality, I am sure, will find but little support with the general inhabitants of the district or with the main body of your readers. The military parade proved a big attraction, and very hearty thanks are due, I think, to Captain Hoyle, for his interest in and support of the undertaking. Neither the Committee men nor the band receive any pecuniary benefit from the funds collected, and when it is remembered that the expenses only amount in all to two or three pounds, no one can but admit that the demonstration is conducted on strictly economical lines. The nett proceeds this year are a good bit in advance of any for several preceding years, and much credit is due I am sure, to all who have assisted in this most satisfactory undertaking.

ELECTION NEWS.

OSGOLDCROSS DIVISION.

Considerable interest has been felt in the result of the Osgoldcross election, where Sir John Austin has for many years been the undisputed representative. For some time, however, the temperance voters have been dissatisfied with Sir John's distinct opposition to their views, and recently passed a vote of censure on him for voting against recent bills proposing temperance legislation. Sir John at once sent in his resignation. Mr. Roberts, son-in-law of the Countess of Carlisle, came forward as the advocate of Local Veto, and after a fortnight's fierce struggle, the result was declared yesterday

Austin	5818
Roberts	2893
Majority for Austin	2925

Both sides claim a victory for principle, Mr. Roberts having no dreams of winning the seat.

OLDHAM ELECTION.

The result of yesterday's election at Oldham was declared at midnight, when it was found that the two Liberals had beaten the two Conservative candidates, thus giving a clear gain of two seats to the opposition. The poll was as follows:—

Emmott (L)	12976	
Runciman (L)	12770	
		25746
Churchill (C)	11477	
Mawdsley (C)	11449	
		22926
Liberal majority		2820

OULTON AND WOODLESFORD INFIRMARY DEMONSTRATION.

On Saturday last, in support of the above funds, a cricket match was played on the Woodlesford enclosure, between the home team and that representing East Ardsley. The afternoon was somewhat threatening, but notwithstanding, a very satisfactory number put in attendance, and in that way assisted to swell the sum to be sent to the Infirmary by the local Committee. In the evening, the weather was more favourable, and a good company paid admission to the gala for which the Oulton Brass Band played. The day's receipts reached £4 1s 10d, which, added to the total already published make the gross receipts of the Demonstration into £61 13s 0d. The expenses will be comparatively light, and it is anticipated that the net balance will be considerably more than in any year since 1892.

ROBIN HOOD P.S.A.

The opening of the Eighth Session of the above society took place on Sunday last, and if the opening day is an indication of what is to follow the members may reasonably conclude that there are many good times awaiting them. Mr. D. R. Myton presided over a large company and also read the lesson. The address on "Where reformation begins" was forceful and argumentative, and the Rev. T. Nightingale, of Holbeck, who was the speaker, left a good influence among the members and friends. The solos were rendered by Mr. S. M. Kennedy, of Leeds Parish Church Choir, he was accompanied on the piano by Mr. Puffet Parkinson, of St. Patrick's Church, Leeds, whose playing was much admired by the audience. Mr. Kennedy's rich bass voice gave much pleasure to the hearers, who were especially gratified with the song "Jerusalem," Mr. Kennedy's other solo being "If stubborn men;" a very profitable hour was spent, and the secretary, Mr. Joseph Chambers, urged upon the members and friends to try and make the new session the most successful the society has ever known.

MARRIAGE OF MISS CLARA LAND.

A very pleasing function, in connection with the residents of Robin Hood, took place on Tuesday last, when Miss Clara Land, second daughter of Mr. Wm. Land, a well-known former resident of Robin Hood, was married to Mr. J. E. Thompson, of North Fields. The interesting ceremony took place at Swaine Green United Methodist Free Church, whither a number of the Robin Hood friends were conveyed by waggonette. After the nuptial knot had been tied, the wedding party adjourned to large and commodious premises engaged for the occasion, and enjoyed themselves in dancing, games, &c. arriving at Robin Hood just before the chronometers indicated the commencement of another day.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk—Sold only in packets and pound tins, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & CO., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London."

TIT-BITS.

UNKIND!—An enthusiastic editor wrote "The battle is now opened." But the compositor spelt battle with an "o," and readers said they had suspected it all along!

WASTING AWAY.—In a weekly story-paper a love story contained the following: "Wh... was asking the momentous question, her ... was filled with et ceteras (ecstasies), and he had concluded, she softly replied 'I am wholly thin' (thine)."

THE REASON WHY NOT.—The young ... and a friend were sitting at the club ... when a richly-dressed lady passed by. "... goes the only woman I ever loved," said young M.D. "Indeed!" queried the ... "Then why don't you marry her?" ... afford to," replied the doctor. "She's my patient."

SO KIND!—A nobleman in the south of ... land, who was annoyed by frequently having flowers plucked, gave orders for some notices to be printed with this request: "Please do not pull any flowers without leave." The printer entrusted with the work unthinkingly added "s" to the last word. Of this request visitors naturally took full advantage. Imagine the fright of his lordship when he arrived a few days later!

A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW.—"Hubby, dear, don't you think it's just a little unfair that I should have to economise so much while you don't deny yourself a single luxury?" He (sweetly): "Not at all, love. You see, I have made a good marriage, and can therefore afford to indulge myself a little; but you married a poor man, and have therefore every reason to be economical."

THAT GENIUS.—Mrs. Homeseeker: "... certainly don't expect anybody to take this house? Why, the floors all run down..." Agent (a smart man): "It was built that way on purpose, mum, to keep peace in the family. Greatest invention of the age." Mrs. Homeseeker: "Keep peace in the ...? What do you mean?" Agent: "It's all ... mum—nothing like it. Whenever your husband drops his shirt-studs they'll roll down to the wall, and he'll always know where to find 'em."

NO CLAIM.—Caller (on crutches, and bandage over one eye): "I have come, ... make application for the amount due to me on my accident insurance policy. I fell down a long flight of steps the other evening, and sustained damages that will disable me for a month to come." Director of Insurance Company: "Young man, I have taken the trouble to investigate your case, and find that you are not entitled to anything. It could not be called an accident. You knew the young woman's father was at home!"

WRITTED FOR LIBEL.—The following advertisement appeared recently in the columns of a widely-circulated provincial newspaper: "We have great pleasure in announcing that we have engaged the services, for Saturday next, of Miss V——, the celebrated trapeze artiste, who will perform the marvellous feat of flying a greater distance through the air than has ever before been attempted. As there is not room in the smaller hall for Miss V——'s big *feet*, the performance will take place in the larger hall on this occasion."

NO OLD STUFF FOR HER.—"It all comes o' being poor," said an old lady, trembling with indignation to her invalid husband. "I just stepped in a minute at the Vicar's to tell 'em how you wasn't getting any better, and the Vicar's wife said she was sorry, and wanted to bring you a bottle of wine." "Did you bring it?" asked the sick man, eagerly. "No; I heard her say it had been layin' down in her cellar ever since 1865; an' when she offered it to me I just walked off without saying a word. I'm sure we didn't want her old stuff!"

WITH FATAL RESULTS!—The proprietor of a restaurant in a certain village near Glasgow wanted some bills printed with the words: "Try our mutton-pies. When you have eaten one you will wish to *dine* here." *When they returned* from the printer he un*fortunately put one* in his window without looking at it. In a few minutes a large crowd gathered round the window, and the proprietor, on going to see what was wrong, read the bill as follows: "Try our mutton-pies. When you have eaten one you will wish *to die* here." He then took a club, and went *to call on* that printer.

PAT'S REASON.—An Irishman, *walking over a* plank sidewalk, in counting some money *accidentally* dropped a sixpence, which rolled down a crack between two of the boards. Early the next day a friend discovered him deliberately dropping a half-crown down the same crack, and inquired his reasons. "It was this way," said Pat; "it's yesterday I was for passing this way when I lost a sixpence down that hole. Now, I rasoned thot it wasn't worth me while to pull up thot sidewalk for a sixpence, but last night a scheme struck me, and I am dropping down the half-crown to make it worth my while."

HE ANSWERED THE DESCRIPTION.—He was dining at a foreign hotel, when a detective approached and said: "Beg pardon, sir, I am in search of an escaped convict, and shall have to trouble you for your passport, as a matter of form." "But do I look like a convict?" "Possibly not, sir. Still, I shall require to see the passport." The Englishman, in his annoyance, snatched up the bill of fare from the table, thrust it into the detective's hand, and exclaimed: "There it is, then!" "What is this? 'Sheep's head, neck of mutton, pig's feet.' The description tallies exactly; you must come along with me."

SAD ENDING.—The following appeared in a daily journal. The paragraph had reference to a testimonial to a departing clergyman, and another—the erratic movements of a mad dog—got engrafted upon it: After referring to the clergyman's sad state of health, the paragraph ran on: "So the congregation resolved upon a trip for their beloved clergyman. A nicely-filled purse was placed at the disposal of the pastor, who, after thanking them, made a turn down Gaith Street as far as Planet, then up Planet to Benefit Street, where he was caught by some boys, who tied a tin pan to his tail. Away he rushed, up Rome Street and down College Street, at the foot of which he was shot by a policeman."

THE GREATEST WIDOWER THAT EVER LIVED.—This is a genuine essay of a boy in a Cardiff Board School: "King Henry 8 was born at Anne Domino in the year 1066. He had 510 wives, besides children. The 1st was beheaded and afterwards executed. The 2nd was revoked. She never smiled again. But she said that the word 'Calais' would be found on her heart after her death. The greatest man in this reign was Lord Sir Garrett Wolsey. He was sir named the Boy Bachelor. He was born at the age of 15 unmarried. . . Henry 8 was succeeded on the throne by his great grand-mother, the beautiful and accomplished Mary Queen of Scots, sometimes known as the Lady of the Lake or the Lay of the Last Minstrel."

SQUARING THE MANAGER.—There is in London a well-known theatre contiguous to the office of an equally well-known daily paper, some of the windows of the one building being quite close to some in the other. Last autumn certain frivolous spirits on the staff of the "daily" observed a brace of pheasants hanging up in one of the managerial windows of the theatre. The window was very near, and the temptation very great, and, with the aid of an ingeniously-improvised fishing-rod, the pheasants passed from the shrine of Thespis to the shrine of Minerva. Now that the adventurers had obtained their prize, what was to be done with it? A brilliant idea occurred to one of the party, and he sent the birds round by a messenger to the manager of the theatre, accompanied by a card, with the request that the manager would accept a trifling gift of game, and the suggestion that, if the manager had a private box to spare for that evening, he, the donor, would be very grateful. In a few minutes the messenger returned with a neat little note from the manager expressing thanks for the present, and enclosing an order for a stage box that evening.

It is estimated that fully two-thirds of the whole amount of public money held by the London banks does not bear interest

SCRAPS.

A.: "Any sleeping apartments in the club belong to?"
B.: "Not one, except the reading-room."

Miss Amiable: "That's Miss Hastings. She isn't pretty, but her face grows on you, I think."
Miss Sharptongue: "Does it? Well, I should be very sorry for it to grow on me."

Junior Partner: "Our traveller ought to be discharged. He told one of our customers that I am an ignorant fool."
Senior Partner: "I shall speak to him, and insist that no more office secrets be divulged."

Affable Aristocrat: "Well, the fact is, my name is not Gibson. You see, I'm travelling incog. There's my card."
Our Mr. Tuppings: "Glad to hear it. I'm travelling in pickles. Here's mine."

Tommy: "What makes the world go round, papa?"
Father (absent-mindedly): "Champagne generally; sometimes beer."

Men lose some of their talents as they become older. You never saw a boy in a scrape but he could give a plausible excuse for his conduct, but a man often finds himself stumped for an explanation.

Englishman in America: "Have you any court-plaster?"
Druggist: "No; but here's some sticking-plaster. You see, we have no Royal family in this country, and, therefore, no Court, and consequently no court-plaster. If your finger is cut, you will have to take a piece of the democratic article, or go somewhere else."

A prominent townsman was chaffing a certain town councillor the other day about the doings of the council, and said, "I'd sooner put up as a candidate for a lunatic asylum than put up for the town council."
"Well, you'd stand a much better chance of getting in" dryly responded the town councillor.

Examining Medical Professor: "Now, sir, tell me how you would treat a case of typhoid fever."
Student: "Well, sir, I should first—I should first—I——"
E. M. P. (impatiently): "Yes, yes; go on."
Student (seized with a brilliant idea): "I should first call you in for consultation!"
Passes with honours.

Some travellers were visiting an elegant private garden at Palermo, Sicily, and among the little ornamental buildings they came to one upon which was written "Non aperite," that is, "Don't open." This prohibition only served to excite their curiosity, and they rather uncivilly proceeded to disobey the hospitable owner's injunction. On opening the door a forcible jet of water was squirted full in their faces—a very just though not very severe retribution.

Character Actor: "Lend me five shillings, old man."
Leading Man: "'Pon my soul, old man, I would, if I thought you'd ever be able to pay it back!"
Character Actor: "Pay it back! Why, man, I win forty thousand at baccarat in the second act."
But he only got a shilling all the same; and that is to be gathered from the treasury, and not baccarat.

Gussie: "That fellah Jones has a vewy analytical mind."
Fwed: "*How's that?*"
Gussie: "Why, this mawning he saw a fellah *out of the* club window cawwying an umbwella, and he said: 'It was waining.' He did, by Jove!"

"Yes," said the young student, thoughtfully, "when I get interested in a subject, I never stop until I have embraced it thoroughly."
"That's nice," was his sweetheart's hesitating reply. "I wish I was an interesting subject."
And she promptly became one.

Maud: "And, pa, what did Prof. Crotchet say of my piano-playing?"
Pa: "He was quite extravagant in his praise. He said you possessed an originality in execution that was truly remarkable. He said he had heard some of your pieces performed by the greatest masters, and not one of them as you do."

He had placed a fine diamond ring on her finger, in token of their betrothal. For a while she was supremely happy. Then a terrible thought occurred to her. Had her sweetheart ever loved another? Was she the only girl who had ever won his affections? She would ask him and end the doubt.
"Frank, dear."
"What is it, sweetest?"
"Has any other girl ever worn this ring?"
"No, indeed! I get a new ring every time I am engaged!"

Clergyman (to youthful rustic at last examination before confirmation): "My boy, what is the meaning of the word repentant?"
Boy: "Please, sir, I don't know."
Clergyman: "If I stole a loaf of bread, what should I be?"
Boy: "Please, sir, locked up."
Clergyman: "Well, but if I was, shouldn't I be sorry afterwards?"
Boy: "Yes, sir."
Clergyman: "Ah, now you see my meaning. Why should I feel sorry?"
Boy: "Please, sir, cos you was ketched."

A young and newly-married couple were entertaining their friends, and amongst the guests was one whose continued rudeness made him extremely objectionable to the rest of the company. His conduct, although most unbearable, was put up with for some time, until at supper he held up on his fork a piece of meat which had been served to him, and in a vein of intended humour he looked round and remarked, "Is this pig?" which immediately drew forth the remark from a quiet-looking individual sitting at the other end of the table: "Which end of the fork do you refer to?"

"Tell me there's nothing in signs!" said Farmer Hodge, looking meditatively into the fire. "I remember a young friend of mine, called Smudgins, who once laughed at the idea that anything disastrous was going to happen to him merely because he had seen the new moon over his left shoulder."
"Well, did anything calamitous happen to him?" inquired one of the group.
"Yes," replied the farmer, with a sigh, "he went the same evening and proposed to the present Mrs. Smudgins—and she accepted him!"

A miser was once heard to say that he would do anything to secure another thousand pounds. A wager was laid privately that he would be asked to allow himself to be killed for a thousand pounds. It was mentioned to him. He took twenty-four hours to consider; the time having expired, the parties called on him again, when his answer was:—"Well, I have considered your offer, and have come to the conclusion that your thousand pounds would not be of any service to me after my decease: but I tell you what I am prepared to do. I will consent to allow you to half kill me for five hundred pounds."

HEARD IN THE STREETS.

CONTRIBUTED.

THAT some of the miners have had hardly any work, one or two doing practically nothing.

THAT this experience, coming so suddenly, after a lengthy period of unusual prosperity, comes rather hard.

THAT a new pit is being sunk near Swithen's farm.

THAT the Rothwell Miners' trip this year is likely to start from Rothwell station.

THAT all Roddill will be up that morning, if it does.

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THAT the new Board School is not started building yet.

THAT there should not be any time lost in building as soon as ever possible.

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A very kindly and thoughtful invitation was given by a gentleman and lady in the district whereby the adult teachers of several day schools in our locality, were enabled to spend a most enjoyable evening in the home and grounds of their host and hostess. Besides being handsomely entertained, the young people were provided with the means of playing various out-door games, and other recreations. An evening so spent is productive of untold benefit and pleasure both to the givers and the recipients.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

On Tuesday last, the Rev. E. Dalton, (Leeds School Board), preached an excellent sermon in the Primitive Methodist Chapel at Rothwell. A public tea followed, and in the evening, Mr. Dalton delivered his lecture on "Absalom," under the chairmanship of Mr. C. Ineson. There was a good attendance at each event, and the financies of the Society have been aided by the effort.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

Last Sunday, Mr. Saunders, of Leeds, gave an excellent address on Temperance at a meeting of the above; there was a large company present, and Mr. A. Paul presided. Miss Annie Caiverley, of Stourton, was the soloist, and rendered "Queen of Angels" and "The Toilers."

GEORGE BRIGGS, PROFESSIONAL

George Briggs, formerly of the Rothwell Cricket Club, but now engaged as professional bowler for the Walton Cricket Club, is serving his club well this season, as the following figures will show. In the match Walton v. Newton, the former gained a highly creditable victory by a majority of 37 runs. Speaking of the encounter and of Briggs' bowling, a Lancashire contemporary says:—"On a wicket well suited to his deliveries, Briggs, the Walton professional, bowled in splendid fashion, and had the following fine figures:—18 overs, 7 maidens, 37 runs, 8 wickets. As a consequence of this effective trundling, the home side was dismissed for 122 runs." We compliment Briggs on his continued success.

IN A TIGHT SQUEEZE.

When the coal gives out, sometimes the fires under steamships' boilers are kept going by burning the woodwork of the vessel. In a tight squeeze human ingenuity finds out many a helpful expedient. Necessity is often the mother of invention.

People lost in forests have subsisted on nuts and berries until rescued. Sailors in open boats have mitigated the agony of thirst by chewing bits of leather. Nature tries to be as liberal as she can, and almost anything can be made useful in a sharp emergency.

But that is all you can say. Even Greenlanders, who drink animal oil and eat polar bears (unless the bears first eat them), do better on civilised food, when an Arctic expedition manages to spare them some. You may consult Nansen, Peary, &c., on this head.

We infer that no human being can do well on slops—such as milk, broth, soup, soda water, &c. The walls of a house are best made of brick or stone, and the people who live in the house must be built of solid materials as well.

Alackaday! however. Here we frequently meet up with a difficulty. Whilst bricks, stuck together with mortar, may be put anywhere, solid victuals cannot be used in a human body whenever you like. They slip into their places beautifully in the case of Mr. Jones, for instance, while his neighbour Smith regards them with an aversion that amounts to horror; *needing* them at the same time as a house needs a rock foundation.

The sorriest item in Mrs. Henworth's letter, it seems to me, is where she says, "For weeks and weeks together I took no solid food at all; I lived on soda water, milk, broth, soup, and such things" After telling us *that* it is hardly necessary for her to add that she became too weak and feeble to go about. One may keep out of the grave on a diet of that sort, but he doesn't work and sing on it.

This lady's story is short and plain, and may, perhaps, be instructive to a lot of us who are in like case. "In the autumn of 1896," she goes on to say, "I began to feel miserable and ailing. The energy and life seemed gone from me—nor could I tell what the matter was. My appetite forsook me, and after eating what little I did take, I had much pain at the stomach and chest.

"For weeks and weeks together I took no solid food; I lived on soda water, milk, broth, soup, and such things. For several weeks I was confined to my bed.

"A doctor attended me, but I felt none the better for what he did, although, in so saying, I do not mean to cast any reflection upon him or on his profession. It stands to reason that no doctor can cure a disease unless he has the medicine that is suited to it.

"While I was in this condition, with no hope of relief, I happened one day to get to talking with Mrs. Wright, a good neighbour of mine. I told her how I felt and what had been done for me without any benefit. At this time I was so bad I could get only a trifle of sleep at night; and heavy sweats broke out over me, rapidly taking away the small remnant of strength I had left. It looked as if I were going into a decline; and to that, as everyone knows, there is apt to be but one end.

"Hearing all this, and seeing how disheartened and low-spirited I was, Mrs. Wright said she believed she knew a medicine that would help me if it did not cure me. She said she referred to Mother Seigel's Syrup, which had cured her when she was well nigh as bad as I was.

"On this I got a bottle and began with it immediately. In a few days I felt relieved and allowed myself to hope I would get well. Using the syrup faithfully, as directed, I was soon convinced that it would cure me. I commenced to eat stronger food and it gave me no trouble. Gradually I came to be able to eat *good, solid meals*—taking for a time a dose of the Syrup right away after eating—until I was in perfect health, and as active and vigorous as ever.

"From that time on I had no return of the ailment. I can eat anything I want, and it does me good. I believe no one will ever have indigestion if he only takes an occasional dose of Mother Seigel's Syrup."—(Signed) (Mrs.) SAMUEL HENWORTH, 123, Elmore Green Road, near Walsall, South Staffs., April 26, 1898.

NORTHERN UNION.

YORKSHIRE SECOND COMPETITION.

THE CONSTITUTION FOR NEXT SEASON.

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Second Competition of the Northern Union was held at the Green Dragon Hotel, Leeds, on Saturday evening, Mr. J. W. Mellor, (Goole) presiding. There was a large attendance of representatives, and the constitution of the Competition for next season was definitely decided upon.

Messrs. Denby, Richardson, and Metcalfe attended on behalf of the Windhill F. C., to ask for admission to the Competition. Mr. Denby said the club had decided to alter the name to "the Shipley Northern Union F. C." They were in a sound financial position, had a good ground, and would wish to be admitted to the Western Division of the Competition. The other members of the deputation also spoke.

Messrs. Poole and Porter attended on behalf of the Hull Club to ask for admission for the "A" team. Mr. Porter spoke of the abilities of the team, and Mr. Poole, in the course of his remarks, said it was not, with the Hull Club a question of finances, but their application was due to the fact that they were desirous of providing good fixtures for the A team. The club were willing to give any reasonable guarantee that this was the case. In reply to a question, Mr. Poole said that if the meeting would make any suggestion as to the "pooling" of the "gates" with their opponents at Competition matches, his colleague and himself would place it before the board of directors of the Hull Club.

Mr. Short attended on behalf of the York Melbourne F.C., to make a similar request. He said that the club was financially sound, and had a splendidly equipped ground, on which it was intended to make a further expenditure of £1,200 or £1,300. It was the ambition of the committee of the club, that their ground should be made one of the best within miles of York. (Hear, hear.)

Messrs. Trippett and Hughes were the delegates from the Doncaster Club, to support the application of the club for admission to the Competition. They said they had a balance in hand of about £30, a good ground, splendid prospects of getting a good team, and the town was easy of access from all parts of the county.

It was decided that the Windhill Club should be admitted to membership. As to the application of the Hull A team, it was pointed out that if it was acceded to, it would be regarded as a precedent for the A teams of other senior clubs, and the application was refused, as was that of the York Melbourne Club. The latter was declined on the ground that they would not be able to compete with the York Club in the same Competition. The application of the Doncaster Club was also refused.

When the decision of the meeting was announced to the representatives of the Hull Club, one of them said he hoped that in future they would be able to arrange friendly fixtures, as in the past, with the Second Competition clubs. (Hear, hear.)

The two sections of the Competition for next season was constituted as follows:—

Eastern Divison—York, Pontefract, Goole, Normanton, Kinsley, Featherstone, Outwood, Eastmoor, Rothwell, Alverthorpe, and Ossett.

Western Division—Elland, Idle, Todmorden, Birstall, Heckmondwike, Kirstall, Luddendenfoot, Dewsbury, Hebden Bridge, Bowling and Shipley.

In the discussion as to the territorial divisions, the Ossett club was placed amongst the Eastern competitors, despite the vigorous opposition of its representative. Nothing had been heard from the Bowling and Morley clubs, but the former was allowed to figure in the list.

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers, and the election of officers for the forthcoming season resulted as follows:—President, Mr. F. N. Fearnley (York) re-elected; vice-presidents, Mr. T. Lockwood (Eastmoor) and Mr. S. Mawson (Dewsbury); hon. treasurer, Mr. J. W. Mellor (Goole); hon. secretary, Mr. Fred Radcliffe (Elland) re-elected; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. Williams (Rothwell).

It was finally decided that a meeting should be held in Leeds at four o'clock on Saturday next, to revise the rules and arrange the fixture list for the forthcoming season.

FOR HEALTH OR PLEASURE.

Where shall we spend our holidays? This, at about this time of the year, is a very common question, and to those who have not yet made up their minds, we could hardly recommend a better or more enjoyable place than the PEEBLES HYDROPATHIC, situated as it is, near Edinburgh, amongst some of the most beautiful scenery in Scotland, with pure, dry bracing air. The Hydro is surrounded by pine forests and has charming rides and drives, whilst excellent salmon and trout fishing can be had in the Tweed, &c. It is the largest and finest Establishment of its kind in Scotland, is beautifully furnished, and can boast of every modern comfort; its grounds are very large, extending over 30 acres. Archery, Golf, Tennis, Bowling, Cycling (there is a half-mile Course) are some of the pastimes that may be indulged in. The Hydro has also unequalled arrangements for the treatment of Rheumatism, Gout, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Nervous Debility, Sleeplessness, Liver, Stomach, and Kidney Complaints, and Obesity, &c. By a combination of Douche and Massage with the new powerful Electric Light Therapy, the course of treatment is greatly shortened. Special arrangements for Pure Air and Sun Baths, Earth Treatment, and Kneipp's Methods. Mr. A. M. Theim, (also proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, Glasgow), has lately acquired the Hydro, which he has had thoroughly renovated, whilst a number of improvements has been made. Under his able management, the Establishment is sure to be a success. Terms and full particulars are sent on application.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending June 30th 1899, is £202; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £217, thus showing decrease of £15. For the 26 weeks ending June 30th, the return is £8183 against £6151 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £2032.

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POETRY.

LOVE'S GUERDON.

My lady-love beyond compare,
When first we met in woodland ways
The dewy Springtime morn was fair
With breath and bloom of hawthorn sprays,
And all the future opened clear,
Down love's rose-tinted vista seen;
And you and I passed on, my dear,
Into the land of Might-have-been!

My lady-love, our path was pain
As through life's wilderness we fared,
Till faith and hope seemed only vain,
And even love at last despaired!
But hand in hand we went our way,
And hand in hand we faced our fear,
Till evening closed the toilsome day
And suffering left us doubly dear.

My love, take heart again. Behold,
The afterglow is on the sea—
The distance leads through gates of gold
To somewhere in the glad To-be!
Ah, Time may touch the hair with gray,
And sorrow soil the dreams of yore,
But love, through sorrow, wins a way
To full free life for evermore!

—WM. WOODWARD.

HINTS TO HOUSEWIVES.

IT requires an experienced housewife to distinguish between good and inferior bacon. The best bacon is fine in grain and of a bright pink, with firm white fat. Bacon which has yellow fat, and any suspicion of a musty odour, should not be purchased; and if the bacon is very highly coloured, and the fat inclined to be pink, it has probably been over-salted, and when very moist and raw in appearance it has not been salted long enough. The highest-priced bacon is not by any means invariably the best; a good piece of gammon at about 9d. a pound is often better in flavour than a piece of the same part costing a 1s. a pound.

SPINACH.—Method: Wash the spinach in two or three waters, drain well, and boil with very little water; drain well, and put through a sieve; add a lump of butter, pepper, salt, lemon juice, and a teaspoonful of castor sugar; re-heat. Serve on buttered toast.

GROUND RICE PUDDINGS.—Method: Make some ground rice blancmange, adding two eggs after the rice has thickened and is well boiled. Sweeten and flavour, put into cups, and when cold turn out and serve with stewed fruit of any kind.

STUFFED APPLES.—Peal the apples very thin, and core with an apple corer; and then fill the hollow with mincemeat. Stop the hole at the top with a lump of sugar, and set them side by side in a dish. Pour into it a little sweetened wine and throw in a few cloves, then set in a brisk oven. These are best eaten hot.

STEWED CUCUMBER. — Method: Peel some young cucumbers and cut them in quarters lengthwise; remove the seeds, dip them in flour, and fry till brown in hot fat. Drain well, stew in good gravy until tender, add a little chili vinegar, and serve.

AMERICAN OYSTERS.—Method: Stew some freshly opened oysters over a gentle fire for a few minutes with a little cayenne, butter, and salt; just boil. Add a thickening of butter and flour; shake well, and serve on toast, adding a little cream at the last. These are most excellent.

FRENCH TURNIPS.—Method: Parboil and drain the turnips, and put them in a stew-pan with one ounce (or more) of butter; stir well. Add a little minced shallot, salt, pepper, and a few spoonfuls of stock; stir until the mixture forms a creamy pulp, then put through a sieve, re-heat, and serve.

MINCED LAMB.—Method: Mince the lamb finely, add a little bacon minced, grated lemon peel, salt, nutmeg, a tiny piece of chopped shallot. Make some white sauce and heat the mince in it; serve very hot with a wall of potato round, and cucumber sauce handed with it.

CUCUMBER SAUCE.—Method: Stew some pieces of young cucumber (peeled, and the seeds removed) in salt and water, and drain them. Make a sauce with three-quarters of an ounce of flour, one ounce of butter, three-quarters of a pint of white stock, pepper and salt. Put in the pieces of cucumber, and, when ready to serve, add the yolks of two eggs, two tablespoonfuls of cream, and a little lemon-juice.

FRIAR'S OMELET.—Method: Peel and core twelve apples, stew them till quite soft, beat until smooth with a fork, and add four ounces of butter, four ounces of sugar, and the grated rind of half a lemon. Cover the bottom and sides of a well-buttered pie-dish with bread-crumbs, put in the apple mixture, cover with a good layer of the crumbs, and bake. Turn out, strew with sifted sugar, and serve.

MOCK TURTLE SOUP (ECONOMICAL).—Required: A sheep's head, liver and lights, vegetables, herbs, seasoning, water. Method.—Soak the head overnight. Cut the liver and lights into pieces, and boil with plenty of sliced vegetables, a bunch of herbs, pepper and salt. When these are nearly done, put in the head and simmer till tender. Strain the liquor, let it stand to get cold, and remove the fat carefully. Cut the meat from the head and the tongue into neat dice. Heat the soup, thicken with browned flour and butter, colour with a few drops of caramel, put in the dice and a little ketchup, also some forcemeat balls, and serve.

HARICOT MUTTON.—Method: Cut a neck of mutton into neat cutlets, and fry them for five minutes in two ounces of butter or dripping. Remove them from the pan, and put in a sliced carrot, turnip, onion, and a stick of celery. Fry them likewise; then add a tablespoonful of flour, and when this is brown pour in about a pint of water or stock; add the meat (there should be sufficient water to cover the chops). Put on the lid and simmer gently for two hours. Serve the meat on a hot dish, strain the gravy over it, and garnish with little heaps of nicely cut vegetables boiled separately.

CABLE PUDDING.—Required: Three tablespoonfuls of melted butter, a cupful of castor sugar, two eggs, a desert-spoonful of cream of tartar, a teaspoonful of carbonate of soda, a pint of flour, a teacupful of milk. Method.—Beat the sugar and the yolks of the eggs to the butter, and add the cream of tartar and the soda dissolved in a little milk; stir in the flour, and lastly the milk. Butter two round baking-tins, fill them three-quarters full, and bake for about fifteen minutes. Turn out, and when cool spread jam between the rounds. Whip the whites of eggs very stiffly with castor sugar, spead over the pudding, and set in the oven for a few minutes till slightly coloured.

PRESERVED ORANGES IN JELLY.—Cut a hole at the stalk end of the oranges, and scoop out all the pulp, now tie each one separately in a piece of clean muslin, then lay them in spring water for a few days. Boil them in the muslin until tender, over a slow fire, and as the water wastes, add more, keeping them well covered. Weigh the oranges before you scoop out the pulp, and to every pound of fruit put two pounds of refined sugar, and one pint of water with the juice of the oranges. Boil to a syrup, then skim well, and let it stand until it is cold; now put in the oranges and boil for half an hour. Should they not be clear, boil them once a day for two or three days. Pare and core some green apples, and boil them until the water is strong of the apples, but do not stir them, only keep them under the water with the back of a wooden spoon. Strain the liquor through a jelly bag until quite clear, then to every pint of water put one pound of sugar and the juice of a lemon; strain and boil it to a strong jelly. Drain the oranges from the syrup, and put them into glass jars or pots about the size of an orange. Place the orange so that the hole part is upwards, and pour the jelly over them. Cover with paper well-soaked in brandy, and tie them closely down with bladders Lemons may be served in the same manner.

In Germany only 18 per cent. of deaf mutes grow up without education. In France the percentage is 40. in England 43.

OULTON DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Results up to date.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	D'wn.	Pts
Oulton	9	5	1	3	13
Altofts W Riding	9	3	2	4	10
Whitwood	9	4	3	2	10
Middleton Park..	9	3	2	4	10
Rothwell.........	9	3	3	3	9
Carlton	9	2	3	4	8
Lofthouse	9	2	3	4	8
Methley	9	1	6	2	4

HENRY HODSON, Woodlesford, Sec.

ROTHWELL v METHLEY.

Played at Methley on Saturday last

Rothwell.

T Dobson, b Sherwood..........	0
H Dacre, c Westerman b Keighley	6
W E Richardson, b Keighley......	4
J Walker, c Westerman b Sherwood	0
R Whitehead, b Brown...........	21
H Morgan, c Teale b Sherwood....	13
W Wormald, c Keighley b Sherwood	1
J W Chadwick, run out...........	15
W Bedford, b Thompson...........	1
H Greenwood, b Thompson.........	0
J Lunn, not out..................	1
Extras............................	1
Total..............................	63

Methley.

C Inman, not out..................	17
H Martin, c Wormald b J Chadwick	32
G Chambers, not out..............	10
Extras............................	5
Total for 1 wkts	64

Bowling Analysis—Methley:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
J Sherwood......	13.4	2	35	4	8.3
J Keightley......	10	2	12	2	6.
R Thompson	7	2	10	2	5.
A Brown........	4	2	5	1	5.

Bowling Analysis—Rothwell:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
H Morgan	9	4	10	0	
Joe Walker	7	2	12	0	
J W Chadwick ..	4	1	8	1	8.
W Bedford	4	0	12	0	
J Lunn	3	1	6	0	
W E Richardson..	3	0	11	0	

CARLTON v. MIDDLETON PARK

Played at Carlton on Saturday last

Middleton.

Wainwright, c T Ward b Newton..	23
J W Place, c E Ward b Newton....	3
Speak, c Ely b Newton............	3
Standige, b Ely...................	5
Ramsden, b Ely....................	19
G Place c Rinder b Newton........	0
Gouldthorpe, b Ely................	1
Hawden, lbw b Ely.................	5
Caley, lbw b E Ward...............	13
Rhodes, b E Ward.................	0
Spink, not out.....................	5
Extras............................	4
Total..............................	81

Carlton

E Ward, b Hawden..................	8
J Rinder, c Caley b Hawden.......	6
J Speak, b Hawden	0
T Ward, c Hawden b Gouldthorpe	0
S Ely, b Hawden..................	0
T Brown, c Caley b Hawden.......	0
G Darlington, b Rhodes..........	13
H Rinder, not out................	8
A Newton, not out...............	2
Total for 7 wkts........	37

Bowling Analysis—Carlton:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
Jas Newton......	15	2	24	4	6.
E Ward	12.4	3	21	2	10.1
W Holroyd.......	8	2	12	0	
H Rinder	5	2	8	0	
S Ely	9	4	12	4	3.

Bowling Analysis—Middleton Park:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
S Goldthorpe....	11	6	8	1	8.
Hawden	15	5	26	5	5.1
A Spink	6	5	1	0	
J Rhodes	2	1	2	1	2.

OULTON v. LOFTHOUSE.

Played at Oulton on Saturday last

Lofthouse.

J Noble, c Killingbeck, b E Higgins	0
A H Brooke, st. Inman b E Higgins	3
T Longley, run out................	10
J Hall, b H W Higgins............	5
G W Hollings, c Briggs b H Higgins	44
T Parkin, c Abbey b H W Higgins	0
S B Brook, not out................	22
R Marshall, b E A Higgins........	0
J Parker, not out.................	9
Extras............................	7
Total for 7 wkts......	100

Innings declared.

Oulton.

G M Abbey, c G W Hollings b Hall	1
E A Higgins, b Longley...........	2
H Mitchell, b Longley............	0
W Smith, b Hall...................	0
E Boothroyd, not out..............	7
J Jeffrey, not out.................	4
Extras............................	1
Total for 4 wkts........	15

Bowling Analysis—Oulton:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
E A Higgins....	17	1	54	3	18.
H W Higgins....	16	5	25	3	8.1
C Briggs	4	1	7	0	.7
F Killingbeck....	5	1	6	0	.6
H Mitchell......	1	0	1	0	.1

Bowling Analysis—Lofthouse:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
T Longley	8	3	12	2	6.
J Hall	7	5	2	2	1.

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN v. CLECKHEATON.

Played at Rothwell on Wednesday last

Cleckheaton.

J M Sedman, c and b Milner......	14
P Bentley, b Milner...............	3
J Blakelock, run out..............	7
W P Stead, b Milner..............	0
D Scott, b Milner.................	1
J Walker, b Milner................	2
A Messenger, b Wilkinson.........	4
A Clark, b Milner.................	6
H Barker, not out.................	1
W Collins, run out................	0
H Wood, c Milner b Wilkinson....	0
Extras............................	7
Total..............................	45

Rothwell Tradesmen

J Walker, b Blakelock.............	1
W E Richardson, c Collins b Clark	18
M Fowler, not out.................	24
J Stead, st. Stott b Clark	0
Dr. Buck, not out.................	5
Extras............................	1
Total for 3 wkts........	49

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET MATCHES.

At Rothwell—Rothwell v Altofts.

ROTHWELL FIRST ELEVEN—Dr. Buck (capt), Joe Walker, H Morgan, J W Chadwick, W E Richardson, Hy Dacre, R Whitehead, W Fox, T Dobson, senr., H Wormald, T Dobson junr.; Reserve, W. Bedford.

At Altofts—Rothwell 2nd v Altofts 2nd.

ROTHWELL SECOND ELEVEN—J W Smith (capt), W Bedford, R N Lunn, Jas Lunn, J Fox, C Ward, Jos Smith, W Spurr, T Parker, G Turner, C Sidebottom.

At Rothwell Haigh—Rothwell P C v Rothwell Haigh

PARISH CHURCH TEAM—P Chapman (capt), E Moss, A Tiffany, G Kale, J Hargreaves, J Atack, W Ward, M Naylor, R Stevenson, S Abbishaw, E Beckwith; Reserves, A Abbishaw

WEDNESDAY.

At Rothwell—Rothwell Tradesmen v East Ardsley T.

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN'S ELEVEN—W Richardson (capt) J Walker, E Milner, M Fowler, J Stead, H Wormald, O Wilkinson J Wilkinson, Dr Buck, Dr. James, A Denton.

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ROTHWELL PARISH CHURCH v. ROTHWELL HAIGH.

Played at Rothwell on Saturday last

Rothwell Parish.

Abbishaw, b Maundrill	0
Naylor, b Maundrill	1
Lunn, b Giles.....................	2
Drew, b Giles.....................	3
Ward, b Maundrill	3
Kale, c Hargreaves b Giles........	0
Hargreaves, b Maundrill	2
Moss, c Webster b Giles...........	0
Atack, c and b Maundrill..........	2
Tiffany, not out..................	13
Stevenson, b Giles................	0
Extras............................	8
Total..............................	34

Rothwell Haigh.

Maundrill, c and b Drew..........	0
C Hargreaves, c Stevenson b Moss	0
Giles, b Drew	6
Cooper, run out...................	10
Ashton, c Lunn b Moss............	2
Webster, b Drew...................	2
B Hargreaves, b Drew.............	1
Frost, run out....................	2
Dennison, c Ward b Drew..........	0
Fox, not out......................	1
Wilson, c Kale b Moss............	0
Extras............................	4
Total..............................	28

ROTHWELL 2nd. v. METHLEY 2nd

Played at Rothwell on Saturday last

Methley 2nd.

Holdsworth, b R N Lunn...........	18
N Kaye, b Spurr...................	12
G Cass, b R N Lunn...............	1
A Cheesbro, not out..............	6
A Wright, b R N Lunn.............	0
T Illingworth, b Spurr............	0
J Harrison, c Ward b Spurr.......	0
F Woodhouse, b R N Lunn.........	1
B Hugh, b R N Lunn	1
M Walker, c Brown b R N Lunn..	2
H Atack, b Spurr..................	0
Extras............................	1
Total	42

Rothwell 2nd.

R N Lunn, c Kaye b Wright......	1
J W Smith, run out...............	5
W Spurr, b Wright................	4
B Cromack, run out...............	25
H Brown, b Cheesbro.............	2
C Sidebottom, c and b Illingworth	13
Extras............................	7
Total for 6 wkts	77

R N Lunn took 6 wkts for 5 runs, and W Spurr took 4 wkts for 12 runs.

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SUNDAY—OPEN-AIR CONCERT.
MONDAY—GRAND FETE and DESCRIPTIVE BATTLE.
See Bills.

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IN MEMORIAM

FRETWELL—In ever loving memory of our dear son, John Fretwell, who died July 16th, 1895.
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DEATHS.

SISSONS—July 8th, at Hicklam House, Aberford, suddenly, aged 44, William Thomas Sissons, only son of the late William Sissons, of Preston Hall, Woodlesford.
BAMFORD—July 13th, aged 5 months, William, son of James Wm Bamford, Windhill, Middleton.
TODD—July 13th, aged 4 months, Elizabeth, daughter of Hartley Todd, Stourton.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley

Friday, July 14, 1899.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A fortnightly meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon at the offices, Hunslet. Mr. Fryer (vice-chairman), presided, and there were also present Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Woodcock, Rev. M. J. Dillon, Messrs. Edwards, Butterick, Robb, Knight, Houghton, Seddon, Bamforth, Charlesworth, and the clerk (Mr. Mee) and assistant clerk (Mr. Ward).

At a meeting of the Visiting Committee Mrs. Dickenson reported on the visit to the workhouse during the fortnight, and that everything was found nice and clean. A letter was received from the Committee of the South Ward Liberal Club, offering the monthly numbers of Chamber's Journal, Strand Magazine, Windsor Magazine, and Pearson's Magazine, after they have been in their reading room. It was proposed by Mr. Fryer, seconded by Mr. Dillon and carried unanimously, that the offer be gratefully accepted, the Strand Magazine to be sent to the Homes. The Ladies Committee reported that the tea tasted "horribly strong and stewed," and that complaints had been made of the tea and sugar being stopped, and suggested a few plants in the infirm wards. It was proposed by Mr. Fryer that the holidays be allowed, but the Committee could not recommend the Guardians to depart from their decision not to pay for holidays, this resolution was seconded by Mr. Seddon and carried unanimously. The Master reported that the quantity of water passing through the meter during the quarter had been 1,200,000 gallons or about 50 per cent. in excess of the average, owing to a leakage.

The Rev. M. J. Dillon proposed the confirmation of the minutes, and answered several questions, asked by Mr Robb, on the quantity of water consumed, and the furnishing of the 'Nurses' Home. Mr. Seddon seconded and the motion was carried.

CHILDREN'S HOMES.

At a meeting of the above Committee, it was reported that Mrs. Speight, on behalf of the Women's Co-operative Guild had presented 8 pounds of spice for the boys and girls. Thanks were expressed. Additional assistance was allowed during the time the officers are taking their holidays.

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to £641 6s 9d. A letter was read from Messrs. Knight and Foster which stated that they had made a mistake in their tender for stationery, and asking if the Board would allow them to amend one or two items which increased the total of their tender by a number of pounds.

It was remarked that had this increase been known at the time of letting the contract, the work in all probability would have been let to another firm who would have been the lowest contractor. On the motion of Messrs. Charlesworth and Seddon, it was agreed that Messrs. Knight and Foster be kept to their contract price.

RESIGNATION.

Mrs. Procter, the caretaker at the offices, sent in her resignation which was accepted.

PRESENTATION TO MR. WALTER BLACKBURN.

On Saturday last, a gathering unique in its character and of peculiar interest to local temperance workers, took place in the Rothwell Temperance Hall. The occasion had been brought about by the decision of Mr. Walter Blackburn, a hard working member of the Society, to emigrate, and it was to give him a favourable 'send-off,' and present him with tokens of regard for his services in the temperance movement, that the friends assembled in such good numbers. A public tea was first of all provided in the hall, after which a meeting was held presided over by Brother Ben Woffenden, D.C.R., of the Rechabites in the Leeds district. There were also present Mr. Procter, P.D.C.R.; Mr. Alfred Storey, D.T., Mr. Geo. Gravile, D.S.J.T.; Mr. J. T. Apedaile, P.D.S.J.T., Mr. J. Lunn, J.D.S., Mr. J. Armstrong, P.J.D.S.; and most of the local temperance advocates. Letters from other members of the Tent, who could not be present, were read, and gave expression of best wishes for Mr. Blackburn's success in his new sphere of work.

In a suitable speech Mr. S. Sidebottom on behalf of the Temperance Society, presented Mr. Blackburn with a morocco writing case, and letter, the copy of which is as follows:—"Rothwell Temperance Society, July 5th., 1899.—The committee and members of the above Society express their regret at the departure from amongst us of Walter Blackburn who for 17 years has been a loyal adherent to our cause, and carries with him the good wishes of every member for his future success—On behalf of the Society, Samuel Sidebottom, president; Joshua Lunn, secretary."

On behalf of the Leeds Juvenile District and the Rothwell Good Hope Tent of Rechabites, Mr. Gravile handed the emigrant an illuminated letter of introduction, which runs as follows:—"To any Rechabite Tent or District. It is with unfeigned regret that we, the officers and executive of the Leeds Juvenile District, number 34, and the officers and members of the Rothwell Good Hope Tent, 1509, present this letter of introduction to Brother Walter Blackburn, who has been a member of the Good Hope Tent for 14 years. He has acted as secretary and superintendent of the Juvenile Tent for the past nine years, and has been its representative to the District Council for the same period. He has been a member of the district executive for the past 3 years, and at the time of leaving was assistant superintendent of the Juvenile Tent, and we trust that you will give him a cordial reception amongst you as one of our world-wide brotherhood. With our very best wishes, for Brother Blackburn and his family, we are, on behalf of the district and Tent, G. E. Gravile, D.S.J.T., J. Lunn, J.D.S., W. Stead, S.J.T." Most of the above named gentlemen spoke of Mr. Blackburn's worth as a temperance worker, and expressed hopes for his usefulness in lands across the sea.

Mr. Blackburn acknowledged the gifts in a feeling and well expressed speech. On the motion of Mr. W. Sidebottom, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and supported by Mr. Willie Blackburn and Mr. J. W. Hargreaves, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman at the close of the proceedings. Mr. Blackburn will sail for New Zealand on Thursday next.

BRIGGS' BENEFIT.

We are glad to learn that George Briggs, professional for the Walton Cricket Club, has had another successful benefit, and maintains his popularity with the players and supporters of the club by which he is engaged. His benefit took place last Saturday, of which event a Lancashire contemporary says:—There was quite a festive appearance about the Walton ground on Saturday, the occasion being the annual benefit to Briggs, the home professional. During his six years' association with the club the professional has rendered valuable assistance with the ball, in his first season accounting for 100 wickets at an average cost of 5.22 runs. In all, he has secured 384 wickets, his average figuring out at 7.38, which is a decidedly creditable performance. The opposition was furnished by Southport, and a very even and enjoyable afternoon's cricket was witnessed, the honours being even at the finish. Southport scored 174 for 8 wickets, and Walton 105 for 5, the game being drawn.

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STOURTON BRANCH.

The yearly effort of the inhabitants of Stourton and district in behalf of the above philanthropic institution has been held. "Old Sol," as if anxious to do his best to help on the good work, shone out in his most summery manner on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday last. The field was well filled each day and the picture represented was extremely pretty, many of the ladies wearing light colours and everything seemed to have joined in the endeavour to make the occasion as cheerful and attractive as possible.

The committee and officers had done their work splendidly, and must have felt gratified by the liberal support given. To these gentlemen is due the highest praise for their kind exertions in a cause which all feel an interest in and wish to aid.

The procession of cyclists in costume on Saturday drew many spectators, and some of the "make ups" were really clever. The procession proceeded by way of Atkinson Street, Old Pepper Road, Woodhouse Hill, Hunslet Lane, Dewsbury Road, Leeds Bridge, and Hunslet Road, and back to the field where the costumes were judged. The man taking first prize for best decorated machine had spent great pains in the work of beautifying his "steed"; in front was a large arch surrounded and filled with roses, lilies, and other flowers, at the back was another arch treated in a similar way, while a bar of flowers ran between the two, the wheels were filled with grasses and mosses. Another man had used all kinds of fruits in the adornment of his machine, an arch of fruit filled the front, while rhubarb was placed along the backbone and forks of the bicycle. Others were representations of a cottage fire-side, a 'rags and bones' man's barrow, etc. There were three lady impersonators,—a mill-girl, a servant girl, and a little girl. The comic element was, as usual, most numerously represented, clowns being much in evidence; one of the characters, "Capital and Labour," was very good, all one side of the man was made to represent a well-dressed gentleman, tall hat, high collar, frock coat, black trouser, dainty boot, pink cheek, waxed moustache, and white be-ringed hand; the other side included a colliers' grimy cap, fustian coat well dirtied, knotted scarf, and old trouser tied below the knee and showing heavy boot, black cheek, bruised eye, unkempt moustache, and dirty hand. There were also a number of comics on foot, and two competitors for neatest lady's cycling costume. Besides the cyclists one or two clown bands put in an appearance, and caused much fun with their unearthly playing of impossible musical (?) instruments.

The clown cricket match between the Brothers Perval's Clown Team versus A. E. Goldthorpe's Team, was another attraction, and occasioned much mirth and laughter, the grotesque postures and comical behaviour of the players putting all into good humour. The gala in the evening was well attended, and the Rothwell Old Band kindly supplied the music for the gratification of the "light fantastic" devotees' desires. The proceedings were brought to a close about ten o'clock.

A great treat had been provided on the Sunday for lovers of Band music, the services of the far-famed Black Dike Band (winners of £5000 in prizes) having been requisitioned. The attendance was splendid, all being eager to make good use of the opportunity of hearing one of the best bands in England. Before the field performance, however, a procession of Sunday school scholars and teachers, and Friendly Societies paraded Atkinson Street, Wakefield Bridge, Parnaby Road, Plevna, Swan Junction, Belinda Street, Leicestershire Street and Thwaite Gate to the field. The Rothwell Old and Carlton Temperance Bands accompanied the procession. The Black Dike commenced their exhibition on the platform about 2-30 and rendered in charming style the following compositions:—march, "Avondale," overture, "Zampa," *Herold*; selection, "Mendelssohn's Works;" cornet solo, "La Neige," (Mr. J. Paley), *Hartman*; selection, "Lohengrin," *Wagner*; fantasia, "Faust," *Berlioz*. Mr. H. Bower conducted the performance. All were greatly delighted and satisfied with the high-class music provided, and will look back on the day with pleasure. During the afternoon a short address was given by Mr. Seddon, the chairman of the gathering, on the work of the charities for which the demonstration was held, and Mr. Wormald, the secretary of the Fund, also addressed a few words to the people assembled round the band stand About 4 o'clock the band struck up the strains of "God save the Queen," which made a very good and appropriate conclusion to the afternoon's proceedings.

Sports were the order of the day on Monday. There were a good number of entries for the events and a large company of people to witness the attempts and efforts of the racers. Most of the races were for young people in the district, and this naturally caused the interest evinced to be more marked and demonstrative.

Much fun was provoked by the attempts of the young men in the football kicking competition, their futile efforts to put the ball through the hoop oftenest, resulting in putting the leather into some one's face or landing it out of the ring altogether.

In the evening the dancers had another opportunity of exercising their abilities, to the music of the Rothwell Old Band, dancing being kept up until about 9.30, after which the crowd gradually dispersed, and another Stourton Hospital Demonstration was over and another financial success achieved for the district.

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SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS.

A thunderstorm of exceptional severity followed the extreme heat experienced at the beginning of the week, and burst over Rothwell on Wednesday at noon. The lightning was unusually vivid and was followed almost immediately by loud claps of thunder, which reverberated through the air like the sound of heavy artillery. On the storm abating, news was carried from one end of the town to the other, that a young man at Rothwell had been struck, the first reports being that he was already dead from the effects. On enquiring, however, it was found that life remained, although he was unconscious and in a critical condition. It appears that during the storm Harry Ellis, of Rothwell Haigh, employed at Messrs. Charlesworth's rose pit, one of the boiler firemen, had gone to feed the boiler fire, and whilst in the act of throwing on the coal the current struck his shovel, spinning him round like a top; he fell unconscious to the ground, and was afterwards removed to the engine house, where Dr. Stevenson was soon in attendance. All feeling appeared to have left him, and save for the moving of his eyes, no animation could be observed. He was as speedily as possible removed to the Leeds General Infirmary, where he still remains. Latest enquiries point to his ultimate recovery, but he must be some time before he gets over the very severe shock.

In the neighbourhood of Hawes and Upper Wensleydale the storm was of phenomenal intensity. For the space of an hour it rained down blocks of ice from an inch to an inch and a quarter in diameter, and the fells were as white as after a snowstorm. Scores of windows were broken at Hawes, and one farmhouse alone at the village of Hardrow had 25 panes of glass smashed. The Hardrow Beck overflowed its banks to such an extent that it made a fresh course in which it was never known to run before, overflowing the meadows and overthrowing roods of stone fences the entire length of Hardrow bottoms, until it entered the river about a mile lower down than its ordinary confluence. Scores of acres of valuable meadow grass has been destroyed or rendered unfit for fodder, and in cases where it was mown it has been washed away.

At Skye house, a man named Connell, working on the new cut, was struck down by the lightning and instantly killed. Several Darlington excursionists were injured at Barnard Castle; three men were also struck at Thorne and a stack fired. The full force of the storm was felt at Silkstone. Here James A. Sissons, aged 26, was with his cousin, Arthur Edward Sissons, and a lad named Gilbert Turner, at work building a hay stack. As the storm passed, the men did not discontinue their work, and suddenly a flash of lightning struck both the young men, who instantly fell to the ground. The lad Turner was frightened, but escaped unhurt, and at once went to the young men's assistance. He found James A. Sissons was dead, and Arthur Edward Sissons was injured. The latter was conveyed to his parents' home, and Dr. Rowley was called in. He found that his patient had been struck on the hip, and the lower part of the body was affected. The deceased man's body was not discoloured beyond a mark on the right side of the neck. A horse which was in the waggon by the side of the stack was struck down, but not injured.

Whilst Dr. Rowley was attending the young man Sissons, he was sent for to the house of Henry Lees, of Kenworthy's Terrace, Silkstone Common, to attend the daughter of Lees, who had been struck by lightning, and it was feared her sight was affected.

ROTHWELL CHURCH CHOIR TRIP.

On Saturday last, the above choir and a few friends, numbering in all between 30 and 40, took their annual trip to Scarborough, "The queen of watering places." Waggonettes conveyed the party from Rothwell to Leeds station, there joining the 8 20 a.m express train and arriving in Scarborough at 10.30 a.m. The weather was all that could be desired to make the trip a success. The Aquarium, the Empire, the piers, and many other places of entertainment were visited in the course of the day. Neither was good old 'Father Neptune' entirely forgotten, as many enjoyed their dip in the salt sea waves. A better day for boating and sailing could not be desired; this could not be said of the fishing parties, who were only able to bring back from the deep four small fishes. A good tea was provided at the Sand Side Coffee House, after which the younger people were treated to a ride on the donkeys to Scalby Mills. The return train left Scarborough punctually at 7.55 p.m (in fact too punctual for a few of the trippers, who in consequence were left behind), arriving in Leeds about 10.30. A waggonette drive home from the station brought to a close a most enjoyable day's outing.

FIRST PRIZE, SILVER CUP AND SPECIAL.

At a dog show in connection with the Leeds and District Yorkshire Terriers' Association, held at Leeds on Saturday last, Mr. William Parker, of Rothwell, was successful with his bitch, "Kate," in securing the first prize, silver cup, and special, in the first-class for Yorkshire terriers (broad bitches). Mr. Parker has been a breeder and exhibitor of this class of dog for some 14 years, and his efforts in this direction have been very successful, "Kate" alone having won him upwards of fifty prizes, mostly firsts. This bitch is a splendid specimen of Yorkshire terrier, and there is no doubt that she will add still further to her owner's stock of prizes and to his reputation as a breeder in this class of dog.

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It is a curious fact that the plainer our ... sleeves become the more elaborate are ... blouse and shirt sleeves. In all the new mo... I have noticed a tendency to relieve the seve... of outline by trimmings, cordings, tucks, &c. ... The two latter modes of embellishment ... great favour in the blouse world—revers ... tucked, sleeves are tucked, cuffs are tucked ... else corded, and an extremely pretty fashion ... this cording.

Large collars of contrasting silk, the ne... bands cut with ear points, occasional ... basques admitted, all stamp the blouse of ... year as different from its predecessor. Shirts ... not show such marked differences if we ex... the matter of tucking, which influence has ... extended to their dominion.

One new idea is worthy of note, viz., cutti... the fronts when of striped material so that ... lines take a sloping angle. Naturally, this ... quires careful cutting that evenness of line ... both sides of the front is secured, but ... result is well worth the extra trouble.

Bright colours prevail more than ever, and ... is almost difficult to obtain a ready-made ar... in sombre tints. Fortunately, the new shad... though bright are good in colour, clear an... fascinating to the eye, not a trial.

Berthas appear on a great many of the costlie... bodices, generally of embroidered or lace-... trimmed chiffon. Revers, too, play an important ... part in up-to-date models.

The luxurious robe de nuit, when very pre-... tentious, bears a family resemblance to a tea-... gown this season. The fichu and stole effects ... have been adopted, and night robes of sprigged ... muslin with stole-like scarves floating from ... shoulder to knees are as pretty as they are old. ... These stoles are usually edged with lace, ... terminate in points adorned by knots of rose... of satin ribbon. The fichu effect is carried ... in material a trifle heaver than the body of ... gown.

In the shops devoted to fine and exqui... linen they say that though the lingerie of ... season is exquisitely dainty and fine, there ... fewer frills than usual. Delicate hand emb... dery, tucks and puffs, are taking the place of ... ruffles and flounces of lace that have made ... burden for the laundress and fortunes for ... French cleaners. The very smartest sets ... surprisingly simple, considering the prices asked ... and paid for them These exquisitely simple sets ... are bought by what the shops call "our best ... customers"—i.e., those with the best taste and ... the means to gratify it. The lace-befrilled gar... ments are sold to dazzle the wondering friends ... and relatives of the country girl home from a ... sojourn in the metropolis.

The passing of the feather boa is a ... which is agitating the minds of its owners ... a little. The feather boa, it appears, is ... longer considered quite smart, though the ... beauty and becomingness of this dainty article ... will keep it in general use for some time longer. ... Boas of chiffon and Liberty silk, however, are ... in high favour. They usually consist of a full ... deep ruche round the throat, with scarf-ends ... hanging down in front, and a bunch of violets ... or other flowers may be pinned at the throat.

For those who object to muffling up the throat ... the place of the boa is taken by the pretty ... "twice-around" scarfs of silk, net, or lace, which ... are popular because they are dainty and decora... tive, and allow for any amount of economy or ... extravagance, ranging as they do from the ... modest little scarf of plain or lace-frilled net at ... half-a-crown to the real lace scarf at fabulous ... prices. The net and lace come in white, cream, ... and écru; the silken scarfs are preferred in blue, ... pink, lavender, pale yellow, and scarlet.

SPRING COSTUMES.

Of these, one of the most conspicuous features ... is the varied bolero, a garment that might well ... have regarded itself as played out at the end of ... last summer, after an almost unexampled run ... of popularity through five or six seasons. It ... now even more to the fore than ever. The ... desire to make the front of the gown light and ... smart, and to introduce a little colour into a ... costume that might otherwise be open to the ... charge of monotony or sombreness, encourages ... the bolero. It takes many forms; is sometimes ... made with revers, sometimes without. Again, ... it may almost meet at the waist, or be cut away ... in a curve that brings it round to the side. Or ... the innovation of a basque may deprive it of the ... distinctive character implied by the word bolero. ... Short tabs sometimes finish it all round, and ... these, too, rob it of some of its original characteristics. But consistancy is one of the last ... things that fashion cares to study.

A MAGNIFICENT ROYAL COURT.

No Court in the world presents such a magnificent appearance as does that of Russia. At any ... function the show is brilliant, but especially so, ... perhaps, at a ball. The Russian dances are of a ... very stately description, and both the Emperor ... and the Empress take part in them very ... thoroughly. Supper is not partaken of standing, as at so many of the Courts, instead, the ... guests sit down at the long rows of tables. A ... procession is formed, which is headed by His ... Imperial Majesty and the most distinguished ... woman present, and the supper room is then ... entered in the order of precedence. Of course ... an immense quantity of plate is displayed, and ... added to this the use of a variety of the choicest ... fruits and the rarest of flowers makes the scene ... one of the most gorgeous magnificence.

ADELINA PATTI'S COMPLEXION.

"The secret of my complexion is—lard," said ... Adelina Patti to a friend who asked her how ... she kept her roses. "I call it cold cream," ... said she, "but it is lard just the same. How ... do I make it?" said Patti, rummaging ... over her note-book. "Ah, here is the recipe. ... I never go far without it for fear I should ... forget and my maid not remember exactly. ... Listen. I get 1 lb. of fat mutton. It is ... hard like suet. Upon a little alcohol stove in ... my room I 'try it out,' as though I were a ... farmer's wife making lard from hog's fat. Slowly ... the grease simmers in my little white dish ... until there is a warm, swimming cupful of fat. ... This I run through a little silver hair sieve which ... I carry with me. Once tried out, I take the fat, ... which is now the purest mutton tallow, and ... stir into it as much glycerine as there is fat. ... Into this I put a few drops of perfume. I ke... all stirring gently until it begins to harden. ... When it is done I put it in little stone jars. ... is now the finest cold cream. And if there ... wrinkles my maid rubs them with it. In ... morning I wash it off." Cold cream is the ... which keeps every line from the face of Adelina ... Patti.

THE REDINGOTE,

or long walking cloak, is very much seen at this ... season, and it is certainly extremely becoming ... to the tall and slim; but folks of shorter build ... should on no account invest in possessions of ... the kind, for these coats, to look well, are bound ... to be expensive. They must be exceptionally ... well cut to prove really becoming. Yet they ... are, without doubt, one of the leading fashions. ... There will be many who will adopt the fashion ... with avidity, and be delighted with the result. ... By the bye, all the newest mackintosh cloaks ... are made on this pattern, and have a wonder... fully good effect, especially when purchased in ... a pale biscuit shade. These cloaks are seen ... with strapped seams, and are extremely well ... cut, and certainly, at a short distance, have all ... the appearance of a faced box cloth, yet with... out, of course, any of the weight, and at a ... quarter of the cost. The linings of the cloaks ... coats still continue a feature, and many show ... sprigged silks, and even handsome brocades, on ... their inner sides. The buttons are large, but ... plainer than we have seen heretofore. Indeed ... the elaborate buttons are becoming a little bit ... *demodé*, and are by no means so much used as ... they have been.

Byra, a town in Africa, is built entirely of ... zinc. The public buildings and residences did ... not cost more than £6,000.

SHORT STORY.

A TUG OF WAR.

"What a lucky girl I am!" said pretty Lina Vernon—a month ago Lina Moore. "I'm only nineteen, and I'm married before any other girl I know, and I've had my own way through engagement and honeymoon and all! My good-looking husband is a credit to me, and I've plenty of means to enjoy myself."

This was said aloud, in the most complacent manner, as the bride admired her charming self in a mirror.

"And all the girls are envious of me," she went on, still more satisfied; "it's nothing but envy that made them laugh when I said of course I should be paramount. They were all dying to stand in my shoes."

The first day in the new home was occupied by the young lady in rearranging all the furniture exactly to her liking. The housemaid was called up to assist her. Her husband, after trying every room, and finding each uninhabitable, remarked mildly: "I hope you'll soon get to rights, little woman. Perhaps I had better go out."

"Very well, but be in to luncheon, Val, because I want to go out early. Half-past one luncheon, remember."

The housemaid looked from master to mistress; Vernon went quietly out of the confusion, steering deftly between numerous obstructions. Luncheon was on the table in good time—only Lina to eat it. She was surprised, then fumed. As soon as she had finished she went upstairs to dress, leaving word with the parlour-maid that if Mr. Vernon came in he was to be asked to get ready quickly. "You can clear away," said Lina; "of course he has lunched."

The servant wasn't so sure; she cleared slowly. Lina, coming down at past two, found the scene changed—Val calmly eating his luncheon at a half-cleared table.

"Going out?" he said, looking up.

"Why, I told you I was. Are you ready?"

"Ready for what? I haven't had anything yet."

"Well, be quick. I'm in a hurry," said Lina; not pettishly—she was only surprised.

"But I didn't tell you I was going out," said Val, smiling.

"Yes, of course—you're coming with me," she answered, open-eyed. "It's so tiresome your being so late."

"I wouldn't wait if I were you," he said, unmoved by this rebuke. "Perhaps I'll pick you up if you'll tell me where you're going."

"Very well." She told him. "Please don't let this happen again, Val," she said, as he opened the door for her. He laughed when he was alone.

But it did happen again; one time it was about a dinner engagement, which Lina decided they would accept. Her husband said nothing, and she arranged to wear one of her brand-new *trousseau* gowns. Lo and behold! when the brougham was at the door Val was found, in morning dress, smoking and reading a novel. Lina was speechless; then came a "Val!" that ought to have crushed him. He only said admiringly: "What a little swell!"

She was nearly crying with vexation. There wasn't any dinner for him at home—of course she hadn't ordered any. He said he was going to dine at his club—he had asked some fellows.

"Why didn't you say so?" demanded she, angrily.

"I should if you had asked me," with his cool smile. "I've written to excuse myself, so you needn't make my apologies."

He attended her dutifully to the brougham; she only said, sharply: "It looks so bad my going alone," and took no further notice of him.

A dozen times this sort of thing occurred, Lina comically surprised, bewildered, and irate; Val always gentle, smiling, and attentive. She arranged this and ordered that; he made his own plans, which continually frustrated hers. She spent money on this and that in the house, and came to him to make up the deficiency.

"Of course I do," she retorted, quite unable to see a mistake. She got the money once or twice; after that Vernon said he hadn't been given a choice about these purchases—he was very sorry—and so on. The young autocrat had to make up the sum from her dress allowance.

It went on like that for some little time. Val never quarrelled, and Lina couldn't—he was so kind and good-humoured. In fact, the poor child, struggling for absolute power, was getting quite fond of him.

One day, having been out all the morning, Vernon said at luncheon: "I've been down in the country—Chalfont St. Giles. Do you know it?—lovely scenery, and easy to get at."

"What made you go there?"

"I was looking at the houses. I saw a charming old-fashioned place really cheap! I've a good mind to take it."

"For running down to on Sundays? How delightful!" said Lina joyously. "I must go and see it."

"'Tisn't necessary; I saw it all over," said Val carelessly. "It'll do capitally for us." She bit her lip. "But two rents!" said Vernon, shaking his head. "Not if I know it! Of course, we should live there!"

"In the country—in the wilds!" said she, doubting her own senses.

"Yes. I'm tired of London."

Her food seemed to choke her. "You—but what about me?" she got out, pale with indignation.

"Why, you'll come with me, of course," said Val; "you can't very well live in town and I in the country, can you?"

"I didn't mean that—you are purposely misunderstanding. *I* don't want to live in the country."

"Don't you?"

"You haven't made up your mind, Val?"

"Pretty well."

She stared at him blankly, then stammered out: "But—my wishes—I'm not your property."

"My dearest child, did I ever say you were?"

The smile finished her; she got up and dashed out of the room, and Val looked at the closed door wistfully.

Lina did not appear all the afternoon, and Vernon went out. The servant who brought in tea said her mistress would have a cup sent up to her.

"Isn't she well?" said Vernon.

"A headache, I think, sir. Shall I take the tea?"

"I'll take it thanks."

"I've brought you some tea," said Vernon, in his usual tender way when she wasn't quite well He sat down on the side of the sofa as if nothing had happened; but he had half feared she would refuse the tea. Instead she took it, keeping her face turned from him. She wasn't angry, then, thank Heaven!

"Is your head bad, little one?" he said after a minute.

"It doesn't ache," in a whisper. She put the cup hurriedly on a little table near her.

"You haven't finished it," said Val.

"I know—I can't—I wouldn't have touched it if you hadn't brought it. I wanted to come to you, and I couldn't."

Val put his arm round her and drew a long breath of relief, while Lina clung to him, with all the misery of the afternoon softening down.

"Val, did you mean it as a lesson?"

"That's it, my pet."

"Really? I'll go into the country if you like—I've been a horrid little wretch, and I can't think why you're so good to me. Somehow, I saw what you were doing before, but I wouldn't see—I was too proud. And yet I couldn't really quarrel——"

"And you'd have ended by despising me if I had given way," said Val. "You like ruling, dear, and you are very young, and you couldn't understand that we can't get on without give and take. You're honest and sound at heart—and a little bit fond of me"—Lina looked up here, and Val interrupted himself to kiss her—"and I knew you'd see in the end what I was up to. It seemed the kindest way to teach you."

"But why did you yield so before we came home?"

"Oh, one always does, and it didn't matter then."

"I never consulted you a bit. It serves me right I never considered you."

"To be paid out—only you've been miserable."

"No, I haven't—till this afternoon."

"Poor Val!" she said, tenderly.

"Don't go too far the other way, little woman," Val said, laughing, "and have no wishes of your own. It isn't a question of who is master—I'm sure I'm willing to be ruled legitimately."

"You're a dear old fellow," said Lina, softly, "and I'll never get into a war with you again."

"A lasting peace," said Val, and his smile this time made her happy.

[THE END.]

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN CHOIR.

The annual trip of the above choir was this year to Southport, and between 20 and 30 persons availed themselves of the opportunity. Accordingly at 6.30 on Wednesday morning, the party left Rothwell in waggonettes, the train leaving Leeds at 7.45 The weather was fair, but somewhat threatening, and on reaching Halifax a little rain had fallen. There was nothing however, to affect the pleasure and vivacity of the merry company of singers, and except for the long wait at Manchester, all passed off as smoothly and happily as could be desired, the train reaching "Sunny Southport" just turned eleven. Here the company broke up into smaller sets, and were soon dispersed in all directions, and according to their several inclinations. The beautiful town has greatly increased its attractiveness by the completion of the great Marine lake, with its charming park and gardens, and the 'sea drives' which stretch far away on the sands. To enumerate the many 'lions' of Southport would be quite a lengthy undertaking, but there is little doubt that one or other of our Roddill vocalists could tell something about the majority of the 'sights.' Besides the lovely walks on the promenade or in the marine gardens, there were the tasteful arcades with bands of music, the Southport *boulevards*, the Winter Gardens, Hesketh Park, the Botanic Gardens, and many other places. A row on the lake, a dip in the sea, a trip on the electric launch, a walk on the long pier, a drive into the lovely country, a saunter among the shops, or an outing in the steamer, with a hundred and one other enjoyments were all available, and as far as possible were taken up as part of the day's engagements. The weather was not sultry, but was perfectly fine and pleasant all the long afternoon. As seven o'clock drew near, those who had not seen each other all day were again united, and although the journey home was a long one, the joyous young life was constantly bubbling over all the way, and as the waggonettes drew near old Rothwell once more there was but one feeling expressed, that of pleasure and satisfaction.

ROTHWELL PARISH CHURCH SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

On Wednesday last, the scholars attending the Rothwell Parish Church Sunday School, held their annual festival, which was well attended, and of a successful character throughout. The heavy thunderstorm which burst over the district at noon, delayed the assembly of the scholars for about half-an-hour, but in other ways did not interfere with the day's programme, the rain soon drying up, and leaving the roads in a cool and suitable condition for parade. A pretty sight was formed as the scholars left the school in procession, with their gay banners and fragrant posies of flowers, subsequently left at the church and sent off to the Children's Homes, City Hospital, Hunslet Workhouse, Leeds General Infirmary and Women and Children's Hospital. The scholars paraded the town streets, and reached the church shortly after half-past two, where a brief flower service was held, at which the vicar, the Rev. W. B. Pierson, delivered a suitable address. Returning to school, the 357 scholars were regaled with a substantial tea, full justice being done to the plentiful supply of buns, spice and seed cake, &c. The teachers and friends afterwards sat down to tea together, after which the Rothwell Old Band headed the procession to the vicarage field, which was in capital condition considering the heavy rain at noon, and where games were vigorously entered into. During the evening a cricket match was played in Mr. King's field adjoining, between the teachers and members of the Rothwell Parish Church the former coming off easy victors with a score of 39 for 3 wkts, to the Parish Church 37 all out. The following is the score:—

Rothwell Parish.

H Taylor, b Chapman	0
W Varley, run out	14
Kale, b Clark	4
Drew, b Clark	5
Atack, b Clark	0
Hargreaves, b Clark	0
Lunn, c Clark b Dobson	2
Bedford, c Elstob b Clark	2
Moss, b Clark	1
Naylor, c Dobson b Clark	0
Beckwith, not out	1
Extras	9
Total	37

Teachers.

Chadwick, c Bedford b Moss	1
Clark, not out	19
Elstob, c and b Taylor	15
Chapman, b Taylor	0
Witt, not out	1
Extras	2
Total for 3 wkts	39

The members of each class ran two races, for which first and second prizes were given comprising bats, balls, knives, pictures, skipping ropes, etc., etc. The Old Band played selections of dance music during the evening, to which many of the young people tripped the light fantastic toe. The weather remained fine and warm, and all the arrangements passed off most successfully, the last item for the scholars being the presentation of a bun each as they left for home.

OPENING OF NEW SWIMMING BATHS IN LEEDS.

A ROTHWELL LAD'S SUCCESS.

The opening of the new schools for blind, and deaf and dumb children in Blenheim-walk, Woodhouse-lane, provides the Leeds School Board with a new centre at which to give instruction in swimming, as a very fine bath has been provided in the basement of the school. The bath measures 15 yards long, 8 yards wide, and varies in depth from 2 feet 3 inches to 3 feet 6 inches. All necessary dressing-boxes, etc., are provided, the general effect being extremely satisfactory. One of the most popular features of the opening ceremony was a swimming entertainment provided by boys attending the various schools under the Board. Prizes were awarded to the two boys proving themselves the fastest swimmer, each boy having to swim four lengths of the bath. The winners were Chas Hargreaves third son of Mr. Walter Hargreaves, of Carlton House, Rothwell Haigh, and Chas. Salter, of Leeds, both scholars at the Central Higher Grade School. This is the second time young Hargreaves has been successful in obtaining an award in competitions in connection with the Leeds schools.

LITERARY EXTRACTS.

SPRING.—Ah, how wonderful is the advent of spring!—the great annual miricle of the blossoming of Aaron's rod, repeated on myriads and myriads of branches!—the gentle progression and growth of herbs, flowers, and trees—gentle and yet impressible—which no force can stay, no violence restrain, like love, that wins its way and cannot be withstood, by any human power, because itself is divine power. If Spring came but once in a century, instead of once a year, or burst forth with the sound of an earthquake, and not in silence, what wonder and expectation there would be in all hearts to behold the miraculous change! But now the silent succession suggests nothing but necessity. To most men, only the cessation of the miracle would be miraculous, and the perpetual exercise of God's power seems less wonderful than its withdrawal would be.—LONGFELLOW.

ALL IMAGINATION.—Doctors frequently practice a curious little trick on their patients. In some diseases medicine is not only useless, but actually injurious. Yet when a man is paying money for medical attendance he expects to see some sign that he is getting due value in the shape of bottles and pill-boxes. The doctor in that case has no option but to deceive. In typhoid fever, for instance, no known drug is of any use. The microbe must be left to tire himself out. But to please his patient the knowing doctor always prescribes a bottle of coloured water. It is called a "placebo." In other cases it is usual to give bread pills. There are many extremely nervous people to whom any kind of medicine would do harm. So the doctor gives them a couple of good-sized bread pills and says, "These will give you a sound night's rest," or "These will remove your headache." And the remarkable thing is that they do. In fact, with bread pills the medical man can produce quite a variety of effects.

WONDERS OF NATURE.—If two pieces of looking-glass are held on the opposite sides of a lighted lamp or candle, an endless series of bright flames may be seen at one time. So, in the cold north, when the air is full of minute floating ice-flakes, the sun with its halo is reflected many times, and the traveller sees, two, four, or more mock suns with crossing halo-rings of startling patterns. In hilly countries, where the sun rises in a serene atmosphere but opposite to a thin vapourous cloud, if a human being stand on a high hill between them, a wonderful image is seen on the cloud-curtain, moving as the man moves, at one moment clear and the next fading away. This is a kind of natural magic-lantern, where the cloud takes the place of the white screen, and a man, or men, of the slides. The high-set peak of the Hartz mountains, called the Brocken, is the place where this is oftenest seen, so the image is called the spectre of the Brocken. But mountaineers see it often on the high Alps. The changing rays of the morning sun make the giant shadows vanish and reappear, and the moving cloud-screen gives them motion.

GARDENING helps body, mind, and spirit. It gives exercise in air and quiet; it stimulates thought, calls out resources and quickens curiosity; it induces tender ways and gentle patience, and it forces the acknowledgment of dependence on a Power greater than our own and beyond our control. One plants, another waters, but God gives the increase. Gardening offers health, mental activity, and reverence, three of the best gifts in life. What is better than health? Perhaps the power of thinking, the power of tracing cause to effect, which gives security against fear and opens avenues of wealth. But what is better than the power of thinking? certainly the joy of obedience, the joy of knowing that One above has everything in His hands and is working for the best. Gardening offers then to its followers something of these three, and beyond this, further good of giving pleasure. He who makes a flower grow gets some good for himself, and he also gives good to every passer-by who sees its beauty. The gardener is blessed and blesses. Why is not everyone, for some portion of his time, a gardener?—REV. CANON A. BARNETT.

NO LONGER A HOBBY.—Stamp collecting is no long a mere hobby; it has grown into a scientific pursuit and a regular trade; and, as in all other trades, one must "beware of spurious imitations. Not long ago the collections of a celebrated philatelist came under the auctioneer's hammer, and realised no less a sum than 50,000 dollars. The closest examination of each specimen was made by experts, and, happily for the purchasers, every stamp survived the ordeal. The Duke of York is the possessor of a fine collection, and is a high authority. Collectors are to be found in every walk of life—from the office boy, who annexes his master's envelopes in the morning, and wastes his time in pouring over catalogues, to the very highest in the land. Twenty years ago, or even more recently, one had to hunt in by-streets, or in the alleys and courts of the city, to find out a dealer in stamps, who, when found, usually combined this business with that of bookseller or stationer. Nowadays in leading thoroughfares we meet with large shops solely devoted to the wants of the philatelist.

A LUCKY CHANCE.—The discovery of the principle of the manufacture of satin was a pure accident. The word "satin," which originally was applied to all silk stuffs, has since the last century, been used to designate simply those tissues which only present a lustrous surface. The discovery was made by a silk weaver named Octavio Mai. During a dull period of business one day he was pacing before his loom, not knowing how to give a new impulse to his trade. As he passed the machine each time, he pulled some short threads from the warp, and following an old habit, put them into his mouth and rolled them about, soon after spitting them upon the floor. Later he discovered a little ball of silk upon the floor of his shop, and was astonished at the brilliancy of the threads. He repeated the experiment, and eventually employed various mucilaginous preparations, and succeeded in giving satin to the world.

THE VAMPIRE OF WAR.—Counting only the armies of the six great Powers on a peace footing, they amount now to nearly three million men; and if we add the men permanently attached to the several fleets we shall have considerably more than three millions of men in the prime of life withdrawn from productive labour and devoted, nominally to defence, but really to attack and destruction. This, however, is only a portion of the loss. The expense of keeping these three millions of men in food add clothing, in weapons, ammunition, and all the paraphernalia of war; of keeping in a state of readiness the ships, fortifications, and batteries; of continually renewing the stores of all knds; of pensions to the retired officers and wounded men, and whatever other expenditure these vast military organisations entail, amounts to an annual sum of more than one hundred and eighty millions sterling. Now, as the average wages of a working man (or his annual expenditure), considering the low wages and the mode of living in Russia, Italy, Austria, and other Continental states, cannot be more, say, twelve shillings a week, or thirty pounds a year, an expenditure of one hundred and eighty millions implies the constant labour of at least six million of other men in supporting this monstrous and utterly barbarous system of national armaments. If to this number we add those employed in making good the public or private property destroyed in every war, or in smaller military or naval operations in Europe, we shall have a grand total of about ten millions of men withdrawn from all useful or reproductive work, their lives devoted directly or indirectly to the Moloch of war, and who must therefore be supported by the remainder of the working community. And what a horrible mockery is all this when viewed in the light of either Christianity or civilisation! All these nations, armed to the teeth, and watching stealthily for some occasion to use their vast armaments for their own aggrandisement, and for the injury of their neighbours, are Christian nations.—ALFRED R. WALLACE.

Fangle: "What made Swayback take to drinking, Cumso?" Cumso: "I understand that he couldn't keep his head above water."

CRICKET.

OULTON DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Results up to date.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	D'wn.	Pts
Oulton	10	6	1	3	15
Whitwood	10	5	3	2	12
Middleton Park	10	4	2	4	12
Rothwell	10	4	3	3	11
Altofts W Riding	10	3	3	4	10
Carlton	10	2	4	4	8
Lofthouse	10	2	4	4	8
Methley	10	1	7	2	4

HENRY HODSON, Woodlesford, Sec.

ROTHWELL v. ALTOFTS.

Played at Rothwell on Saturday last

Altofts.

A Kaye, b Morgan	0
E Rowley, c Wormald b J Walker	6
T Teasdale, bowled Morgan	1
J Teasdale, bowled Morgan	0
W Teasdale, bowled Morgan	4
W Wales, bowled Morgan	13
Mosby, bowled Morgan	7
Whittingham, bowled Morgan	0
Watson, bowled J W Chadwick	4
Pollard, not out	8
F Wales, bowled J W Chadwick	0
Extras	10
Total	53

Rothwell.

W Richardson, c Pollard b Mosby	15
H Dacre, bowled Kaye	12
T Dobson, senr. bowled Mosby	4
T Dobson, c W Teasdale b Pollard	7
R Whitehead, bowled Kaye	13
J Walker, bowled Mosby	0
H Morgan, c Kaye bowled Mosby	0
W Fox, not out	1
Extras	7
Total	59

Bowling Analysis—Rothwell:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
H Morgan	9	2	13	7	1.6
Joe Walker	8	0	30	1	30.
J W Chadwick	.3	0	0	2	

Bowling Analysis—Altofts:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
A Mosby	11	4	21	4	5.1
A Kaye	10	3	29	2	14.1
Pollard	2	0	2	1	2.

OULTON v. CARLTON.

Played at Oulton on Saturday last

Oulton.

E Boothroyd, b Holroyd	27
G M Abbey, b J Newton	12
J Jeffrey, c Rinder b Holroyd	3
L E Greenwood, b Holroyd	5
H W Higgins, not out	55
W Smith, c A Newton b J Newton	15
H Mitchell not out	16
Extras	7
Total for 5 wkts	140

Innings declared.

Carlton.

H Rinder, b H W Higgins	7
A Newton, lbw b Greenwood	10
A Thackray, c Briggs b Greenwood	7
T Ward, c H Higgins b Killingeck	4
J Speake, b H W Higgins	0
J Newton, b Greenwood	13
J Brown, c Boothroyd b Bell	5
G Darlington, b Bell	4
S Ely, not out	3
T Brown, b Bell	4
W Holroyd, run out	0
Extras	3
Total	60

Bowling Analysis—Carlton:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
Jas Newton	16.4	2	30	2	15.
S Ely	9	2	25	0	.25
J Speak	4	0	11	0	.11
W Holroyd	9	0	22	3	7.1
A Newton	3	0	15	0	.15
H Rinder	6	2	20	0	.20
Tom Ward	4	1	10	0	.10

Bowling Analysis—Oulton:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
L E Greenwood	16	9	15	3	5.
C Briggs	5	2	12	0	.12
H W Higgins	7	4	7	2	3.1
F Killingbeck	3	1	5	1	9.
F Bell	5	0	14	3	4.2

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN v. ARDSLEY TRADESMEN.

Played at Rothwell on Wednesday last

Ardsley.

Watson, c Wormald b Milner	3
Lister, c Fowler b Milner	5
Sixsmith, b Wilkinson	25
Simpson, b Milner	1
Forrest, b Milner	5
Swallow, c Stead, b Richardson	10
Balmforth, c Walker b Richardson	3
Dacre, run out	0
Sanderson, b Walker	6
Killett, b Walker	1
Richardson, not out	0
Extras	6
Total	65

Rothwell Tradesmen

E Milner, not out	63
H Wormald, c Simpson b Sanderson	21
Dr. James, c and b Sanderson	2
A Denton, lbw b Sanderson	0
O Wilkinson, b Sixsmith	2
J Walker, c Forrest b Sixsmith	0
W Wormald, b Watson	4
M Fowler, not out	5
Extras	12
Total for 6 wkts	97

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET MATCHES.

At Carlton—Rothwell v Carlton

ROTHWELL FIRST ELEVEN—Dr. Buck (capt), Joe Walker, H Morgan, J W Chadwick, W R Richardson, Hy Dacre, R Whitehead, T Dobson, senr. T Dobson junr, H Clark, H Wormald; Reserve, W Fox.

At Rothwell—Rothwell 2nd v Carlton 2nd.

ROTHWELL SECOND ELEVEN—W Bedford, J W Smith (capt), Jas Lunn, R N Lunn, W Spurr, G Turner, C Ward, Ht. Brown, H Greenwood, C Sidebottom, Jos. Smith; Reserve T Parker,

At Stourton—Rothwell P C v Stourton St. Andrews

PARISH CHURCH TEAM—E Moss, (capt), A Tiffany G Kale, J Hargreaves, J Atack, W Ward, M Naylor, R Stevenson, A Bedford, H Lunn, J H Drew; Reserves S Abbishaw, E Beckwith.

WEDNESDAY.

At Rothwell—Rothwell Tradesmen v Featherstone T.

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN'S ELEVEN—O Wilkinson (capt) A Batty, Dr Buck, E Milner, M Fowler, J Stead, J Walker, H Wormald, Dr. James, A Denton, W Inman.

LOFTHOUSE-WITH-CARLTON SCHOOL BOARD AND ITS TEACHING STAFF.

We had expected publishing a letter from Mr. Horner on the above subject and its effect upon Mr. Grimshaw's school, but Mr. Horner, although feeling strongly on the subject, informs us that in deference to Mr. Grimshaw's wishes, he has decided to let the matter rest for the present.

MISS BERGHEIM'S MARRIAGE.

The marriage arranged between Mr. Ralph Ward-Jackson, 11th Hussars, and Miss Elizabeth Bergheim will take place at Swillington on the 26th inst.

SHORT STORY.

DIEGO'S REVENGE.

It was in the West Indies, in the island of Martinique, where snakes of the most deadly description abound. I was acting as ganger in charge of black labourers on one of the largest plantations.

Among the men was a huge negro, recently imported from the Guinea coast. I had caught him skulking one evening, and threatened that if I ever found him again doing so I would have him locked up and put on restricted diet. At this he flung down the hoe which he was working and defied me to do my worst.

It was a critical moment. If I allowed this man to set me at defiance my influence over the gang, who were looking on, would be undermined.

The man had a large case knife in his belt, and his hand had stolen towards it as though he would draw it and rush at me. Snatching my revolver, I covered him with it before he could take a step, and fired.

He had on a large, round felt hat, the crown of which rose to a peak, and my bullet passed through the peak, cutting a furrow through his thick, woolly hair, and carrying the hat away with it a distance of a dozen yards.

"Pick up that hoe," I thundered, "or I'll shoot straighter this time."

The man was thoroughly cowed, and, turning sullenly to his work, he continued his hoeing industriously, and I had no further cause to complain.

Twice did I catch him stealing up steadily behind me, and a third time I found him concealed beneath the bed in my sleeping-cabin.

At this I took him before the overseer, a desperado-like Frenchman, one of whose maxims was that "the only way to rule niggers was to shoot them at the first signs of insubordination."

When I told him what had taken place, he said to me, with a laugh:

"A nice little mess you've got yourself into. If you'd put a second bullet into him when you missed him with the first, you would have saved yourself all the trouble; and we'll have to shoot him all the same in the end, for a nigger who's once set the ganger at defiance, is never any good again."

Then turning to the negro, he had him led out to a shed at the back of the house, where there was a halter hanging from a beam in the roof, with a slip noose in it, as though ready prepared for use as a gallows.

"See that, Diego, if any harm happens to the ganger here, or if he goes missing and we can't find him, we'll hang you up here by the neck until you've kicked yourself to death. So you see, it will pay you to take care of him."

On the afternoon of the day following my interview with the overseer I was sitting at the stables seeing my horses attended to, when my attention was attracted to Diego, the negro, coming from the neighbourhood of a marshy jungle of tree, 40 or 50 yards away from the factory and residential cabins.

He was trailing something along the ground, which on a closer examination proved to be the body of a terrible poisonous snake.

To my surprise, instead of making toward the the labourer's quarters, after looking stealthily round to assure himself that he was not observed, he entered my own sleeping-cabin, dragging the serpent in after him through the open window. These serpents live in pairs, and if one of them is killed and its body taken away the survivor, when it awakes to activity in the nightfall, will follow along the course its mate has been taken, and in this way will often travel to great distances.

From where I was standing I could see in through the open window. As had been expected, the Negro carried the body of the serpent and placed it upon the bed.

Then lifting it carefully, so that no part of it any longer touched the ground, he carried it away and concealed it in the shed where the overseer had shewn him the gallows rope.

When the overseer heard my statement he immediately ordered Diego to be arrested and placed in captivity in the very shed in which he had concealed the body of the serpent.

The moon had risen soon after sunset, and it was not long before we could see distinctly the form of the serpent issuing from the jungle.

It came with its head raised high in the air and swaying from side to side, as though it were looking for its mate.

Quickly it advanced until it reached the open window. For a moment it paused here, its head thrust through the window. Then its coils lengthened out, and quickly, stealthily, the glistening, slimy monster glided into the room.

The horror of what would have occurred, but for my fortunately catching sight of the negro as he brought the snake from the jungle was upon us all, when suddenly we started at seeing the snake again issue from the hut.

This time it came through the doorway, and by the pace at which it was travelling it seemed as though it was still following along some definite track.

Suddenly we realised where the snake was going. Although the body of its mate had not touched the ground when it was carried from the hut, the live snake was still following upon its scent.

As I have said, Diego, the Negro, was confined in the shed, and seeing the danger to him, I raised my rifle to fire and kill it before it could enter. As I did so, however, the overseer caught the barrel of my rifle, saying:

"What are you doing? The snake's all right: it's going into the shed."

"But Diego," I gasped, "the Negro. It will attack and kill him."

"If it does, so much the worse for Diego. He'll be peppered with his own sauce."

I wrenched free the rifle, but it was too late; the serpent had already disappeared within the shed. I ran forward at full speed, intending to unlock the door, and, if possible, save the unfortunate man but even as I ran a cry of horror and agony rang out, and I knew that I was too late.

I broke the serpent's back with a blow from the butt end of my rifle and dispatched it with a bullet a moment later.

Then, turning to Diego, I cut the flesh away from that part of his thigh which had been bitten, and with what little knowledge of surgery I possessed bound up the wound and staunched the flow of blood. His giant constitution enabled him to stand what would have killed an ordinary man, and his gratitude to me, whom he regarded as having saved his life, was as strong as his former resentment had been and more than once on subsequent occasions did owe my life to his faithful service.

[THE END.]

I HAD just partaken of a frugal meal at a restaurant the other night and was passing out as a tramp came to the counter. He was a hale, hearty, able-bodied man, looking particularly well, and he walked with a firm and springy step. His clothes alone declared his profession, so far as appearance went. As I passed the boy was handing him a loaf of bread. He took it in his hand and looked at it rather contemptuously. "Is there any coffee goes with this?" he asked. "No; no coffee," the boy replied. With a firm and manly gesture he handed it back. "Here; keep that for the next man if there ain't no coffee goes with it." And he walked out as if he had been insulted.

A FUNERAL was passing through the streets of a Scotch town when the door of the last mourning-coach was opened, and an elderly man, dressed in black, entered unbidden. The other occupants stared at the new-comer and at each other. Finally one of them addressed him: "You'd be weel acquaint with the gude mon in front?" pointing in the direction of the hearse. "No." "Then it's the auld wife ye ken?" "No." "Are you a friend o' Jochs who's in America?" "No." "Then what do ye mean by comin' in here?" "O, I havena been vera weel of late, sae the doctor tellit me to tak' as much carriage exercise as I could. An' this 'll just mak' the fourth time I've been tae Whin Cimetery this week."

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ACCIDENT AT ELMORE'S COPPER WORKS.

Wilfred Simpson, a youth of about 15, living at Woodlesford, was admitted to the Leeds Infirmary on Wednesday afternoon, suffering from an injury to his ribs, caused by a fall of some machinery, at the Elmore Copper Works, off Pontefract Road, Hunslet, where he is employed.

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A Frenchman was teaching in a large school, where he had a reputation among the pupils for making some queer mistakes. One day he was taking a class which was rather disorderly. What with the heat and the troublesome boys he was very snappish. Having punished several boys, and sent one to the bottom of the form, he at last shouted out in a passion: "Ze whole class go to ze bottom!"

Mr. A.: "So the Tompkins—Chorkins match is broken off, is it?"

Mr. B.: "Yes! The Tompkins objected to Chorking being so economical."

Mr. A.: "You astonish me."

Mr. B.: "Yes! You know, he is a contractor himself, and so sent circulars to all the ministers in town, asking for their lowest estimates for performing the ceremony."

It was a few minutes before dinner when little Fred inquired:

"Mamma, have I been bad to-day?"

"Yes, Freddie, very bad indeed."

"Do you think you will send me to bed without any supper?"

"I have a great mind to."

"Well, mamma, I wish you would let me know now, so that I can tell how much dinner to eat."

Blande (sitting in his comfortable apartment): "How I pity the poor on such a night as this."

Bluff: "Then why don't you put on your coat and go out and see if you cannot render assistance to some of them?"

Blande: "Ah! then I shouldn't be so comfortable as I am now, and might forget the poor and begin to pity myself. That would be selfish, you know."

An illustrious young man once got a friend to write a letter for him to his sweetheart. The letter was rather prosaic for a love-letter, and he felt that an apology was due to his sweetheart for its lack of tender nothings. It was as follows:—

"Please excuse the mildness of this here letter, as the chap wots' ritin' it is a married man, and he says he can't bide any soft soaping it allus gives him the spazzums."

She was a Girton girl of the first water, he a wee bit illiterate. He always tried hard never to betray his uncultured condition, sometimes with terrible results, as witness.

They sat in the concert-room together eating apples, and as the band struck up an exceptionally pleasant air she exclaimed:

"Oh, what a sweet symphony, John!"

"H'm!" answered John, solemnly chewing his fruit. "Yours may be; mine's beastly sour!"

Mark Twain was once an inpecunious reporter in San Francisco, often not having money enough to buy his dinner. He was standing disconsolate on the corner of Montgomery Street with a cigar-box under his arm. An acquaintance saw him and asked him what he was about.

"I am moving," said the humourist, "and carrying with me all my worldly goods."

He then opened the box and displayed his entire wardrobe, as he styled it—an old clay pipe, a paper collar, and a well-worn necktie. He is now worth probably 1,000,000 dollars.

"A year ago," said a Preston man to a Londoner, "I spent a few weeks in London. One day I saw a machine which bore the inscription, 'Drop a penny in the slot and learn how to make your trousers last.' As I hadn't a great deal of money, I thought an investment of a penny to show me how to save the purchase of a pair of trousers would be small capital put to good use; so I dropped a penny in and a card appeared. What do you suppose it recommended as the way to make your trousers last?"

"Don't wear 'em, I suppose?"

"No."

"What did it say?"

"Make your coat and vest first."

A gentleman who is no longer young, and who never was handsome, asked his son's child what he thought of him. The boy's parents were present. The youngster made no reply. "Well, so you won't tell me what you think of me? Why won't you?" "'Cause I don't want to get licked," replied the sprig of a rising generation.

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No. 1—Beer, Spirits and Wines.
No. 2—Tea and Eatables
To be let separate or both, information as to particulars may be obtained from the Secretary. Tenders to be sent to me not later than Thursday. July 27th.
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'Free Press' Office, Rothwell.
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DEATHS.

NAYLOR—July 18th, aged 4 months, John, son of Wright Naylor, Rothwell.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley

Friday, July 21, 1899.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

THE GAS COMMITTEE AND THE LIGHTING SEASON.

AN EXTENSION OF TIME GRANTED.

LOPPING OF A BIG LIGHTING EXTENSION.

COUNCILLOR HARRISON IN A WARM MOOD.

RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER.

A monthly meeting of the above Council was held on Wednesday night, in the Council Chamber, Councillor G. Armitage presiding. There were also present Councillors J. Abbishaw, (vice chairman), J W. Bulmer, J. Smith, T. Oliver, J. Hargreaves, J. Armitage, J. Oliver, H. Nichols, J. Stead, W. W. Harrison, and Wr. Hargreaves, with the deputy clerk (Mr. Barret), medical officer, (Dr. Stevenson), surveyor (Mr. J. T. Pears), nuisance inspector (Mr. Jones), and assistant clerk (Mr. Wilkinson).

HIGHWAYS.

The Highways Committee had agreed to allow Messrs. Charlesworth to make a level railway crossing over Thorpe Lane, for use until the Bye Pit is worked out. The tender of Mr. Jos. Armitage of £12 12s 9d, was accepted, for pulling down wall and making alterations in connection with Holmes Street improvement. Tenders for re-building boundary wall at Bell hill were ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Edwards, of the County Council. Mile stones and guide posts throughout the district were to be repainted, and permission given to Mr. Mitchell to make a doorway from Dr. Stevenson's house into Holmes Street.

Mr. Bulmer asked if the Highways Committee were not going to give a report to the Council as to the level crossing of Thorpe Lane.

Mr. T. Oliver said that Mr. G. Armitage at the last meeting demurred somewhat as to this level crossing; there were several level crossings of the sort in that immediate district, and it was thought that one more would not matter very much. They had only given permission until the Bye Pit was worked out, which would be accomplished, perhaps, in about 6 years, but if they had done wrong in allowing it, then the Council should decide to do away with them altogether.

Mr. Stead drew attention to the bad state of the road at the bottom of Stye Bank Lane, in fact it was not safe to travel it, and if a few members of the Highways Committee were put in a heavy cart and taken over it a few times, he thought something would be speedily done to make the road more passable.

Mr. T. Oliver admitted there was ground for complaint in this direction, but to make a good job of it, the old sets wanted taking up, and Mr. Calverley approaching with a view to purchasing a strip of land to widen the narrow part. He would see that the Surveyor was instructed to have the road temporarily repaired, until more permanent repairs could be carried out.

The minutes of the Committee were then confirmed.

SANITARY.

At the Sanitary Committee meeting, a letter was read from Mr. Farrer with respect to the drainage of the Bowling Green Hotel. Mr. Farrer agreed to pay half cost of the construction of drain to the main sewer, and it was ordered that estimates for the work be asked for. The Surveyor was also instructed to inspect the whole of the district, and ascertain where extensions of the sewers were required. Mr. Farrer agreed to pay his proportion of the cost of cleansing the beck in Shaw ditch; it was decided that the beck be cleansed to the corner of Mr. Chapman's property, and as the stream required attention from that point to Church Street, it was arranged that the adjoining owners be approached and asked to contribute their proportion of the expense.

The minutes were confirmed.

HEALTH REPORT.

The Medical Officer reported that during the past four weeks, there had been in the district 36 births (19 males and 17 females); 21 in Rothwell (13 males and 8 females), and 15 in Lofthouse and Carlton (6 males and 9 females). There had likewise been 12 deaths (5 males and 7 females), 5 in Rothwell (3 males and 2 females), and 7 in Lofthouse and Carlton (2 males and 5 females). One death was due to typhoid fever. There had also been notified 21 cases of infectious disease, 2 of typhoid fever and 19 of scarlet fever. The cases of typhoid occurred in Perseverance Street, Stourton, (fatal and reported in the deaths) and at Carlton. The scarlet fever cases were located as follows:—5 at Pleasant View, Rothwell Haigh, 3 at Stourton, 2 at West Fields, 2 at Carlton, 2 at Ouzlewell Green, 2 at Spurr Row, 2 at John O'Gaunts, and 1 at Lofthouse.

WATERWORKS.

The Waterworks Committee had decided to lay 70 yards of main pipes in Meynell Avenue, and that the work of laying the pipes on Jaw Bones Lane be done by the Council's workmen. The consumption of water was reported as follows:—Rothwell, 102,000 gallons against 115,000; Stourton, 22,000 against 25,000, and Thorpe 80,000 against 80,000.

LAMPS AND GAS.

The Lamps and Gas Committee accepted the offer of the Leeds Corporation to supply the Stourton lamps with an additional foot of gas per lamp for 8s 1d per lamp, per annum. The Committee also proposed to erect 9 lamps in Lofthouse Lane, so as to connect the Carlton and Lofthouse lamps; 11 in Woodlesford Lane, so as to meet those belonging to the Hunslet Rural District Council; 2 in Meynell Avenue, and 10 on the Leeds and Wakefield road, to make the lighting continuous from Jaw Bones to the Far Haigh. They also recommended that the lighting season begin a fortnight earlier, (the 15th August instead of the 1st. Sept). The Rothwell Gas Light Company were also to be asked to submit their prices.

Mr. Harrison, in proposing the confirmation of the minutes, said that there was a strong feeling in the district that Lofthouse Lane should be lighted, as the residents concerned, thought they had as much claim for that district being completed, as the Carlton people for being connected right down to Rothwell. The Meynell Avenue lighting, of course, was understood; the road to Woodlesford was much frequented, and the Hunslet Rural District Council were willing to light up their portion. It had also been thought advisable to complete the lighting of the Leeds and Wakefield road. As to Stourton, it was a well known fact that Stourton had long been the worst lighted part of the Council's area. The annual cost of the 32 additional lamps was estimated at £56, and the extra foot at Stourton £16, a total annual cost of £72. The capital cost would be about £88, but this, he thought, should be supplied out of the loan account. The estimated cost incurred by the Committee had been £600, but they did not spend this amount last year, only running to £517. In order to finish the lighting of the district for some years, he trusted the Council would allow them to go to the amount of their estimate, and allow this scheme to be approved.

Mr. Nichols seconded the resolution.

Mr. T. Oliver: What about Lofthouse hill?

Mr. Harrison: It was before the Committee some time ago, but at that time the adjoining Council was not an urban authority; when they were made into an urban Council it was thought we might meet them and finish that part of the district.

Mr. J. Hargreaves said he had no objection to the 9 more lamps on the Lofthouse and Wakefield road, but he did object to Lofthouse Lane being lighted; as to Woodlesford Lane, he could not see any more reason for lighting that up than there was to light Pontefract road up to their boundary, and get it lighted through to Pontefract. There was no need, he thought, to light up both roads to Woodlesford station. Besides these lighting schemes there were highway improvements they wanted carrying out (Stye Bank Lane for instance, which was more important than the lighting of Carlton to Lofthouse). So far as he could judge the Committee's proposal was exhorbitant, and in its entirety he could not promise the Chairman his support

Mr. J. Oliver: What distance do you propose putting the lamps?

Mr. Harrison: The same as the others.

Mr Nichols thought Mr. Harrison had made the Council think it was a big scheme, by speaking at such length; he had spoken half-an-hour too long (laughter), and might have gained his end better if he had not entered into such detail.

In answer to a question it was remarked that the extension of the season would mean an additional cost of about £10.

Mr J Armitage spoke in opposition; it had been said, he remarked, that this proposal, if passed, was to complete the lighting of the district for some time; he would like to know what about Leadwell Lane, Thorpe to Lofthouse, Thorpe to Langwell Gate, and the main road from Robin Hood to Ardsley station. It was at the best only a partial completion.

As an amendment, Mr. J. Hargreaves proposed that the minutes be confirmed, with the exception of the lighting of Lofthouse and Woodlesford Lanes.

Mr. Harrison said that in his opinion the lighting up of the turn-pikes was a mistake from beginning to end, only one class of people got the benefit, and they were those who didn't pay any rates in the district. The public said the Council would put up lamps in Grime Slack to benefit those who were driving, but they would not light up the lanes where the bulk of the people had to walk. People came in from Woodlesford to market, and he supposed they were there to do their best to bring trade to the town. It had been said that Thorpe Lane wanted lighting up, he contended there was not one person came along that lane, to 20 who used Lofthouse Lane. It was anything but fair to the Gas Committee to approve of their estimate of £600, and then not allow them to spend it. Rothwell was worse lighted comparatively than any other village in Yorkshire.

Mr. J. Armitage: That is not so.

Mr. Harrison: I say it is.

Mr. J. Armitage: Then they have not gas.

Mr. Harrison: I say they have gas. If this scheme is not passed, while I remain on the Committee the estimate shall be brought down £100. I will not be a party to ask for more money than we are allowed to spend.

Mr. J. Armitage: I don't think there is a lamp in either Stanley or Outwood.

Mr. Harrison: They have only been an Urban Council ten minutes.

Mr. J. Armitage: But they have been a Rural Council long enough.

Mr. Harrison: They were under a party that didn't find them anything like what they wanted. If you were satisfied with the Rural District Council, why did you ask to come to Rothwell.

Mr. T. Oliver: Mr. Beaumont promised to put us lamps up.

Mr. Harrison: That was in order to keep you.

The Chairman here ruled the discussion at an end, and put the question to the vote, when Messrs. Abbishaw, J. Oliver, J. Armitage, J. Hargreaves, T. Oliver, and Smith voted for the amendment; against Messrs. Harrison, Stead, Bulmer, and Nichols. The amendment was therefore declared carried.

FINANCE.

It was reported by the Finance Committee that the total receipts on behalf of private streets repair at Stourton amounted to £1721 5s 9d, there being still £504 15s 8d. to pay.

Accounts amounting to £1661 12s 11d were passed for payment.

BUILDINGS.

The following plans were approved;—for house at Robin Hood, by Mr. H. Hartley; for timber drying shed, by Mr. Walter Copley; for the alteration of the Stourton co-operative stores; and for 2 sheds at Carlton, by Mr. R. Marshall. It was decided in connection with Mr. G. Todd's plans for a house in Commercial Street, to ask him to make a door at the back, so as to make it a dwelling house. Plans for alteration and addition to house at Royds Green by Mr. Calverley, were disapproved.

Mr. J. Abbishaw drew attention to what he thought was an encroachment on the highway or common land at Thorpe, by Messrs. Armitage. by the erection of several dwelling houses at the junction of the road leading to Ardsley station; on examining the plans and the ordnance map, he expressed himself satisfied, the fence evidently being more irregular than what he had supposed.

WOODEN ERECTIONS

Mr. Bulmer had given verbal notice to the clerk to bring forward this question, but as the notice was not submitted in writing, the chairman ruled it out of order.

RESIGNATION

A letter was read from Mr. Cyril Sykes, member for Lofthouse, who, on account of not being able to attend the meetings regularly, and anticipating a lengthy absence from the district, asked his colleagues to accept his resignation.

The Clerk said nothing could be done in the matter at that meeting.

NOTICE

Mr. Bulmer gave notice to propose at next meeting a motion on the Housing of the Working Classes Act.

STOURTON WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Very successful anniversary services in connection with the above school took place on Sunday last. The Rev. J. Gibson, of Batley, was the preacher, who also conducted a scholars' service in the afternoon. The Whitsuntide hymns were sung, accompanied by a string band, of which Mr. T. W. Crossland is conductor. The performers included Messrs. J. Howarth, T. Hampson, J. Taylor, J Wormald, J. E. Wormald, P. Collier, W. Dyson, and S. Ashworth. On Monday the Rev. N. W. Thomlinson, of Wesley Mission, preached in the afternoon, and after the service a public tea was provided in the schoolroom, to which a good company sat down. In the evening a public meeting was held, presided over by Mr. J Fatkin in the absence of Councillor Walter Hargreaves, of Rothwell Haigh. The Rev. N. W. Thomlinson delivered a capital address on Sunday School work, specially emphasising the need of personal concern for the salvation of the children, diligent preparation of the lessons, the need for shrewd judgement, common sense, and loving patience, and above all the winning of the love and respect of the scholars. Mr. Wesley, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Webb, read the financial statement, which showed a balance on the right side. Rev. E. Greening, of the Baptist Tabernacle, Hunslet, gave a very encouraging address, pointing out the advisablity of leading the child to Christ in tender years, by the co-operation of the parents in the home and the teachers in the school. Remarks befitting the occasion were also made by the senior superintendent, Mr. A. Webber. A vote of thanks passed to the friends for so kindly assisting in the services, brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

ROTHWELL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

The ordinary meeting of the above Board was held on Friday evening; present—Messrs. A. Batty (chairman), T. Park, J. Elstob, J. Butterick, Rev. J. A. Alderson, B. Richardson and W. Lunn, with the clerk (Mr. Marshall), and attendance officer (Mr. Denton).

The minutes of various Board and Committee meetings were read and confirmed.

ATTENDANCE.

Several parents had come before the Committees at Rothwell and at Stourton, and their cases were satisfactorily dealt with. There were, however, other parents charged with neglecting to send their children regularly to school, on whom final notices will now be served, and summonses taken out, unless improved. At Stourton there is considerable sickness; there are also about a dozen irregular attenders living in the Leeds district, who have been reported to the Leeds School Board.

RAISING THE STANDARD.

In reference to the resolution carried at last meeting, to raise the standard of total exemption for school attendance, from the fifth to the sixth, the Clerk asked for instructions to carry out the necessary legal forms. These, he explained, require the approval of the Department to above alteration; the deposit of a copy of the revised Bye laws at the Board's office for one month, with a public notice that they are so deposited; and the formal approval of the Education Department, of the amended Bye-laws.

In reply to the question, what is meant by having 'reached' a certain standard, the Clerk referred the Board to the Education Act, 1870, in which a note explains that "The words 'reached a standard' are interpreted by the Education Department as meaning passed in the three subjects in that standard." It would therefore be necessary under the new Bye-law, that before a child under 13 can obtain a Labour certificate, he must pass in the Sixth Standard in reading, writing and arithmetic.

Mr. Lunn proposed and the Chairman seconded, that the Clerk be instructed to carry out the legal formalities for amending the Board's Bye-laws as above; there were three in favour, including Mr. Richardson. Mr. Butterick and the Rev J A. Alderson were against; Mr. Park and Mr. Elstob neutral.

It was pointed out that as Mr. Robson's Bill preventing children leaving school until 12 years of age, will become the law on January 1st next, it will practically amount to the same thing as the amended Bye-law.

THE NEW SCHOOLS.

The Clerk reported having received the approval of the Education Department to the plans and specification for the new buildings, and that he had also applied to the Public Works Loan Board for the loan of £2000 for 30 years at 2¾ per cent interest, furnishing that Board with a lengthy list of answers to questions asked on the subject.

It was hoped that work would be commenced on the ground this week.

FAIR CONTRACTS.

A letter was read from the committee of the Rothwell Branch of the Yorkshire Miners' Association strongly objecting to the action of the Board in not stipulating that all contractors working in the new schools shall pay the Trades Union rate of wages.

Mr. Lunn proposed "that we acknowledge the letter from the Rothwell Miners' Branch Yorkshire Miners' Association *re* Fair Contracts, and express our regret that circumstances should have arisen to have called for such a letter, but promise that something shall be done, if possible, to remedy the deliberate mistake."

Mr. Richardson said he was prepared to second the resolution with certain alterations

This, of course, could not be accepted, unless Mr. Lunn was willing, and after some irregular conversation, the subject dropped.

Mr. Lunn then asked if he was to understand that the resolution as to fair contracts passed by the preceding Board, was now of non-effect?

The Chairman: Is a following Board bound by any action a previous board may take on any question?

The Clerk: Mr. Lunn says the resolution referred to has been over-ridden; if it is not in force, the simplest way is to propose another similar resolution.

Mr. Lunn: I take it that the previous resolution is practically dead, and will give notice to propose a resolution on the fair contract question at next meeting.

ALLEGED INSANITARY SURROUNDINGS AT THE TEMPORARY SCHOOL PREMISES.

Mr. Lunn drew attention to the temporary school premises in Butcher Lane (the Wesleyan School), and said that a portion of the playground had been boarded off. Damp clothes too were hung out to dry frequently, and this he considered was not healthy for the children who had to play under them. He could not advise parents to send their children to school under such conditions, and he thought the Board should ask the Trustees not to let such conditions obtain in the future.

Mr. Butterick said the trustees were giving the best accommodation they could under the circumstances. Building operations were now in progress and a part of the playground had been boarded off, not for the convenience of the contractors but for the safety of the Board School children. He maintained that there was a fairly good playground left after all; there was no other place for the chapel keeper to dry her clothes; if the Board was dissatisfied he would recommend them to change the place. He did not think that the clothes were hung out so frequently as Mr. Lunn would have them suppose, and promised to look into the matter.

THE INFIRMARY COMMITTEE.

A deputation, consisting of Messrs Rodley and Jones, attended from the Rothwell Infirmary Demonstration Committee, to ask for the use of a Committee room during the next month or two. On the motion of Mr. Butterick and Mr. Park, the privilege was freely granted, on condition the caretaker received something for his extra trouble.

ROTHWELL HAIGH EVENING SCHOOL.

The following report has been received on this school,—"Mr. White bestows considerable care and energy on the teaching, and the boys are in good order."

	£	s.
The Fixed Grant for 329 attendances reading, writing and arithmetic comes to	16	9
The Variable Grant is ...	14	17
	£31	5
Deduction (Article 17) ...	2	8
	£28	17
25 boys Drawing Grant at 1/9	2	3
Total Grant ...	£31	1

THE TEACHERS.

It was gratifying to learn that Mr. Nicholson and Miss Sugden, who have both been seriously ill, are restored to health and at school again.

A letter was read from Miss Massey, who has been a most faithful and efficient teacher for twelve years, tendering her resignation at Stourton. In accepting the notice, the members expressed much regret at losing so excellent a teacher, and instructions were given to forward her a suitable testimonial.

Owing to ill-health, Miss Ada Gomersall has found it necessary to resign her appointment as assistant teacher at Stourton, and her resignation was also accepted with regret.

Miss Agnes Gomersal wrote asking for an increase in her salary, and Mr. Lunn gave notice that he would move next meeting to make it £50 a year.

The Clerk reported having appointed Miss Alice E. Johnson on the Rothwell Infants' school staff, at £45 a year, as per advertisement, and that she commenced duty on the 3rd July. On the motion of Mr. Butterick and the Chairman, the Clerk's action was confirmed.

By direction of the Board, testimonials were to be prepared to the efficiency and faithful service of Miss H. M. Stead and Miss Bertha Kirkby, both of whom were scholars in the schools, and have gained good places in the Scholarship Examination.

It was resolved to advertise for Article 50 teachers to supply the vacancies at Stourton schools, at a salary of £50.

In consequence of Mr. Martin losing the benefit of his garden and poultry run, the Board decided to allow him house gas as compensation.

SCHOOL FOR BLIND AND DEAF.

The Chairman said the Clerk and he had been honoured with an invitation to attend the formal opening of the new Home and schools for the Blind and Deaf, recently erected in Blenheim Walk, Leeds. The event was a most interesting and enjoyable one, the proceedings being directed by G. J. Cockburn, Esq., (chairman of the Leeds School Board), while the buildings were opened with an appropriate speech by Mrs. Fawcett, (widow of the late highly-esteemed Professor Fawcett, Postmaster General). The visitors were conducted over the handsome and perfectly adapted buildings, and had an opportunity of seeing the work done by the children, and also of observing the process of teaching the blind and the deaf. The Clerk also remarked on the very clever work done, and the sharpness with which the deaf children understood the lip-movements of the teacher.

FINANCE.

The amount in hand last month was £142 17s 10d, besides which the Overseers have paid in £250, and the Rothwell Haigh Evening School grant £31 1s 3d, has been received, making £423 19s 1d. Accounts paid last month reached £274 3s 10d, so that £149 15s 3d remains in hand.

The Rev. J. A. Alderson then moved the payment of the following accounts and salaries; seconded by Mr. Butterick, and carried:—

	£	s.	d.
Rothwell Haigh Salaries ..	73	19	0
Rothwell " ..	77	4	10
Leeds School Board ..	8	0	0
J. W. Bulmer ..	5	10	0
Yorkshire School of Cookery	4	10	0
Jos. Stead ..	1	9	0
W. Denton ..	2	10	0
Jos. Harrison ..		11	9
Baines & Sons ..	1	3	0
'Yorkshire Post' ..	1	3	0
Marshall & Co. ..	3	3	6
S. Tuley ..	3	2	4
W. S. Latham 'Schoolmaster'	1	5	0

MISCELLANEOUS.

The annual examination for Pupil teachers and candidates will be held in Hunslet Lane Board School, on October 14th., 1899, at nine o'clock in the morning.

A circular was read from the West Ham Town Council, enclosing copy of a petition presented to Parliament on National Old Age Pensions and Education, with a request for the Board's support. The main idea is that the whole cost of educating the young, and maintaining the aged and infirm, should be drawn directly from the surplus wealth of the nation. The principal new source of income for these purposes is a graduated tax on all incomes over £1000, those of £1500 paying at 8d in the £; those of £2000, 9d; of £3000, 10d; and so on up to 240d on every £ of income. It was suggested also to increase the estate duty on a graduated scale on all estates of deceased persons from £10,000. Mr. Lunn proposed to support the petition, but there was no seconder.

A circular had also been received from the Association of School Boards, asking the Board's support against an amendment proposed in the Board of Education Bill, whereby powers would be granted to County Councils, to order and pay for the inspection of secondary schools. The Chairman was strongly against the power of directing secondary education passing into the hands of County Councils, and moved that Mr. Pickard, M.P. for this division, be asked to assist in opposing this amendment. This was seconded by Mr. Butterick, and carried.

It was agreed that the schools break up for holidays on Thursday afternoon, August 3rd., for three weeks.

It was also arranged that the school has holiday on Monday afternoon, Sept. 4th, the Demonstration day.

It was decided to erect a dry ash pit at Stourton, to take the place of the dust bin at present in use.

A MOST DELICIOUS LEMONADE

Eiffel Tower Lemonade is made from the finest lemons, and the great advantage is that it is partly manufactured in Italy in the midst of the lemon orchards. The lemons are taken direct from the trees to the factory to commence their transformation into Eiffel Tower Lemonade. A 4½d bottle of Eiffel Tower Lemonade makes 2 gallons of delicious Lemonade. If you cannot get it from your Grocer, send 4½d. to G. Foster Clark & Co., 3650, Eiffel Tower Factory, Maidstone, for a bottle.

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Knight (vice-chairman) presided at the meeting of the above Council, on Wednesday afternoon, at Glasshouse Street, Hunslet. The other members in attendance were the Rev. A. J. Irvin, Mr. Fryer and Mr. Tomlinson (newly appointed member for Thorpe Stapleton), with the clerk (Mr. Pindar) and medical officer (Dr. Buck).

Before reading the minutes the Clerk read a letter from the Chairman regretting his inability to be present.

The minutes of the last ordinary and a special meeting were read and confirmed.

NEW MEMBER FOR THORPE STAPLETON.

Owing to the vacancy which occurred through the non-compliance of Mr. Grimshaw (the former member) with the regulations for members, a bye-election was announced for the district of Thorpe. Mr. Tomlinson, being the only nominee, was therefore declared elected.

The new member having signed the declaration, the Chairman welcomed him as a member of the Council.

In replying, Mr. Tomlinson said he would try and do his best for the good of the district.

LEEDS CORPORATION BILL.

The Clerk reported that the opposition to the above bill had been entirely successful in getting the objectionable clauses in the bill removed. A new clause had also been inserted that the powers shall not be exercised by Leeds outside their district, unless the local authorities refuse to act, and then only by an order from two justices,

The Chairman congratulated their representatives and their fellow objectors on the success of their mission.

The Clerk said that the County Council assistants had done all they could to help, although they were not compelled to do anything, as it was out of their sphere.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

The Council having some time ago applied for urban powers in connection with certain work, the Local Government Board replied that only under special conditions did they grant such powers. A second letter lately from the Council with a similar object, only elicited a repetition of the former reply and a statement that the Local Government Board could not depart from their usual practice.

Notice of an inquiry regarding the proposed street improvements at Woodlesford, was received. The inquiry is to be held at the Two Pointers' Inn, Woodlesford, on Thursday, the 27th. of July, at 11.15 in the morning.

A tender was received from Mr. G. Briggs, offering to complete the work in connection with the widening of a road at Whitkirk, finding all material (including iron railings), labour, etc., for £18 (equal to about £1 per yard).

The Clerk stated that the owner of the land on the side of the road which would be cut away had been spoken to and was quite willing.

Mr. Fryer thought the work was not worth the money.

Mr. Tomlinson asked if it would not be possible to put back the present thorn hedge instead of having iron railings. He afterwards proposed that the matter be left over until next meeting, enquiries to be made in the meantime.

Mr. Briggs, contractor for the kerbing and flagging at Whitkirk, applied for a payment on account for work done. This was granted.

SANITARY CONGRESS.

The next business was the appointment of a deputation from the Council to the Sanitary Congress which is to be held at Southampton.

On the proposition of Mr. Fryer, seconded by Mr. Tomlinson, it was agreed that the Clerk and Mr. Knight be the deputation,

FIRE-HOSE CART FOR OULTON-WITH-WOODLESFORD.

Mr. Irvin introduced this subject; he said that they had a lot of hose at Woodlesford, but if any fire occurred it would take a long time to get it on the scene and working, as there was nothing to carry it on. He proposed that a fire hose cart similar to those purchased for Templenewsam and Middleton be procured for Oulton and Woodlesford.

Mr. Fryer, in seconding, stated that they had not yet got their cart at Templenewsam, although it was ordered some time ago; he would like to know how it was.

The Clerk replied that he had received a letter from the firm apologising for the delay, they had been so busy lately that it was impossible to get out their orders as promptly as they would like. An exhibition was being held, however, and the Templenewsam cart was entered to be shown, it would be sent on immediately after the exhibition.

It should be some consolation to the people of Templenewsam that in return for their period of waiting they are to receive a brand new exhibition hose cart, which is certain to be replete with everything necessary and well made

The resolution was carried.

THE CLERK'S SALARY.

A notice of motion re the Clerk's salary, stood in the name of Mr. Farrer (the chairman) but he being absent, Mr. Irvin proposed that the resolution to increase the Clerk's salary from £120 to £150 per annum be confirmed. This was cordially seconded by Mr. Fryer and carried.

TEMPLENEWSAM DRAINAGE.

In connection with the above scheme it was thought advisable to take the branch sewer from Mr. Chew's property to join the old main, instead of taking it down Primrose Valley and connecting with the new system. The gradient of this old sewer is at present inadequate for the flow and will have to be relaid, so it was thought that it could be laid at a sufficient level to take the branch sewer from Mr. Chew's property. It would cost about £50.

The Clerk said that they had got the right of road from Mrs. Meynell Ingram, for the work in connection with the scheme.

Mr. Fryer proposed that the plans be amended and the alteration made. The cost to be taken out of the amount borrowed and not out of current rates. Mr. Tomlinson seconded and the motion was carried.

The Clerk, in answer to a question, said that the Local Government Board were only withholding consent to borrow money until the Council complied with their conditions. He had forwarded the required information and anticipated no further delay,

THORPE STAPLETON WATER SUPPLY.

Mr. W. Whitehead made a report on this water supply and stated that nearly all the joints were leaking, in one place 6 consecutive joints were bared and 5 found leaking. He thought the lead had not been heated sufficiently.

Mr. Fryer blamed the overlooker.

The Clerk said that Mr. Gould, of Preston, the contractor, was bound to make all bad places good. His contract did not finish until the work had been tested.

Mr. Goulson, who was overlooker for the work, said he could not account for it in any way, as he paid special attention to the joints. There was no doubt the contractor would scamp his work wherever possible.

Mr. Fryer proposed that the flaws be rectified at once, seconded by Mr. Tomlinson, and carried.

Mr. Fryer said he was now satisfied with Mr. Goulson's explanation and conduct.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It was reported that the Crossgates water supply was quite satisfactory, the pressure in the middle of the day varying from 45 to 70 lbs.

A circular from the West Ham Town Council re Old Age Pensions lay on the table.

In reply to a letter from the Council the Crossgates Gas Company wrote, saying that they had agreed to allow the Council 2½ per cent discount off their gas bill.

Several plans were brought before the Council, none of which complied with the bye-laws. Workmen's requirements were also considered.

OULTON INSTITUTE.

FINAL TIE FOR THE BILLIARDS BICYCLE HANDICAP.

On Monday, the 10th. inst, the billiard room of the above Institute was crowded in every part, as well as outside in front of the Institute, the occasion being the final tie for the Royal Enfield Bicycle (valued at twelve guineas) which had been given through the generosity of Mr. A. I. Greenwood. The contestants were Mr. W. Clegg, of Woodlesford and Mr. P. C. Higgins, of Oulton. Both players had shown capital play all through their ties, and a hard struggle was anticipated. The players were handicapped behind scratch, Clegg owing 160, and Higgins owing 130 in a game of 150 up. Mr. E Boothroyd undertook the responsible position as marker. Higgins began the game amidst loud greeting by playing the plain ball, and giving 1 away to his opponent, who also gave one away. At the beginning Clegg made breaks of 17, 12, and 18, and afterwards the players kept close together till they had rubbed off the scores they owed, when Higgins after careful and steady play, passed his opponent, the scores being Higgins 75, Clegg 23. The next scores called out were Higgins 105, Clegg 96. As the game proceeded, Higgins played coolly and ran out winner by 21 points, totals being Higgins 150, Clegg 129. The winner was loudly cheered, as was also the loser, who had fought hard to win. After the game, those present adjourned to the Harold Hall, where a 'smoker' was held, J. S. Calverley, Esq, president of the Institute, presiding The opening part was a duet by Messrs. Morley and Sharpe, after which came the presentation. Mr. Calverley, on rising, received very hearty applause, and in his remarks said what pleasure it had been to him to be present, and witness such a capital game as that that had just been played. After speaking highly of the winner, who happened to be the son of one of his oldest friends, Mr. B. W. Higgins, and also congratulating the loser on the manly way he had played, handed the bicycle amid great applause to Mr. P. C. Higgins, who responded in a few suitable remarks. Mr. Batt proposed and Mr. Higgins seconded that the best thanks be given to Mr. A. I. Greenwood for his handsome gift, to which he responded, at the same time remarking that another year he would give another. The Rev. E. H. Dykes proposed and Mr. L. E. Greenwood seconded, that the best thanks be given to Mr. Calverley, who had to leave before the proceedings terminated, for the most able manner he had occupied the chair. Mr. Calverley thanked each one for the hearty welcome he had received, and wished one and all good-night. During the evening songs were given by Messrs. H. Clark and W. Brooke (Rothwell), Messrs. L. E. Greenwood, (Woodlesford) and Messrs B. W. Higgins, C. Arnett, J. J. Pringle, and J. T. Morrison, (Oulton), and recitations were given by the Rev. E. H. Dykes and Mr. J. Wilkinson. A most enjoyable evening's proceedings were brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

THE NEW BILLIARD TABLE.

Ever since its introduction, the table at the Mechanics' Institute has been so fully engaged that intending players have had to book for a game hours before they wanted to play, and it has been quite a common thing for persons to go away disappointed. The success of this venture, on the part of the Committee, has been so satisfactory, and the demand for another table so evident, that they decided to purchase the one which was erected on Tuesday, in the Cookery room. The piece of furniture is a new, full size mahogany table, by Hixon & Son, with best Welsh slates, 1¾ inch thick; it is covered with fine West of England cloth, and bordered with new low (frost proof) patent rubber cushions. There is a full set of accessories, the cues being particularly fine. The cost of the table, like the first one, has been defrayed by five pound shares, amongst members of the Institute, for which they will receive a fair percentage. During Tuesday and Wednesday, the shareholders and Committee had the table to themselves; on Thursday morning it was opened for public play, and both the tables are being constantly used, to the pleasure of the players, and the advantage of the Institute.

...low's Soothing Syrup has been used ... of mothers for their children while teething ... It will relieve the poor sufferer ... It is pleasant to taste; it produces natural quiet sleep ... from pain, and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button." Of all Chemists, 1s. 1½d.

CONTRACTING-OUT SCHEME OF MESSRS. J. & J. CHARLESWORTH, LIMITED.

The annual meeting (under the new accident scheme) of Messrs. J. & J. Charlesworth's Rothwell Haigh workpeople, took place at the Mechanics' Institute, on Monday evening last, Mr. Jas. Hargreaves, manager, presiding.

The statement of accounts was read by Mr. Elijah Ward, the secretary, and passed, the following being a summary:—

RENENUE ACCOUNT.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
From the old Mutual Accident Society	2090	10	3
Contributions from members	430	0	0½
Entrance Fees ..	27	15	0
Fines	10	2	0
Contribution from Messrs. J. & J. Charlesworth, Ltd	1290	0	0
Interest from Messrs. Charlesworth ..	75	16	7
	£3924	3	10½

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Disablement pay to full members for 1154 weeks and 1 day at 15/- a week	865	12	6
Disablement pay to half-members for 234 weeks at 7/6 ..	87	15	0
To disabled members at commencement of scheme..	77	19	2
Death pay	200	0	0
Children's benefits at commencement of scheme ..	63	4	0
Grant to disabled member ..	2	0	0
Widows benefits ..	3	5	0
Legal and Medical costs ..	4	4	0
Waggonette hire ..		10	6
Fund at end of year ..	2619	13	8½
Total ...	£3924	3	10½

MANAGEMENT FUND.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Contributions from members ..	430	0	0½

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	84	19	0
Rent (Mechanics) ..	1	19	6
New Books, Printing, Stationery, etc	43	18	0
P. L. Newman, Esq, consultations and advice	1	1	0
Waggonette hire ...		10	0
London Midland & City Bank, 2 cheque books ..		10	0
Balance	297	2	6½
Total ..	£430	0	0½

Number of members on books during the year:—	
Rothwell Haigh ..	1244
Robin Hood ..	523
Newmarket ..	839
	2606
Number of members entitled to bonus—	
Full Members (about) ..	1911
Half- "	256

BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.
Accident Fund ..	2619	13	8½
Management Fund ..	297	2	6½
	£2916	16	3

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.
Investments— Cash in hand with Messrs J. & J. Charlesworth, Ltd	1710	0	7
" " London, Midland & City Bank, No. 1 Benefit fund..	360	14	11
No. 2 Management fund..	304	17	9
No. 3 Children's fund	385	1	10
Contribution due from Messrs. J. & J Charlesworth, Ltd	25	18	8½
	£3001	15	3
Less Salaries, Cheques not drawn from bankers ...	84	14	0
	£2916	16	3

The general meetings at each of the West Yorkshire collieries of the firm were recommended to accept excursion tickets of three shillings, and half-members one shilling and sixpence out of the surplus balance. Mr. J. Charlesworth was re-elected president. A large number of names of watering places were nominated for the trip, Blackpool getting the largest support, and to this place an excursion for the Rothwell Haigh workmen will be arranged as early as possible.

The Newmarket and Robin Hood workmen decided to have their annual excursions to Scarbro and Liverpool respectively.

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.]

I see by a notice hanging on the walls in one of the rooms of the Mechanics' Institute that after borrowing £1050 on the building account, there remains a debt of £15. The gallant spirits who have in hand the business relating to the building fund are anxious to pay off that £15 so as to start clear for fresh enterprises. I note with admiration that our Vicar offers to contribute a guinea, if other friends of the Institute will stand in to make up the balance. Lay members are thus put upon their mettle. If the Vicar, with so many calls upon his purse in parochial work takes the lead in outside affairs of this kind surely the local friends to whom one or more guineas is of slight consideration will not remain indifferent. Although scribes in the "letter box" are not as a rule gifted with the ability to subscribe themselves, yet, on behalf of this laudable object I have already intimated to our respected vicar, he may count on a second guinea—thus reducing the paltry debt on building account to thirteen guineas. The ordinary members of the Institute would be well advised to take the matter up on the instant and clear off the debt. I would like to suggest that every member of the Institute rich and poor alike join in the effort with their shillings and guineas to wipe off this balance. It would be little less than a reproach on the liberal instinct of the village if this appeal so pointedly made was neglected.

Subscriptions may be sent to the Vicar or to Mr. Morton, the secretary of the Institute.

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Other "Letter Box" paragraphs concerning the Rothwell Infirmary Demonstration are held over till next week.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected COCOA, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette*.—Made simply with boiling water or milk.—Sold only in packets and pound tins, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & Co., Ltd., Homoeopathic Chemists, London."

WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

The 155th. Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church opened in Wesley's Chapel, London, on Tuesday morning; nearly a thousand ministers were present, when the retiring president, Rev. H. P. Hughes, took the chair. The principal event of the day was the election of President, the Rev. Fred W. Macdonald being chosen, as everyone expected, 389 votes being given for him, 121 and 56 votes being cast for the second and third names proposed. Mr. Macdonald's father, the Rev. G. B. Macdonald, has preached frequently at Rothwell, some 50 years ago, when stationed at Wakefield. The new president is highly connected, his sisters having married, one Sir Edward Burne-Jones; another, the present president of the Royal Academy; another was mother of the world-renowned Rudyard Kipling.

LEEDS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

FIELD DAY AT CARLTON.

The Educational Committee of the above Society carried out a big programme at Carlton, on Saturday last, when over a thousand children were entertained to tea in the open-air, followed by other attractions for up-grown people. It is well known that the Educational Committee, who receive three-quarters of the profit made by the society for propaganda work, have for years done good service by organising lectures, establishing libraries &c, and now that the funds at their disposal are becoming larger, it was decided to venture on a new departure, by catering in a measure for the enjoyment and recreation of the children, and any one seeing the immense gathering on Saturday afternoon, could not but acknowledge that their efforts in this direction were eminently successful and greatly appreciated. Over a thousand tickets were served out to the members' children at Rothwell, Carlton, Lofthouse, Ouzlewell Green, and Oulton and Woodlesford, and in good time in the afternoon these assembled in the old cricket field, Carlton, kindly lent by Councillor T. Oliver. The weather was everything that could be desired, and after playing games, &c, during the afternoon, the children were served with a substantial bun tea. For the adults, tea was provided in the Board Schools, to which over 300 sat down. In the evening, an open-air meeting took place, when speeches on co-operation, and its productive and distributive aspects, were delivered by the chairman, Mr. C. E. Thornton, Mr. J. Exley and Councillor J. Tetley. The proceedings were enlivened by music supplied by the Carlton Temperance Band. All the arrangements passed off satisfactorily, and the gathering broke up with pleasant memories, and expressions that the gathering might become an annual institution.

WE MUST STOP AT HOME.

These lines are written on a cold, blusterous day in March. The wind is twisting the trees in the garden and banging the windows and doors like a choleric old landlord in a hurry for his rent. I keep stirring up the fire every few minutes, but all the same the chills creep down my spine and up my legs as if they were getting me ready for a visit from the influenza or pneumonia. The sky is the colour of a Quaker coat, and vagabond snow squalls whirl through the air as though they were hunting for people who are out without a licence or an ulster.

In two words, it is vile, mean weather; and if I could have my way I should pack my bag in a jiffy and be off for the tail end of Italy by to-night's tidal train, and not show up in England again before the middle of May.

But there's where it is. I can't go. I'm stuck fast here. I've got to work. As St. Paul puts it, "Necessity is laid upon me"—the necessity of earning £ s. d. to meet current expenses. The fellows with plenty of money in the bank are free to skip off to Nice, Mentone, or Africa, and bake themselves in the sunshine, but I am booked to stop at home, poke at the fire, and fight the weather. Ah! gracious me; how much easier life would slip along if we could only have our own way.

In that case, for example, Mrs. Lambourne, of Eynsham, might have lived so as to avoid the trouble which made her its victim in June, 1891. It was not the weather that lay at the bottom of it, but the thousand things which compose the existence of the great crowd of us—labour, worry, responsibility, and monotony, among them. If she could have got clear of these when young and kept clear of them—but why talk? We all know how it is.

This woman, like faithful millions besides her, plodded away and did her duty until she broke down. Strength failed and weakness took its place. She was low and languid. The least exertion brought on a perspiration as if she had been out in the rain. Her eyes and face went yellow, and a horrible sinking feeling weighed her down.

Her tongue was thickly furred; she had a nasty taste in the mouth and was continually spitting up a sour froth. Eat she could not—even a few mouthfuls giving her pains in the stomach, the chest, and, in fact, half over her body. The kidney secretion was in a terrible state—almost black and voided with difficulty. Sweats at night, too, the poor lady had. You might have wrung water out of her linen. It looked like consumption, but happily it was not.

She grew so weak she held on to the furniture as she tottered across the room. And nervous! Why, she *worried over the ticking of the clock.* The doctor said it was her liver, and, in part, anyway, he was right. But he failed to help her.

In September, 1891, she began attending the Oxford Infirmary as an out-patient; and continued for six weeks. But nothing came of it. In January, 1892, she had influenza, which left her so weak that she thought she was going to die. She had to battle for her breath, and her pulse beat as if it would burst the skin. From a big, stout woman she had shrunk until you might have picked her up in your arms like a baby.

"This was the condition I was in at Whitsuntide, 1893," she says. "Then a lady who was on a visit to our village came to see me. Taking notice (who could help it?) of how bad I was she said she believed she knew a medicine that would do me good—namely, Mother Seigel's Syrup. On this she told what wonders it had done for others handled as I was. In short, she inspired me with hope and faith in it.

"Indeed, she did more; she went herself to Messrs. Sawyer and Sons, the grocers, and bought me a bottle. It did me good, as the lady promised. In a few days I was better; I could eat a bit, and digested it. To be brief, Mother Seigel's Syrup soon got me out of bed, and in a short time it had me sound and well. *Thank God for this medicine and the good messenger he sent to make it known to me.* I want to tell others about it, and that is why I write this letter and am willing to have it published."—(Signed) (Mrs.) ANN LAMBOURNE, Newland Street, Eynsham, Oxford.

Is not that good reading? In very truth it is; reading to cheer us up. We can't all have our own way and run when the wild winds blow and disease invades. But we can stop where we are and get well—which is even better sometimes. Try Mother Seigel's Syrup.

CRICKET.

OULTON DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Results up to date.	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	D'wn.	Pts
Oulton	11	7	1	3	17
Middleton Park..	11	5	2	4	14
Altofts W Riding	11	4	3	4	12
Rothwell	11	4	3	4	12
Whitwood	11	5	4	2	12
Carlton	11	2	4	5	9
Lofthouse	11	2	5	4	8
Methley	11	1	8	2	4

HENRY HODSON, Woodlesford, Sec.

CARLTON v. ROTHWELL.
Played at Carlton on Saturday last

Carlton	
S Ely, lbw b J W Chadwick	10
A Thackrah, c Dobson b Richardson	26
J Speake, run out	3
G Darlington, c Morgan b Chadwick	4
T Ward, b J W Chadwick.........	10
A Newton, b J Walker...........	2
H Rinder, c Fox b Walker.......	16
J Newton, c Dobson senr. b Chadwk	12
E Ward, not out	23
W Smith, st. H Dacre b Chadwick	10
W Holroyd, not out	8
Extras	14
Total for 9 wkts......	138

Innings declared.

Rothwell.	
W E Richardson, c Ely b W Holroyd	16
H Dacre, lbw b J Newton	2
T Dobson, senr. b W Smith......	2
R Whitehead, b S Ely...........	11
J Walker, not out..............	11
H Morgan, b W Smith	7
T Dobson, junr. run out	4
H Wormald, not out	0
Extras	8
Total for 6 wkts...	61

Bowling Analysis—Rothwell:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
H Morgan	13	4	21	0	.21
J W Chadwick ..	20	2	58	5	11.3
Joe Walker	15	2	26	2	13.
W Richardson ..	4	0	13	1	13.
T Dobson senr...	3	0	6	0	.6

Bowling Analysis—Carlton:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
Jas Newton......	9	3	10	1	10
W Smith	11	4	11	2	5 1
Ellis Ward	5	0	11	0	.11
A Newton	4	1	3	0	.3
S Ely	6	1	12	1	12.
W Holroyd........	7	4	4	1	4.
H Rinder	3	2	1	0	.1
J Speak	1	0	1	0	.1

OULTON v. WHITWOOD.
Played at Whitwood on Saturday last.

Oulton.	
E Boothroyd, c Barrett b Jackson..	16
J Jeffrey, st. Dawson b Jackson....	13
E A Higgins, c Dawson b Baker..	28
L Greenwood, c Plimmer b Overton	7
H Mitchell, c Ward b Baker.......	4
H W Higgins, b Overton...........	1
W Smith, b Overton...............	0
W Inman, b Overton...............	5
F Killingbeck, c Baker b Rayner...	14
C Briggs, c Overton b Ward.......	26
W Parkinson, not out	0
Extras	7
Total..................	120

Whitwood.	
J Rayner, b Greenwood	8
W Barrett, b H W Higgins	14
A Ward, lbw b Greenwood........	5
F Procter, b Greenwood	29
E Plimmer, b Greenwood	12
C Overton, c Mitchell b Greenwood	15
J Jackson, c Mitchell b W Higgins	11
J Dawson, b Greenwood..........	0
J Tolson, not out..............	7
I Cox, b H W Higgins...........	0
C Baker, lbw b H W Higgins	2
Extras	12
Total..................	115

Bowling Analysis—Whitwood:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
Rayner.........	9	3	19	1	19.
Jackson	9	1	26	2	13.
C Baker	13	1	24	2	12.
C Overton	9	2	24	4	6.
A Ward	3.2	0	20	1	20.

Bowling Analysis—Oulton:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
L E Greenwood..	21	10	36	6	6.
E A Higgins....	7	0	26	0	.26
H W Higgins....	11.3	1	32	4	8.
C Briggs	2	0	9	0	.9

ROTHWELL PARISH CHURCH v. STOURTON ST. ANDREWS,
Played at Rothwell on Saturday last

Rothwell Parish.	
Tiffany, b A Chadwick..........	1
Hargreaves, b H Puffett........	0
G Kale, c Westmoreland b H Puffett	2
J H Drew, b H Puffett..........	0
Bedford, b H Puffett...........	10
Ward, c Barker b H Puffett.....	14
Moss, b J Chadwick.............	6
Lunn, c and b H Puffett........	5
Woodhead, not out	9
Killarney, b J Chadwick	1
Hudson, b J Chadwick	3
Extras	6
Total	57

Stourton.	
A Chadwick, b Drew.............	5
J Chadwick, b Drew.............	11
H Puffett b Moss...............	2
F Puffett, lbw b Drew..........	15
A Leathley, b Kale.............	7
R Mann, b Drew.................	0
A Barker, b Kale	0
E Westmoreland, c Woodhead.....	0
A Cosway, not out..............	0
W Dutton, b Drew...............	0
G Underwood, b Kale	0
Extras	7
Total	47

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN v. FEATHERSTONE TRADESMEN.
Played at Rothwell on Wednesday last

Rothwell Tradesmen	
Richardson, c France b Hutchinson	9
H Wormald, c and b Hutchinson..	10
E Milner, c and b Hutchinson....	4
J Stead, c G Johnson b Hutchinson	0
J Walker, c Calvert b Baddiley....	56
O Wilkinson, run out	0
H Dacre, c France b Baddiley.....	32
R Whitehead, b Baddiley	6
Dr. Haigh, c G Johnson b Baddiley	0
T Hampson, bowled Baddiley......	2
G Fowler, not out...............	0
Extras	6
Total.........	125

Featherstone.	
G Baddiley, b Wilkinson	41
R Johnson, b Hampson...........	13
W H Johnson, b Wilkinson	6
E France, c Wilkinson b Milner..	11
H Polkinhorne, not out	1
R Johnson, c Wilkinson b Richardson	3
E Calvert, b Walker	3
H Jordan, c and b Wilkinson....	3
J Hutchinson, b Walker.........	1
G Johnson, c Wilkinson b Richardson	17
F Morgan, b Walker	0
Extras	10
Total	108

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ROTHWELL REVELLERS v. HONLEY.
Played at Honley on Tuesday last

Rothwell.	
W E Richardson, st. Oldfield b Hirst	12
M Fowler, b Hirst...............	0
E Milner, b Shaw................	0
H Clark, c Hirst b Shaw.........	19
J Walker, c Messenger b Hirst...	5
A H Brook, c Oldfield b Hirst....	2
H Morgan, st. Oldfield b Shaw ...	3
Dr. Buck, b Hirst...............	0
H Wormald, b Hirst..............	5
W Copley, st. Oldfield b Shaw....	3
A Batty, not out................	0
H Atkinson, c Field b Hirst......	7
Extras	4
Total..............	60

Honley.	
T Oldfield, b E Milner..........	3
J R Field, b E Milner...........	20
H France, b H Clark.............	27
H Hirst, not out................	51
A Chambers, c Atkinson b Dr Buck	26
A Shaw, retired	53
T Avison, c M Fowler b Dr. Buck	0
J Messenger, st. Copley b E Milner	7
F Shaw, b J Walker..............	12
G W Oldfield, b E Milner........	1
H Beaumont, b E Milner..........	0
G Borwell, not out..............	0
Extras	8
Total for 10 wkts	208

ROTHWELL 2nd. v. CARLTON 2nd.
Played at Rothwell on Saturday last

Carlton 2nd.	
R Brown, run out	1
Slimmons, b R N Lunn	4
T Brown, not out...............	4
C Ward, c J W Smith b J Lunn...	5
H Newton, c Turner b J Lunn....	0
S Nunns, c Spurr b R N Lunn	0
H Smith, b J Lunn..............	4
Askin, c Greenwood b J Lunn....	3
J Illingworth, b R N Lunn......	4
W Mitchell, b J Lunn	0
G Turner, b W Spurr	0
Extras	8
Total...........	34

Rothwell 2nd.	
R N Lunn, c R Brown b Illingworth	33
G Turner, b R Brown............	2
W Bedford, b Illingworth.......	26
W Spurr, not out	13
J Smith, b Illingworth.........	0
Sidebottom, b Nunns	5
Greenwood, not out.............	0
Extras	3
Total for 5 wkts ...	83

J Lunn took 5 wkts for 8 runs, R N Lunn 3 wkts for 14 runs and W Spurr 1 wkt for 0 runs.

"CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR" SOCIETY.

The first anniversary of the Rothwell Branch of this Society, was celebrated with outdoor festivity and indoor meetings on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the proceedings taking place on the Primitive Methodist premises. On Saturday, contingents from 12 other branches came in from Leeds, Wakefield, and nearer places, and attended at three o'clock, when the Rev. D. C. Cooper, of Wakefield, read a paper on "Christian Endeavour work." After tea a public meeting was held, presided over by Mr. A. J. Lowe, and addressed by Revs. D. C. Cooper, J. Jopling, and J. A. Alderson.

On Sunday, suitable sermons were preached by the Rev. J. Jopling, and in the afternoon a service of song "Crucifixion of Phillip Strong," was read by Mr. McBurney, the musical items being rendered by the choir, under Mr. Harris, and Mr. Bramley (organist).

On Monday, the Rev. J. Jopling gave an excellent lecture on "Christian Socialism;" and while accepting many of the dogmas attributed to Socialism, he pointed out how impracticable and fallacious their objects are, except so far as they are founded on a radical change in a man's heart and life. The Rev. J. A. Alderson presided, and a few questions were asked and answered.

The whole affair passed off successfully and the collections, etc., were good.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending July 15th, 1899, is £255; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £225, thus showing increase of £30. For the 2 weeks ending July 15th, the return is £490, against £506 for the corresponding period last year, an decrease of £16.

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DEATHS.

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Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley

Friday, July 28, 1899.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INQUIRY AT WOODLESFORD.

PROPOSED STREET IMPROVEMENT.

Colonel C. H. Luard, R.E., Inspector under the Local Government Board, held an inquiry yesterday morning, at the Two Pointers' Inn, Woodlesford, into the proposals of the Hunslet Rural District Council to borrow £700 for the purpose of effecting a desirable street improvement in Church Street and Station road, Woodlesford. Besides the inspector, there were also present Mr. W. B. Pindar (clerk), Mr. Whitehead (inspector), Rev. A. J. E. Irvin, of the Hunslet Council, Mr. J. Cockerham, Mr. Hullah, Mr. B. W. Higgins, Mr Weddall, Mr. King, Mr. Poole, Mr. Brooke-Hunt, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. R. J. Smith, and Mr. Parkin.

After reading the notice of Inquiry, Mr. Pindar said the improvement the Council was seeking to carry out was one that had been thought of for many years, even so far back as October, 1887, the Council or Sanitary Authority obtaining an order from the Local Government Board, to execute the necessary work. At that time, however, no active steps were taken to put the order into effect, as the cost of the work was found to come in rather too expensive. It was felt at that time that the expenses would be too heavy, for the Sanitary Authority to incur, in view of other heavy burdens at that time pressing on the township. Matters had improved since then, however, and the Council was now in a position to carry out this much-needed improvement, the total cost of which was estimated at £700. It would be necessary to purchase a block of four cottages, the purchase money of which had been agreed on, between the Council and present owner, and was £500. The remainder of the money, £200, was required for road construction, boundary wall, etc. The street at this particular place was very steep, and the turning acute, in consequence of which several serious accidents had from time to time occurred. One proved fatal to a young driver, on another occasion two valuable dray horses ran down the street, and it being impossible to stop them, they jumped over the wall, and fell on to the railway line beneath, both having to be destroyed; had a train being passing at the time, a serious loss of human lives might easily have occurred. The Railway Company since that time had risen the boundary wall from about 4 feet to 6 feet, but there was still the possibility of horses getting out of control, and serious injury resulting. The corner was a sharp one, the road was only about 18 feet wide, and there was constant peril to children and foot passengers. The proposal of the Council was to pull down one cottage entirely, widen the street from 18 ft to 24 ft, and make a curve round the corner, the street at the bend to be 26 ft wide. The three remaining houses will be left intact, and will be afterwards sold. The property involved, belonged to Drs. R and E. Hollings, Mr. R. J. Smith also holding the basement and upper floor of part; it was proposed to buy out entirely Drs. Hollings, and afterwards dispose of the remaining houses as they stood. In order that large ratepayers such as the Midland Railway Company, should pay their full proportion of the money, it was proposed that the cost should come out of the general expenses instead of out of the special expenses, as in the latter case large owners would only be called upon to pay one fourth. This course was taken in order that the Midland Railway Company should pay on their full rateable value.

The Inspector: What have the Midland Railway Company to say to this, have they been approached?

Mr. Pindar: They have been approached and asked if they would contribute anything towards the cost of carrying out this scheme, but they refused.

The Rev. A. J. E. Irvin, as member of the Rural District Council, endorsed what had already been said; so far as the Midland Railway Company was concerned, it appeared they had not taken the trouble to be represented at the inquiry. If they had met the Council in a friendly way on this question, the necessity of the inquiry might have been avoided. There was an unanimous wish in the township that this corner should be improved, and if the scheme was carried out, it would certainly be to the advantage of the township and neighbourhood. He trusted the Local Government Board would give them ready sanction.

Mr. R. J. Smith, an adjoining owner, said that the proposed alteration touched him at one corner, and that he had had no notice from the District Council.

Mr. Pindar remarked that the plan was slightly wrong in the colouring, and that it was only intended to come up to Mr. Smith's boundary.

The Inspector: Perhaps you are wishful of giving this little bit of land Mr. Smith (laughter.)

Mr. Smith said that was not so, but he would be prepared to negotiate with the Council if they required the bit shown. As an old resident and former member of the Rural Sanitary Authority, he was greatly in favour of the improvement being carried out. It would have been done before, but adjoining property came into his hands and as the then chairman of the Rural District Council he did not think it proper to further press the matter; it was not on account of the expense that the thing dropped, but because nobody else thought fit to press the thing forward.

In answer to the Inspector, Mr. Pindar said the population of Oulton and Woodlesford in 1891 was 2776, the rateable value last March was £14705, and the rateable value for sanitary purposes £10,462.

Mr. B. W. Higgins, as an old resident, an Overseer, and a late chairman and vice-chairman of the Parish Council, fully bore out the opening statement made by Mr. Pindar, and further emphasised the existing danger. A pair of valuable horses had been killed at the corner, a man and a horse had likewise met a similar fate, whilst a gentleman in the room had a horse so severely injured that it was afterwards practically worthless. Other people had come to grief.

Mr. Parkin: And numbers of cyclists.

Mr. Higgins: I don't know about cyclists.

Mr. Parkin: But we must look after them.

Mr. Higgins: There is danger at the top, and danger at the bottom, and if we can effect an improvement, it will prove a blessing to the district as a whole.

Mr. Poole having spoken in support, a vote of thanks was passed to the Inspector, and the proceedings closed.

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.]

For some years it has been the custom of certain gentlemen to subscribe one or more guineas to the funds of the Leeds General Infirmary. It has been represented to the Committee having in charge the Infirmary Demonstration that if a supplementary committee were formed to take in hand the collection of subscriptions ranging from a guinea and upwards, very useful service to the Leeds Infirmary fund would result. You are asked to join the Committee and also if it pleases you to subscribe. Assuredly any money given to that noble institution will be 'as bread cast upon the water, to be found after many days.' Names of gentlemen willing to become subscribers will oblige, by kindly communicating with Mr. James Hargreaves.

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I should also like to draw special attention to the proposal of the Committee to issue two complimentary tickets to each subscriber of half-a crown, which ticket admits to the proceedings on all three days, and will naturally be an advantageous arrangement, generally acceptable to the bulk of the working class population of the district. Persons holding these tickets will be allowed to pass in and out at pleasure and will in this respect, be particularly appreciated on the great Fete day.

COLLIERY ACCIDENT.

On Monday morning, an accident happened to Joseph Fox, a young man employed in sinking operations at the Newmarket Haigh Moor Colliery Company's new shaft at Swithen's. Fox had his hand and face seriously burnt as the result of an explosion in connection with the firing of one of the blasting shots. The most serious damage has been done to his eye, which it is feared may be permanently affected. Considering the nature of the injuries he is now satisfactorily progressing towards recovery.

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HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A fortnightly meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the offices, Hunslet. Dr. Hawkyard (chairman), presiding. There were also present, Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Woodcock, Rev. M. J. Dillon, Messrs. Edwards, Hargreaves, Tomlinson, Robb, Knight, Seddon, Chadesworth, Butterick, Bamforth, and the assistant clerk (Mr. Ward).

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as printed.

The vagrants relieved number 109, against 187 during the same period last year.

Mr. Tomlinson, the new Guardian for Thorpe Stapleton in place of Mr. Grimshaw, took his seat, and was offered a hearty welcome on behalf of the Board by the chairman. He, Mr. Tomlinson, would find, he thought, that every member would be willing to teach him what they knew, and that he would find the work pleasant and agreeable.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the above, Mr. Seddon reported on the visit of the Sub-Committee during the past fortnight, when they found everything nice and clean.

The subject of white instead of coloured counterpanes being used for Infirmary beds, was further considered. It was proposed by Mr Fryer, seconded by Mrs. Woodcock and agreed, that in future supplies, the Guardians be recommended to purchase white counterpanes for use in the Infirmary wards.

It was proposed by Mr Fryer, that it be referred to the two lady Guardians to consider the subject of obtaining a better assortment of neckties for the male inmates; seconded by Mr. Dillon and carried.

The master reported that through the indiscriminate serving of bread, there had been a total saving of 303 stones of flour, or £15 18s 7d during the past 9 months.

A letter was received from Mr. and Mrs. Alf Cooke, addressed to the chairman of the Board, renewing their invitation for the inmates to visit Weetwood Hall and Park on the 27th inst, and requesting to be informed of the number to be provided for.

It was proposed by Mr. Seddon, that the invitation be gratefully accepted, and that the clerk be requested to supply the necessary information; seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously.

The report of the Ladies' Committee was received and considered. The master reported that Mr. Harrison was not supplying the drapery of the quality tendered for. Agreed that the tender be strictly adhered to.

A letter was received from the secretary of the Church Army, enclosing copies of reports of Missions conducted in Workhouses, and stating that the Committee would gladly place a Missioner at the disposal of the Board. Proposed by Mr. Fryer, seconded by Mr. Dillon, and carried unanimously that the papers lay on the table.

The minutes were proposed for confirmation by Mr. Dillon, who remarked that they had had a deputation from the Manchester Board of Guardians, who had expressed the opinion that the Hunslet Workhouse was the cleanest of any old institution they had seen.

The resolution having been seconded, the minutes were approved.

NURSING REGULATIONS.

Mr. Dillon gave notice to propose that the new regulations, &c., for nurse probationers be adopted; for the information of some of the Guardians, he said that the proposed alterations would involve an additional expenditure of £80 per annum.

CHILDREN'S HOMES.

At a meeting of the above Committee, it was proposed to give the children at the Homes a day's outing to Morecambe. Gifts of flowers had been received from the Rothwell and Woodlesford Church flower services.

Mr. Butterick proposed the adoption of the minutes, and said that whilst in the Workhouse, it had been customary for the children to have an outing to the sea-side once per year. It would not be a serious cost, and the Committee thought they should be taken to the sea-side at an early date.

Mr. Edwards seconded the resolution, which was carried.

NEW BUILDINGS.

The lock-out in the building trade being practically at an end, the Building Committee had decided to proceed with the office alterations at once.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Finance Committee passed accounts amounting to £311 6s 2d. The two lady guardians, Messrs. Edwards, Seddon, and Bamforth, were appointed as a committee to select six of the applicants for the post of caretaker at the offices, to come before the Board.

Letters were read from Mr. B. Pickard, M.P., and Mr. J. L. Walton, M.P., intimating their intention of supporting, when the opportunity came, the rating of Government property.

The Master and Matron of the Workhouse, Mr. and Mrs. Firth, sent in their resignation, which was accepted with expressions of regret. Mr. and Mrs. Firth have secured a good appointment under the Chorlton Union. Successors were ordered to be advertised for.

Dr. Stevenson wrote asking for sanction to appoint a deputy and that he be allowed to vaccinate. The Board agreed to such an appointment being made, on the Doctor forwarding the name.

A PROMISING YOUNG MUSICIAN.

We regret to chronicle the death of a Rothwell youth, who bade fair to rise to eminence as a 'cello player; we refer to G. H. Harrison, only son of Councillor Harrison, of this town. For some time the lad, just seventeen, has been under the personal instruction of Mr. Percy Haddock, of the Leeds College of Music, and was very highly thought of by him, and intended making his *debut* at the next Town Hall Concert. Unhappily, however, young Harrison was taken ill some three or four months since, and notwithstanding every effort to secure his recovery, he died last Saturday, to the great grief of his loving parents, who have public sympathy and regret. At the funeral the Parish Church Choir, (of which he was a member), attended, and sang several suitable hymns very sweetly.

OULTON & WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD.

A monthly meeting of the above Board was held on Monday night last, Mr. Trinder presiding. The other members present were Rev. A. J. Irvin, Mr. Batt, Mr. Lygo, and the clerk (Mr. R. J. Smith).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Attendance Officer reported that in the cases where summonses had been taken out for the bad attendance of certain scholars, attendance orders had been granted.

FINANCE.

The Clerk reported that the balance at the bank from last month was £92 0s 6d; for Fee Grant £11 16s. had been received, bringing the credit of the Board up to £103 16s 6d. The accounts for payment were, school cleaner, £2 8s; extra cleaning, 5s; E. J. Arnold & Son, stationery, £6 12s; piano tuning, 10s; water rents, 13s 2d; teachers' salaries, £63 6s 8d.

RIGHT OF WAY.

The Clerk read a number of letters relative to the above, which had passed between their solicitors, Messrs. Ford and Warren, and Mr. Pulleyne, the legal representative of Mr. Dobson's trustees. Further particulars with regard to the negotiation for the construction of a road on the east side of the Board's premises were given, along with details of the claim made for damage, inconvenience, etc., sustained by Mr. Wilkinson. The construction of the road was estimated at about £27 8s, Mr. Wilkinson's claims amounted to £25, including the inconvenience of having two horses walled up in his garden for nine days, other smaller items bringing up the costs to £54 3s. Messrs. Ford and Warren estimated their legal costs at £15 15s, so that the stopping of the road was likely to involve the Board in a cost of about £70. These negotiations and proposals to settle the matter without going to law had been carried out without prejudice to the legal point at issue.

Mr. Batt remarked that if they were within their rights—and they were advised that they were—in stopping the road, they would have nothing to pay at all. Messrs. Ford & Warren, in their last communication, said that if the Board decided to proceed with these negotiations instead of fighting, then they should pass a resolution instructing them to make the best terms they could

The Chairman: We may take it that £50 will clear the lot, and I don't think we should hesitate.

After some conversation on the matter it was unanimously agreed that Messrs. Ford & Warren be instructed to settle with Mr. Pulleyne on the best terms possible, the cost to the Board not to be in excess of the £69 18s mentioned in the communications.

EVENING SCHOOL.

The report on the work of the evening school conducted last winter, had been received. The report says, "the school is efficiently conducted; registers must be kept in exact accordance with the regulations of the Department." The highest grant had been obtained, and totalled £11 16s, no deductions being made.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Mr. Parkin wrote stating his pleasure in informing the Board that one of his pupils, W Goward, had been successful in the recent scholarship examination under the West Riding County Council, and he would be pleased if the Board would see to his name being placed on the 'honours board.'

Miss Fawcett likewise wrote, stating that C. Leslie, one of her pupils, had gained a similar scholarship.

The Board expressed their gratification at hearing of these successes.

As there was no honours Board in the Girls' Department (this being the first time a scholar in that department had been successful at the examinations), the Chairman promised to see what he could do before next meeting with a view to one being provided.

THE SCHOOL FOR BLIND AND DEAF CHILDREN.

The Clerk having, by invitation, been present at the opening of the new schools in Leeds, for the training of blind and deaf children, said that the school was a very complete institution, and one that should do a great amount of good, not only to Leeds, but to the surrounding district. The Board had two children at the school, who were being educated for £12 12s per year; they, the Woodlesford Board, could not do it for anything like the amount. In this respect the Leeds Board had benefitted the smaller Boards to a considerable extent; these children must be educated, could claim free education, and travelling expenses to and fro. It was a great convenience to be able to send them to such centres as Leeds, which was the best of its class in the country.

C. McWilliam, one of the two scholars referred to above, came before the Board, and showed the members specimens of the work he had done, and a beautiful book prize he had won at the school. The Board expressed satisfaction with the progress the lad is making.

PAYMENT OF AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

The Department wrote asking for the sanction of the Board to follow the same practice with regard to the agricultural grant, as they do with the fee grant, by paying it to the local agents of the Board's banker. Sanction was given.

The supplying of school requisites concluded the business.

OPEN-AIR CONCERT.

On Sunday afternoon last, a large company assembled in the Cricket Field, Royds Lane, to listen to a sacred instrumental concert, given by the Rothwell Temperance Band, under the leadership of Mr. T. Barthram. The programme included march, "Knight of the road;" selections, "Meyerbeer," "Masaniello," and "Lucia-di-Lammermoor;" aire varie, "Eventide;" and cornet solo, "Star of Bethlehem," by Mr. Nathan Sidebottom The performance of the band was good, and the receipts, which were for the Band and Cricket Club, satisfactory.

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NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Dear Mr. Editor,

I have to thank you for the regular delivery of your valued *Times*, which is as welcome as the flowers in May. I have been very slothful lately, which brings to my mind a sentence uttered by the Rev. R. H. Hamilton on my leaving for Australia, he said, "Beware of slothful habits, for slothfulness creeps on unawares." This is perfectly true, as most people will find if they examine themselves. I was sorry to find in your issue of the 28th April, that an old friend of mine, in the person of Mr. Richard Walker, who was head gardener at Oulton Hall for so many years, had passed over to the great majority. "Friend after friend departs." Mr. Walker's son, Thomas Hammond, was a great and beloved friend of mine, and letters written by him to me, which I have now before me, I prize greatly; here is the beginning of one of them:—"60, Crawford street, Camp Road, Leeds, Nov. 12th, 1880.—Dear Jack—I was very much pleased to receive a letter from you, which I did while I was away from home, staying at my Aunt Hammond's, the other side of Ripon, my father sent it me." These letters of my old, dead friend, I treasure very much, and would not care to part with them; they are written in beautiful language and are inspiring. I am not sure that they would be interesting to your readers of to-day, as they date back so far. If you, Sir, think they would, I shall be happy to supply you with copies. I see by our daily papers that Mr. Ben Tillett has been appointed agent for the Queensland Government, to lecture through the farming counties, including Yorkshire, to get emigrants to go to that colony. Mr Tillett has undertaken the position, although he knows that when he was in Australia, there were thousands of people out of work, and to-day in Victoria alone, it is estimated that over 10,000 are out of work, while in New South Wales there are between 2,000 and 3,000 unemployed, in South Australia over 3,000, and a large army in the golden Westralia, and yet in the face of this, this friend of the people, hires himself for a few paltry pounds to send people to a country where there are so many unemployed. Out of the large number of single girls which will leave England by the first emigrant ship, it will be safe to say that 50 per cent will find their way on to the streets of our cities; there is no other course open to them. It is a well-known fact that the Parliament of Queensland is composed chiefly of landowners, and it is they, and not the people of the colony, who have decided to bring out emigrants; they know that the more people they can dump on the land, the more land values increase; alas, they do not seem to care a straw how people live or what their environments may be, so long as they get the almighty dollars. And Mr. Tillett is purely and simply their tool. This man of strong emotions, whom to hear speak one would think that he would sacrifice himself for the people, has now hired himself to the very class he has so much denounced in press and on platform. You have our cricketers with you and by this time you know their quality, I fully expect they will win at least three out of their five test matches they have to play. We have just got news through of their brilliant victory over Cambridge University, and we are pleased to see that our three representatives, Darling, Hill and Jones are doing so well. Premier Kingston and his followers have come out of the elections triumphantly, and we shall have to suffer more socialism, oppression and restriction. There is however a silver-lining to this cloud of so-called Democracy, that is, most of the members returned are in favour of the Hare-Spence method of voting; when this, with land values taxation, comes into force, we may confidently expect a true representation of the people, and a prosperity unknown in our times. The team of English footballers arrived in Adelaide on Sunday afternoon last. On Monday morning they had a good practice on our oval, and in the afternoon left by the express train for Melbourne, on their way to Sydney. I don't suppose they will play here, as the Rugby game is not played; our local football is in full swing. Up to the present, it appears as if the Norwood team would be premier; a new system is being tried this season, called electorate football, which means that to belong to a certain club the players must live in the district, this seems to be a good thing as it distributes the players and prevents all the good players joining one club. Chief Justice Way has been made a Baronet, whatever that may mean; oh the pity of it, that men should hang after such trumpery things. Colonials dearly love titles, the world would be all the better if we had more of Mr. Glaestone's stamp among us, men who scorn to be bought by a title or to be stultified thereby. Lord Tennyson seems to suit the Colonials, and is making himself popular. The vote has been taken in South Australia on the Premier's amendments on the Commonwealth Bill, and a large majority of those who voted were in favor of Federation. It is not at all sure that the Bill will be accepted either in New South Wales, Queensland or West Australia, and personally, I sincerely hope they will not accept, for I believe that federation could be attained by universal free trade, but this method would not provide fat billets for a host of parasites.

Pulteney Street. Yours truly,
15th June, 1899. J. W. INGHAM

P.S.—I am very pleased to see by this morning's paper, the splendid fight made by Yorkshire against the Australian team; Hirst and J. T. Brown being especially conspicuous.

[It will be seen by this morning's papers, that the voting in favor of Federation is overwhelming, and on this subject, our friend's wishes will not be fulfilled, it is evident.—ED.]

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SHORT STORY.

THE PRIVATE DETECTIVE.

"Ah, Dr. Dotson! You are just in time. I may need your assistance!"

Forelock Tomes put away his Jew's harp and lighted a cheroot as I entered the second floor front bedroom which we occupied.

"Another mystery?" I asked, for I had become accustomed to the lightning changes in his moods.

"My dear Dotson, please do not use that word. In this day of advanced science and logical reasoning there are no mysteries. The word is fast becoming obsolete. It will not appear in the next edition of the One Hundred Years Dictionary."

"I beg pardon. I mean, you have a new case on hand?" I replied.

"Precisely; and if I am not mistaken, and I never am, it is going to be an interesting one before we reach the end."

Forelock Tomes puffed away at his cheroot for several seconds, while he studied the movements of a fly crawling across the ceiling. I leant against the folding bed and waited for him to proceed.

"There was a caller to see me this morning during my absence. This much I learnt from the servant. Here I have an index to the character of the man and a pretty clear history of his trouble."

As Tomes spoke he picked up an umbrella.

Without heeding the deviation from the main subject, I asked Tomes how he had learnt so much of his caller.

"Oh, in a perfectly natural way," he replied. "You see, the fellow was somewhat nervous and embarrassed. That, added to a natural carelessness and absent-mindedness, caused him to bring his umbrella upstairs instead of leaving it in the rack below. His nervousness increased as he reached my door, and he put it down in the hall. Of course, he forgot it when he went away. I picked it up, and as a result of my examination of the article I expect to be able to surprise him when he returns."

"But what can you find out about a man by looking at his umbrella?" I asked, in surprise.

"Everything!" replied Tomes, with emphasis. "He bought it, which is something in his favour. I know that, because there is no name inside. When a man borrows an umbrella he always takes a good one, which is sure to have the former owner's name stamped on the lining or handle. My caller purchased this at a bargain sale for ten shillings, marked down from a pound. That I learn from the fragment of the tag which I found caught in one of the ribs. It is an expensive one for him, as he is a clerk in a dry goods warehouse, with the promise of an increase next year; but he is something of a fop, with a fancy for costly articles. That he is a clerk is clear to a novice like yourself. See, the folds are carefully adjusted and smoothed down on the outside, and the loop is buttoned. The owner is accustomed to folding cloth, smoothing down the creases, and securing the cords that hold the bolts of goods in shape.

"The man is young, about 22, I should say; he is slender, and ought to weigh about 143 pounds. With my glass I have traced the faint marks left by his fingers where he held the umbrella, and by careful measurement have ascertained that he wears a number 6¾ glove. With a hand of that size he ought to measure about 5ft. 8¼in. in his stockings. He is in love with a woman who works in a candy store and paints her face. Last night he met her by appointment. He kissed her once on the lips and once on the cheek. Then they were interrupted, and he left in a hurry. The woman is a blonde, and has encouraged his advances.

"The man is in trouble on account of this woman, and that is why he came to consult me. The nature of his trouble is not exactly clear, but my impression is that the young man has a rival who is jealous."

"Great heavens, Tomes!" I exclaimed, "you do not mean to tell me you have learnt all this about a man you never saw, simply by looking at his umbrella?"

"Precisely. It is very simple to one who observes. To a person of a low order of intelligence this would be only an umbrella, slightly shop worn and used a short time, nothing more; but when we come to examine it with care we find certain well-defined marks on the cloth, traces of two distinct foreign substances adhering to the handle, which, combined with my infallible theories, lead directly to certain facts, and then you have all the really essential points in a drama of real life, which, let us hope, will not end in a tragedy."

"Wonderful!" I exclaimed; "but tell me how you ascertained the owner of this umbrella kissed a woman who works in a candy shop and paints her face, and then left her in a hurry."

"That was the least puzzling feature of the case. Take my glass and look at the handle. You will see outlined there in two colours the imprint of a man's lips. After parting with the woman this fellow was nervous and excited, and, unable to borrow a cigarette, he bit the handle of his umbrella. The lighter colour is paint. It is a very light shade of red, used only by blonde women. The darker colour, you will observe, is made by a slightly adhesive substance. That is candy—caramels, I make it out. The presence of those two substances prove beyond the possibility of a mistake that he had kissed the woman first on the cheek. She did not resent that, then he kissed her lips; which left traces of paint and caramels on his own mouth.

"I know that they were interrupted and that the young man departed in a hurry because the imprint of his lips on the handle was made within a few moments of the time of the kissing. But further evidence of his haste and excitement is found here, where he crumpled one of the folds in the cover by clenching his hand over it."

Tomes arose, walked over to the window and looked out. I stood watching him in silent admiration, when suddenly a smile of satisfaction broke over his face.

"Here comes my man, half an hour earlier than I expected him. His case must be serious."

I went to the window, and, looking out, saw a slender young man walking rapidly across the street, and glancing anxiously up at our room. In a few moments there was a sharp ring of the hall bell, followed by steps on the stairs and a knock at the door of our room.

"Come in!" called Tomes, putting the tell-tale umbrella under the table.

The young man entered with a businesslike air, and putting his hand in the inside pocket of his coat, drew forth some papers.

"Never mind the letters in the case for the present," said Tomes, motioning his visitor to a seat.

"I'm from Suitem, the tailor; was here this morning. He says if you don't pay that bill he'll bring suit to-morrow."

I handed Tomes a fresh cheroot as the collector thrust forward a bill, and reaching down I picked up the umbrella and put it out of sight in a corner of the room.

Tomes looked at the bill, looked at me, and walked back to the window. Then he made remarks, and the young man of business-like aspect assumed a pained and deprecatory air. Language which appears in books and newspapers only in the form of a blank did not suit his moral feelings. In an interval of painful silence I moved to Tomes, and laid my hand affectionately on his shoulder.

"If it is a fiver you need, old man," said I, "only say so. And as for the other, don't be disturbed. We must all make mistakes." This I said to soothe him.

"I am not disturbed—if I am not mistaken," replied the great detective. "Hark at those steps! He is coming! Hush!"

Just then there was a second knock at the door and a moment later Jennie, the maid, looked in.

"If you please, Mr. Tomes," she said, "the old gentleman on the top floor back says I'm to ask if you found his umbrella. He dropped it in the hall this morning."

[THE END.]

WEDDING AT SWILLINGTON.

Wedding bells rang merrily at Swillington Church, on Wednesday, when the marriage was solemnised of Miss Elizabeth Georgina Bergheim, daughter of the rector of Swillington, and Mr. Ralph Stapleton Ward Jackson, of the 11th Hussars, son of the late Mr. William Ward Jackson, and of Mrs. Fleming, of Normanby Hall, Middlesbrough. A large gathering assembled in the pretty little church, the chancel of which had been florally decorated for the occasion. Red baize lined the path through the churchyard to the porch, and the arch of evergreens under which the newly-married pair drove as they left the rectory for the honeymoon, conveyed the sentiments of the Swillington parishioners in wishing them "Long life and happiness." The invited guests included Lord and Lady Foster, the Hon. Mary Foster, the Hon. St. Maur Foster, Sir George and Lady Duckett, Lady Adelina Manners, Viscountess Powerscourt, Major the Hon. Osbert Lumley and the Hon. Mrs. Osbert Lumley, Sir Charles B. Lowther, Mrs. Lowther, Miss Lowther, Miss Helen Lowther, Miss Emma Lowther, the Dowager Lady Southampton, Lord and Lady Rayleigh, the Right Hon. G. W. Balfour and Lady Betty Balfour, the Right Hon. James Lowther, Lady Henniker, the Hon. Ethel Henniker, Sir Fred Saunders, Captain and Mrs. Wilson-Todd, Major Lord Edmund Talbot, Colonel Sir Kildare and Lady Borrowes, His Excellency the Right Hon. Sir West and Lady Ridgeway, Miss Ridgeway, the Right Hon. John Atkinson, the Ven. Archdeacon and Lady Louisa Hamilton, Miss Hamilton, the Bishop of Ripon and Mrs. Boyd Carpenter, the Hon. Mrs. Duberly, Major the Hon. H. Ormesby Gore, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pease, Colonel C. E. Swaine, General Brereton and Miss Brereton, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Pease, Mr. Claud Pease, Colonel Freith and Mrs. Freith, etc.

The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Bishop of Sodor and Man (uncle of the bride), the Rev. Balfour Straton (cousin of the bride), and the Rev. S. Besley, vicar of Eston, Middlesbrough. The bride was given away by her father, the Rev. N. Bergheim, and was attended by four bridesmaids—Miss Bergheim (sister), Miss Fleming (sister of the bridegroom), the Hon. Cicely Henniker, and Miss Kennard, each of whom wore a gold bracelet, bearing the initials R. and B., in turquoises, and carried a shower bouquet, both the gifts of the bridegroom. Two bonny little pages, Masters Maurice and Eric James—who wore gold sleeve links and gold pins, the gifts of the bride and bridegroom respectively—added a very picturesque touch to the wedding, by sprinkling the path of the bride with rose leaves. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. Ward Jackson. As the bridal procession advanced to the chancel, the choir sang, "O perfect love, all human thought transcending," and at the conclusion of the marriage ceremony, "Rest in the Lord" and "From harps above," were given.

After the register had been signed, the procession re-formed, and proceeded down the aisle with the strains of the "Wedding March" ringing through the building. Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Ward Jackson then drove to the rectory, where a reception was held, and later in the afternoon they left en route for Devonshire, where the honeymoon is to be spent.

There were numerous presents, the list including:—

To the Bride—Bridegroom, silver fitted dressing bag, diamond and turquoise ring, diamond and sapphire pin, diamond and enamel links, signet ring, and French writing bureau.
Mrs Bergheim—Pearl necklace
The Rev N Bergheim—Gold and pearl necklace
The Bishop of Sodor & Man & Mrs Straton—Cheque
Viscount and Viscountess Powerscourt—Silver sauce boats
The Hon Mrs Duberley—Enamel pencil
"The School House"—Pearl pendant and gold chain
Sir Charles B Lowther—Fan
Miss Lowther and Miss H K Lowther—Diamond and amethyst pendant
Captain and Mrs Stuart Russell—Silver photo frame
The Dowager Lady Southampton—Travelling clock
The Hons. Ethel and Cicely Henniker—Case of four silver salt cellars
The Deemster Gill—Silver salts bottle
Swillington School Children & Parents—Silver mirror
The Attorney General of the Isle of Man and Mrs G A Ring—Pair of silver salt cellars
Lord and Lady Forester—Pair of silver octagon candlesticks
Misses Hilda & Lucy Baines—Two silver salt cellars
Mrs Lowther—Gold curb bracelet set with turquoises
Swillington Sewing Party—Pair of silver-mounted horns with gong
The Speaker of the House of Keys and Mrs Moore—Pair of opal vases
The Right Hon James Lowther—Crown Derby tea and coffee sets
Miss Emma Lowther—Gold curb bracelet with heart
The Rev Balfour and Miss Straton—Pair of Carrickmacross lace handkerchiefs
To the Bridegroom—Bride, diamond and emerald "daffodil" pin, two pictures and ring.
Mr and Mrs Fleming—Plate
Mr Ward Jackson and Miss Fleming—Plate
The Rev N and Mrs Bergheim—Silver inkstand
Mr and Mrs Alfred Pease—Tea table rack
Lord and Lady Rayleigh—Silver inkstand
Mr Stopford Sackville—Silver-mounted preserve jar
Mr and Mrs Arthur Kennard—Silver apostle tea-spoons and sugar tongs
Mr & Mrs Wharton—Black pearl and diamond stud pin
Mr and Mrs Pennyman—Pair of silver candlesticks
Major A W Pennyman—Silver match box case
The Rev W Pennyman—Silver stamp box
Captain and Mrs Wilson-Todd—Silver inkstand
Sir Raylton and Lady Dixon—Case of silver spoons and sifter
Normanby Hall House Servants—Silver sugar basin and sifter
Mrs Pennyman—Case of silver tea knives
Mr and Mrs Thorneville—Pair of silver fruit spoons
Mrs Bewicke Bewicke—Revolving bookcase
Sir West and Lady Ridgeway—Writing table
Colonel Sir Kildare & Lady Burrowes—Silver cedar-lined cigarette box
Colonel Swaine—Silver punch bowl
Mr and Mrs H Bolckow—Silver clock in case
The Hon Mrs Carnegie—Silver bound letter case
Archdeacon & Lady Louisa Hamilton—Silver match box with ash tray
Major the Hon Osbert Lumley—Old print
The Right Hon James Lowther—Crown Derby tea and coffee sets
Mr T Charlesworth—Pair of pearl tie clips
Sir Frederic Saunders—Silver letter clip
Miss and Mr C Bolckow—Silver sugar sifter
Mr and Mrs Traberne—Silver coffee pot
Tenants and Workmen of the Normanby Estate—Silver salver

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

Mr. Isaac Smith presided over the above gathering on Sunday last, when Mr. Alfred Ward, of Hunslet Carr, gave an excellent address on the subject "Self Control." The soloist was Mr. James Howarth, who gave two violin solos with skill, *Van Bein's* "Broken Melody" and "Home, sweet Home." Mr. T. W. Crossland accompanied.

GARDEN WORK.

WINDOW GARDENING.

Give liquid-manure to window-boxes, and to Fuchsias, Oleanders, and other plants in tubs on the terrace or in the forecourt.

STOVE.

Acalypha Sanderiana reminds one of the old-fashioned border annual Love-lies-bleeding. It is distinct from most warm-house plants, and will do in the conservatory in summer. I do not think it will make an ideal market plant, but as it is easily propagated we shall soon know if there is money in it for the market grower. Caladium argyrites is a charming little plant for table decoration, and will last well in the rooms. Cyperus alternifolius variegatus is a light and elegant table plant, and if it only came true from seeds there would be a run upon it. Coleuses seem to have gone out of fashion, but they are useful for those who cannot grow better things. To get colour in the foliage they must be grown in strong light. Himantophyllums, or Clivias, as they used to be called, are among the most useful plants for the small grower, as they are very accommodating as regards temperature, and when old make grand specimens in tubs or large pots. Shade must be used now, but as far as possible I regard shade to glass-houses as a necessary evil, to be dispensed with as much as possible.

OUTDOOR GARDEN.

The varieties of Begonia semperflorens make pretty beds, especially the purple-leaved variety atropurpurea (Vernon). These are easily raised from seeds, and if sown in heat in February, and pricked off as soon as large enough, they will be ready to plant out early in June. In some soils the drought is checking the growth of Sweet Peas and other things, and both mulch and water will be desirable, and liquid-manure will be useful to most flowering plants. Those who have a good-sized tank, and the command of stable-manure and soot, may easily make all the liquid-manure they require for Roses and other things. There should be a division in the tank, close meshed wire-netting will do, or a wooden partition in which holes are bored for the liquid-manure to flow through. The young shoots of Clematis Jackmani should be trained in as they grow. Everlasting Peas, both the pink and white, make charming pillar plants, either in the border or on the lawn; need not be closely trained. The Grass box may be left off the mowing machine now; the cut Grass soon disappears. In some gardens I notice the lawns where closely cut are beginning to burn. The beds of exotics should be encouraged to grow freely by frequent hoeing. Better not use the rake, it only seals up the pores of the soil.

FRUIT GARDEN.

In many gardens the fruit crop will be a thin one if we except bush fruits, which are fairly plentiful. Strawberries are later than usual, and the drought is telling upon them. Of course small patches may be watered, but on a large scale irrigation becomes expensive when hand labour has to do the work. But irrigation is the simplest thing possible where the supply is plentiful, and elevated sufficiently to distribute itself. The expense of running a few iron pipes about a place is not great, with taps at suitable intervals to which a hose can be attached. When fruit-trees are grown in the garden round the edges of the vegetable quarters do not plant anything nearer than four feet of the stems, and keep the spade that distance away. Stone fruits should have a firm root run, but the roots should be well nourished. A tree that is making luxuriant growth does not want manure, but when the right season comes round (October) check the roots. It is the free bearing tree that should be manured, and always on the surface. Peach-trees may be pruned any time, so far as the removal of useful wood is concerned. There are naked branches which are no good to the tree, and would be better removed. This is specially true of trees in pots.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

Discontinue the cutting of Asparagus and dress the beds with artificial manure, to be watered in, unless there is a liquid-manure tank available. Sow Parsley and Horn Carrots for winter use. Sow second early Peas. Scarlet Runners may be planted for a late crop. Plant Broccoli and other winter Greens as fast as ground becomes vacant. Keep the hoe going constantly in fine weather. Transplant Beet if more is required, and thin seedlings to 9 inches or 10 inches. An early kind of French Bean should be sown in preference to a late one now. Draw a little earth up to the stems of Beans, Peas, and all green crops of the Cabbage tribe. Sow main crop of Turnips. If the weather continues dry, soak the drills with liquid-manure, and sow the seeds on the damp soil. Look over Cucumbers and Tomatoes often under glass to stop and regulate the growth. Any Tomato plants not yet planted should go out at once—every day's delay now act prejudicially. Things are later than usual this season, and every encouragement should be given to the Tomato crop. An occasional dose of liquid-manure and a forkful of mulch will add to the strength and consequent productiveness. Make up Mushroom-bed behind a north wall. Plant plenty of Celery. Sow Endive and Lettuces.

CONSERVATORY.

Climbers in a roomy house should be a special feature. Tacsonias are lovely now. Jasminum grandiflorum, Plumbago capensis, Solanum jasminoides, Sollya heterophylla, Rhyncospermum jasminoides, Mandevillea suaveolens are all beautiful climbing plants, and are now, or will be shortly, wreathed with blossoms. The variegated variety of Cobæa scandens has beautiful foliage, and is well adapted for a cool-house, where there is room for the young shoots to hang and festoon about. Room also may be found for Fuchsias, Sea and Noisette Roses, Ivy-leaved "Geraniums," Heliotropes, and the double Scarlet "Geraniums." Raspail Improved are bright things on walls or pillars, and will furnish abundance of flowers for cutting. A good deal may be done with baskets. Achimenes, Tropæolum Coolgardie (beautiful golden blossoms), Ivy "Geraniums," Petunias, Lobelias, Harrison's Musk, Sedum carneum variegatum, will make a nice selection for basket work, with Ferns for shady corners. One of the best Ferns for a basket at this season is Nephrolepis exaltata. Phlebodium aureum is a good companion for it. Both should be started in a warm-house and moved to the conservatory for the summer when well established. Many plants which require heat in winter will do in the conservatory now. Bougainvillea glabra, that was at one time regarded as a warm-house climber, will do well in the conservatory. In making borders for climbers the drainage must be right, as plants will not thrive if there is any stagnation at the roots. Most plants will grow and flower well in good yellow loam enriched a little with leaf-mould, with all the bits of stick, Beech Nut husks, and everything likely to breed fungus sifted out of it. Watering now requires careful attention. Every plant when dry must have a thorough soaking, and it will be necessary to look over pot plants twice during the twenty-four hours. The evening is a good time for watering, as then the condition of the plants can be better ascertained. But during such dry weather as the present a plant watered in the evening will require it again before mid-day on the day following. No glass-house (except the warm stove) should be altogether closed in very hot weather, and shade either from climbers or something on the glass is absolutely necessary, if the foliage and blossoms are to be kept in good condition. Hard-wooded plants may be taken to a coal-ash bed in a sheltered spot outside, and besides careful watering, must be syringed twice a day. This refers chiefly to plants which have completed their growth.—*Garden Illustrated.*

The Savoy crop is more useful in mid-winter than in the autumn, as at this latter date there is a wealth of green vegetables.

CRICKET.

OULTON DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Results up to date.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	D'wn.	Pts
Oulton	11	7	1	3	17
Middleton Park	11	5	2	4	14
Altofts W Riding	11	4	3	4	12
Rothwell	11	4	3	4	12
Whitwood	11	5	4	2	12
Carlton	11	2	4	5	9
Lofthouse	11	2	5	4	8
Methley	11	1	8	2	4

HENRY HODSON, Woodlesford, Sec.

ROTHWELL PARISH CHURCH v. GROVE ROAD.

Played at Rothwell on Saturday last

Grove Road.

Stainthorpe, c Chapman b Drew	4
Learoyd, b Moss	0
Cave, c Ward, b Moss	2
Booth, c Ward b Moss	1
Johnson, c Chapman b Drew	2
Howell, b Moss	1
Burton, run out	1
Skaife, c and b Drew	7
Law, b Moss	0
Thompson, c Ward b Moss	0
Coates, not out	0
Extras	1
Total	19

Rothwell Parish.

S Abbishaw, lbw b Stainthorpe	0
A Abbishaw, c Johnson b Thompson	2
Hargreaves, b Booth	1
Ward, b Booth	17
Chapman, b Booth	7
Bedford, c and b Booth	11
Drew, not out	6
Moss, c Law b Learoyd	2
Fox, b Booth	6
Lunn, c Cave b Johnson	1
Watkin, b Johnson	0
Extras	7
Total	60

E Moss took 6 wkts for 7 runs and J H Drew 3 wkts for 11 runs.

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN v. CASTLEFORD T

Played at Castleford on Wednesday last

Dibb, b Walker	15
Beevers, lbw b Milner	7
Watson, st. H Wilkinson b Milner	52
Senior, st. H Wilkinson b Milner	26
Allison, c H Wilkinson b Walker	25
Fish, b Milner	2
Flowers, b Inman	4
Goodall, b Inman	3
Jackson, c Walker b Goldthorpe	0
Jennings, b Goldthorpe	2
Cordingley, not out	0
Extras	17
Total	153

Rothwell Tradesmen

E Milner, lbw b Watson	13
W Inman, c Dibb b Allison	2
M Fowler, c Flowers b Allison	22
J Walker, c and b Watson	0
O Wilkinson, c and b Watson	6
H Wormald, c Fish b Watson	8
A Denton, b Allison	5
H Wilkinson, c and b Watson	8
J Goldthorpe, not out	12
W H Easton, b Watson	0
T Hampson, c Watson b Dibb	6
Extras	9
Total	91

WEDNESDAY.

At Leeds—Rothwell Tradesmen v Stephenson's

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN'S ELEVEN—J Walker (capt) J Stead, E Milner, H Wormald, M Fowler, Dr James, O Wilkinson, Dr Buck, J Wilkinson, A Denton, P Inman.

A PROBLEM IN LIFE INSURANCE.

SUCCESSFUL CLAIM BY A SWILLINGTON MINER.

At the Leeds County Court on Wednesday, before his Honour Judge Greenhow, the hearing was resumed of the case in which Thomas Westerman, miner, Swillington Common, claimed £18 18s., alleged to be due to him on a policy on the life of a lad named George Thomas Cockerham. Mr. C. Dunn appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. J. J. Wright, instructed by Messrs. Scott and Holmes, of Bradford, was counsel for the campany.

The policy was originally effected by Jane Westerman, grandmother of the lad Cockerham, in January, 1898. On the death of the grandmother the burden of the maintenance of the lad fell upon her nephew, the plaintiff, who continued the payments of the premiums. Cockerham died on the 8th. of May last year from congestion of the lungs.

The defence was that the plaintiff was no party to the contract, that the lad was a cripple, and that in order to obtain the policy Cockerham was personated by a healthy lad, and therefore a good life had been substituted for a bad one, and that a fraud had been committed. On the last occasion the case was adjourned for further evidence.

James King Lodge, residing at Lowther Terrace, Swillington Common, in the employ of the defendant company—called by Mr. Dunn in support of the case for the plaintiff, stated that he was present when the proposal for the policy on the life of the lad Cockerham was made out by Mr. Alfred Wright. There was, he said, no truth in the statement that a second boy was present at the time. Mr. Wright filled up the paper, and the boy Cockerham signed it, but he could not say whether the boy made a cross or signed his name. The boy had been assured previously. When the lad was seated there did not appear to be anything wrong with him. The same evening witness was present when two other proposals in the family were made, but they were with respect to grown-up persons.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wright: It was not true that he had said that he was not present when the policy was effected.

Mr. Alfred Wright, of Beverley, assistant district superintendent of the company, and also the managing clerk to Messrs. Scott & Holmes, stated that when Lodge was asked last week if he was present when the policy was effected he replied in the negative.

His Honour gave judgement for the plaintiff. Leave to appeal on the points of law raised by counsel in the course of the case for the defence was given.

EPPS'S COCOA ESSENCE.—A THIN COCOA.—The choicest roasted nibs of the natural Cocoa, on being subjected to powerful hydraulic pressure, give forth their excess of oil, leaving for use a finely flavoured powder—a product, which, when prepared with boiling water, has the consistence of tea, of which it is now with many, beneficially taking the place. Its active principle being a gentle nerve stimulant, supplies the needed energy without unduly exciting the system. Sold only in labelled tins. If unable to obtain it of your tradesman, a tin will be sent post free for 9 stamps.—James Epps and Co., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London.

LITERARY EXTRACTS.

HE who complains that the world is hollow and heartless unconsciously confesses his own lack of sympathy, while he who believes that people as a whole are kindly and humane is certain to have the milk of human kindness in his nature.

ADVERSITY.—In times of good fortune it is easy to appear great—nay, even to act greatly; but in misfortune very difficult. The greatest man will commit blunders in misfortune, because the want of proportion between his means and his ends progressively increases, and his inward strength is exhausted in fruitless efforts.—NIEBUHR

SOUDANESE VIEWS OF THE MAHDI.—I was always curious to find out exactly how the inhabitants of the Soudan regarded the Mahdi, whether he was looked upon as an impostor or as a prophet who had had bad luck; but it was very difficult to get a decided expression of opinion. "Who knows?" was the general answer. My black bugler Faragalla, an ex-Dervish, was the most expansive. "Wallahi," he would say, "he was a great man. He knew how to direct his own men's bullets straight, and how to turn his enemies bullets to harmless rain. If he had lived things would not have been as they are now." "What about Abu Klea?" I said. "He was not present; he never saw defeat!" was the reply. This was so true that I changed the subject and asked him what he thought of Osman Digna. "Ottman Digna?" he said. "Ottman Digna? He works by magic; he writes in the sand, and if the letters spell victory he remains, but if they spell defeat he goes."—*From Soudan Recollections in the Cornhill Magazine.*

WHAT IS ELECTRICITY?—Mr. Howard B. Little, in a recent issue of *Knowledge*, continues his untrammelled discussion of things electrical, and in this, his fourth article, vaults over, dives under, and walks round, as it were, that little factor in successful work—experience—showing us its value and its danger. "There is," says Mr. Little, "the individual who wants to know, and who will ask questions. In this connection the average electrician suffers more than all the members of any Foreign Office ever constituted, for two reasons: first, he is expected to make clear, to the class of questioner aforesaid, in the course of a few instants, what it may have taken many years to arrive at a just appreciation and understanding of; and secondly, because the lay mind, having from childhood been familiarised with the phenomena of light, heat, and sound, and never realises that it has no information whatever as to what they are; consequently, by some curious process of reasoning, or want of reasoning, the impression prevails that any electrician who knows his business should be able to tell at once what electricity is."

UNCONSCIOUS MIMICRY.—That yawning is contagious most folk are aware, but the extent to which this unconscious imitation may be carried is both amusing and amazing. Let any reader test it for himself. When sitting in church next Sunday, just clear your throat with a sharp cough, and a score of folk all over the building will unwittingly emulate your example. Again, when you next enter a railway waiting-room, commence walking slowly to and fro the length of the room, and then notice how many men, who before were standing still, will unconsciously imitate your movements. First one will start, then another, until half a dozen fellows are pacing the floor as you are doing. Then stop short and sit down, and most of the mimics will soon do the same. Take another example. When assembled with a company of male friends, take out your watch and inspect it in full view of all present. In less than two minutes almost every fellow in the room who has a watch with him will do precisely the same thing. The experiment may be varied considerably with like results. Gaze intently at your boots, curl your moustache, tap the floor with your stick, or pretend to re-adjust your tie, collar, hat, or cuffs, and you will invariably provoke imitation in those around you. The fact is as interesting as it is inexplicable.

AN AMUSING CRICKET YARN.—Brockwell is not only a fine cricketer, and an enthusiastic patron of sport, he is also a very genial and good natured fellow, and this latter trait in his character is sometimes taken advantage of by his numerous acquaintances. But there is a man in the neighbourhood of the Oval who will not bore Brockwell again for some time to come. This individual was wont to wait about outside the entrance gates of the Oval, in company with dozens of other "dead-heads," until he managed to become acquainted with Brockwell, and, on the strength of this slender acquaintance, contrived on numerous occasions to pass in without payment. But there came a time when even the good-tempered Brockwell grew tired of this trickery, and tried to throw the fellow off, but in vain. One day, however, he resolved to try a humorous remedy. Permitting the "dead-head" to pass through in his company he stopped short in the grounds and said: "There's some dust on your coat; let me brush it off." While pretending to do this, Brockwell took a piece of chalk from his pocket, and wrote across the seedy black coat the word, "Dead-head!" All through the day the marked man moved about through the throng, and wondered why folk seemed so amused wherever he went. But the ruse proved eminently successful, and Brockwell is pestered no more by that particular bore.

WORTH KNOWING.—In a short article in a recent number of *The Gardener* will be found a device for producing miniature oaks. The writer says: Suspend an acorn in each of as many long, trumpet-shaped glasses as may be required; the glasses should be two-thirds full of water, and the acorn should just miss touching the surface. In a week or two roots will be formed, and in a short time a shoot will emerge from the top of the glass. As the leaves form, care should be taken to regulate the height and density of the shrub by stopping the leading stem and side shoots. Here is permanent foliage for dinner-table decoration. The most effective way to utilise it is to introduce into each glass a sprig or two of copper beech, and alternately a few sprays of blue Plumbago capensis and Coreopsis Drummondi, or later in the season the latter may be replaced by Gaillardia grandiflora or single cactus dahlias, Helen McGregor (yellow and brown) contrasting splendidly with the Plumbago. These will go with almost any centre, but the nicest I have seen was a fine Aspidistra (the variegated one), in the midst of some imitation rock-work of virgin cork, over which trailed blue and white Campanula isophylla, relieved here and there by tiny specimens of the Royal fern, all the pots being hidden by the cork. A few fairy lights completed the arrangement.

J. M. BARRIE'S MODESTY.—Mr. J. M. Barrie, the famous author, is a singularly shy man. On one occasion he sent some money to aid a brother journalist with whom the times were unpropitious. Later in the day the grateful scribe came to personally express his thanks for the assistance, but this ordeal was too much for Barrie's modesty. The author saw his friend coming, intuitively guessed the nature of his errand, and slipped away through a rear exit for a ramble through the fields until such a time as his visitor should be departed. At a public dinner given in honour of the writer, the shyness he exhibited was curious to note. A friend of the author, who was present, avers that Barrie did not turn up until nearly the last moment; then he slid in as modestly as a mouse, and made for the nearest convenient table, where he hid himself behind a big pot of ferns in order to escape notice. His attitude and demeanour would never have suggested the popular author to one who did not know him. His speech that evening was singularly selfless in character. He referred tenderly to his mother, and to his schoolmaster, and said some very kind things about his brother writers, but little or nothing about the guest of the evening. Mr. Barrie once confided to an intimate friend that his proposal of marriage to his wife was the most appalling ordeal he ever had to endure, which we can thoroughly credit.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT AT OULTON.

On Friday last, the annual treat to the St. John's Sunday School scholars, took place in fine weather, 320 children joining in the festivities. The scholars met at the Institute in the afternoon at half-past two, and paraded the village to the church, where a flower service took place, at which the Rev. E. H. Dykes delivered a suitable address. The scholars sang their special hymns during the service, and afterwards left nosegays at the altar, to be forwarded during the evening to the Leeds Infirmary and the Women's and Children's hospital. Leaving church, the scholars walked by the private path up to Oulton Hall, and back by the zigzag path through the old lodge gates, up Farrer Lane, and back to tea. The young women's class took tea with the teachers, the provisions being prepared by Mrs. Sharpe. In the evening, games and sports were indulged in, in the Park, the prizes for the sports being afterwards distributed by Mrs. Calverley. A capital day's programme concluded soon after nine o'clock.

PROPERTY SALE AT LOFTHOUSE.

Messrs Howgate, Chapman, and King sold for auction at the Wagon & Horses Inn, Lofthouse, on Wednesday last, a quantity of property belonging to the executors of the late Mr. George Roberts. Mr. William Thompson, hay and straw dealer, Leeds, was after very keen competition, the purchaser of one of the lots between Leeds and Wakefield. The property comprised a parcel of ground and three dwelling-houses, containing about one acre, 33 perches. The bidding was a record one. It started at £300, and advanced in bids from £50 to £1 up to £800 at which figure it was sold. There were no fewer than 74 bids in all.

STOURTON CHURCH.

The choir of the above Church held their annual excursion on Monday last, when Bridlington was visited by the members and a few friends. A very pleasant day was spent, most of the many attractions of the town being visited.

In memory of the late Mr. Henry Westerman, who was a Church-warden and energetic supporter of the cause for many years, a tablet was unveiled in Stourton Church, on Sunday last.

TOWNSHIP OF ROTHWELL-WITH-ROTHWELL HAIGH AND ROYDS GREEN.

Rothwell, near Leeds,
July 28th, 1899.

PARLIAMENTARY VOTERS' LIST.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Dear Sir,

The Overseers of the Poor of the above township again direct the attention of the owners and occupiers (who have occupied since July 15th, 1898), to the Voters' Lists which will be published and posted on the 1st. of August, at the places of worship, and public offices in Rothwell and Stourton.

The Lists are prepared as carefully as possible, but should any electors not find their names inserted in the list belonging to the particular ward in which he or she resides, if application is at once made to me, or the political agents, the matter can be remedied before the revision takes place.

It is advisable to do this early, and not wait until an election occurs, with the consequent disappointment on finding their names inadvertently omitted.

Yours truly,
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LOST—A small BROWN PAPER PARCEL on Wednesday last, between Wood Lane and Thwaite Gate. Finder will be rewarded on bringing same to the *Rothwell Times* Office.

DEATHS.

BLAKELEY—July 28th, aged 64 years, Mary Blakeley, of Rothwell Haigh.

DUNWELL—July 28th, aged 9 months. Elsie, daughter of James and Elizabeth Dunwell, of Rothwell Haigh.

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Friday, August 4, 1899.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The half-yearly general meeting of the above company was held on Wednesday last, at the Great Northern Station Hotel, Leeds, Mr. Joseph Charlesworth (the chairman) presiding.

In moving the adoption of the report and accounts (a summary of which has already appeared), the Chairman said the company had experienced a fairly prosperous half-year. After payment of the fixed charges upon the concern, they were in a position to recommend the payment of dividends at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, both on the Preference and Ordinary Stock, carrying forward to next half-year the sum of £1,283. It was the view of the Board that the amount carried forward should be gradually increased each half-year until it amounted to a respectable reserve fund for contingencies. The works on capital account which had been proceeding during the half-year were the doubling of the main line, necessitated by the growing traffic from Lofthouse to Stourton, and the extension of the Newmarket branch to the Nelson Colliery. The doubling work had been carried from Lofthouse to Robin Hood, and considerable progress has been made with the Newmarket extension. There had been a steady and continuous increase in the traffic dealt with by the company ever since the opening of the line. For the first complete half-year after the opening to 31st December, 1891, the quantity of traffic carried was 129,881 tons; for the half-year just completed the quantity carried had grown to 340,117 tons, and works were now in progress upon the line which it was expected would considerably increase the traffic. At Robin Hood the collieries had been re-arranged, with a view to a much larger output, and an installation of coking plant by the Simon Carves Company was being constructed, which would give them a large traffic in coke and the residual products of its manufacture. A new sinking for coal was likewise being made at St. Swithin's, on the Newmarket Branch, which would also be an additional feeder to the company's traffic. With this satisfactory account of the financial state of the company, the directors regretted that they were unable to state that any substantial progress had been made towards redeeming their pledge to run passenger trains. Negotiations had taken place and plans and estimates had been prepared, but until the neighbouring companies were prepared to agree to some plan for the interchange of passenger traffic with them nothing could be done. The directors felt that the fact that this important and increasingly populous district (Rothwell) was still without a passenger service, although for many years the railway had been made through it, was assuming the proportions of a public scandal, and they would lose no opportunity of earnestly pressing the question upon the companies concerned.

Mr. Josept Talbot seconded the resolution.

In reply to a question, the Chairman stated that the directors had been in communication with the Midland and Great Northern Companies with respect to the provision of a passenger service, but the matter progressed very slowly. No serious objection was raised, but there was much delay.

The Secretary (Mr. S. W. Meyer) said there were two ways of getting over the difficulty—one was by persuasion, the other by means of an Act of Parliament. They were very anxious to keep faith with the people of Rothwell, where the population was increasing very rapidly. Indeed, there was not a house in the district to be got "for love or money" now. The residents had at present either to make the journey to Leeds on foot or by means of waggonette.

The resolution was adopted and the usual dividends declared.

Acknowledging a vote of thanks to the directors and staff, the Chairman said he had always declared that the company would turn out a good thing, and so it had, but he felt there was even better prospect before it. Some difficulty had arisen respecting the use of the line for passenger traffic, but that was not the fault of their company so much as the delays of the other companies concerned. They might have some good excuse for their delay, but he did not think they had. The directors hoped that the present difficulties would be surmounted, but if not, they would be compelled to take other steps.

At an extraordinary meeting of the shareholders, held subsequently, a resolution was agreed to, authorising the creation and issue of additional Preference and Debenture Stock, for the completion of the works referred to by the Chairman.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending July 29th, 1899, is £271; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £262, thus showing increase of £9. For the 4 weeks ending July 29th, the return is £1085, against £1000 for the corresponding period last year, an decrease of £85.

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.]

Rothwell and district was on Sunday last invaded by myriads of small black-winged insects. They settled everywhere and on everything, even on our bread and butter, and their bite on the hands and face was tantalising. To the naked eye, in the case of a person obliged to wear spectacles when reading ordinary newspaper print, they were pretty nearly invisible. Where do these insects come from? What is their origin and what useful purpose do they serve in the economy of nature? Their fate is death and annihilation, which is a most comforting reflection. As I write this paragraph, so late as Tuesday, by the aid of fairly powerful eye-glasses, I can see them parading over the paper in their black coats, and I notice when they come in contact with the wet ink, they suddenly stop, like human epicures, to take a drink, under the notion they have come across a road-side Inn.

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At dinner, on Sunday, I rejected my plate of soup at first sight, ejaculating "No flies, thanks." These black parasites, as I thought were taking a bath and swimming on the savoury liquid. However, I was reassured, on being told, that what I saw was merely fine particles of thyme. I got laughed at, of course, but sipping the soup afterwards, I could not help observing that I fancied I detected a slight flavour of cinnamon. The number of these well-nigh invisible insects swallowed on Sunday, at meal times, must have been enormous. The gastric juice in the stomach digesting these plagues, I guess had a lively half-hour of it.

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At this season of the year, one comes across, occasionally, rather curious eatables For instance, last week I had placed before me at the breakfast table, a fine bunch of pale green fresh-plucked lettuce, after being douced in water. In the very heart of this, I found a fat white snail. He seemed very comfortable, and was evidently reflecting on the nature of things. Philosophers tell us the nature of a thing is what it does. You may be sure although under the influence of a keen morning hunger, I did not eat the snail raw. I sent him back impaled on the end of a toothpick to the culinary department, intimating I had no relish for uncooked snails, but if the delicacy was cooked in milk or butter and seasoned with anchovies, I would try the novelty on condition that I had an extra quantity of marmalade to the bread and butter as a finish to the meal.

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Travellers in France tell us that fat white snails when in season and properly cooked, is a dish not to be despised, quite as enjoyable as eel pie. And in this respect, it must be remembered that France sets the fashion in cookery and varieties of food, to the whole world.

ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

In connection with the above society an address was given at the Cross, on Monday night last, by Mr. J. J. Hatch, of York, agent for the United Kingdom Alliance. The speaker dealt with the drink traffic in relation especially to the working class population of the country, and showed in a vigorous speech the necessity for active work on the part of temperance societies of the country in order to battle against this devastating foe. Mr. C. Ineson presided, and there was a moderate attendance.

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DR. BUCK'S TEAM v. ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT.

The weather on Monday last was superbly fine for the annual benefit match in connection with the Rothwell Cricket Club, so ably promoted and successfully carried out by the captain, Dr. Buck, during preceding seasons Well-known professional and amateur cricketers were advertised to take part in the match, and the weather being all that could be desired, many lovers of the summer pastime availed themselves of the opportunity of witnessing amongst other attractive displays, the capabilities of their old and well-known friend, Albert Ward. Besides the Rothwell-born and renowned batsman, Dr. Buck had secured the services of G. P. Harrison (late of Yorkshire County Cricket fame), Messrs. Hollins, Hutton, and Crabtree, from the Idle C.C.; Tom Collin (Castleford); A. E Higgins (Oulton); W. E. Richardson and M Fowler; the only players announced who were absentees being C. Spivey and H. Clark, the vacancies being filled by A. W. Seanor, Rothwell, and Geo. Borwell, of Honley, (late schoolmaster at the Rothwell National school). The district team comprised several noted players, H. Robinson and A. Goldthorpe (Hunslet); C. Lunn (Stourton); G. H. Place (Middleton Park); T. Parkin (Lofthouse); H. Parkin (Woodlesford); J. Keighley (Methley); J. Speake, (Carlton); and J. W. Chadwick, J. Walker, and H. Morgan (Rothwell); the only absentee being L. E. Greenwood (Oulton), whose place was taken by T. Dobson, Junr.

Play commenced twelve a-side shortly after half-past one, when the District team had the privilege of defending the wickets, and sent in Robinson and Place. Hutton and Harrison shared the bowling, the former opening with a maiden, whilst a four and a couple of singles were scored off the county man's first over; both played very carefully, the partnership being brought to a close by Place being caught in the long field by Collin off Harrison for 3, with the score at 16. T. Parkin followed in next, and after the score had risen to 34, Albert Ward went on at the low end in place of Hutton, and dismissed Parkin in his second over, after he had scored 7 (2 for 36). Lunn filled the vacancy, and after scoring a single, was sent back to the pavilion by Ward (3 for 38). Speake joined Robinson, when the latter was bowled by Harrison, after a splendid display and a well-hit innings of 29, consisting of five 4's, a 2, and 7 singles (4 for 44). Speake quickly followed with a couple of singles, being 'leg before' to Harrison (5 for 47). Keighley and H. Parkin were now partners, the former opening with a grand cut to the boundary, after which he was stumped by Crabtree off Harrison (6 for 51). Goldthorpe joined Parkin, and with the score at 52, Harrison was taken off and Higgins was given a trial. Goldthorpe after a couple of attempts drove the Oulton man for 4, both players playing very cautiously. The batsmen attempting to steal a run, Ward threw wide of the wicket, and Higgins running after the ball to the boundary, put his foot on it and fell over the ropes, spraining his ankle, and as a result having to be assisted into the pavilion. Collin went on in place of Higgins, and Chadwick acted as substitute in the field. Goldthorpe was caught in the slips by Hollins, off Ward, when he had scored 18, which comprised four 4's and two singles (7 for 76). Ward easily disposed of the Rothwellites, Walker, Morgan and Chadwick, being got rid of without scoring, and Parkin having added a single to his score, Collin caught Dobson off his own bowling for a 'duck,' thus Parkin was not out with a careful ten to his credit, and the innings closed for 77 runs.

An interval now took place, so that the players and friends could partake of refreshments kindly provided by Dr. Buck.

There was a good muster of spectators present, when Ward and Hollins went in to represent the Doctor's team. Morgan opened at the low end with a bye, after which Ward cut him to leg for two fours in succession. Goldthorpe went on at the top end, and with the score at 18, Morgan took Hollins off-stump with a beauty after scoring 5. Hutton had not a long stay, as with a similar ball from Morgan, he had to retire with a 'duck' (2 for 28). Crabtree followed next, and Chadwick was the first change bowler in place of Goldthorpe, and with his first delivery he clean bowled Crabtree, who had only scored a couple of singles (3 for 39). A long partnership now followed by Collin and Ward, both batsmen being quite at home with the trundlers; Keighley replaced Morgan at the low end, and Chadwick, after dogged perseverance, got Ward out 'leg before' after he had made 31, his score comprising four 4's, three 2's, and 9 singles; on Ward retiring to the pavilion his display was loudly applauded. This makes the third time Chadwick has got Ward's wicket at these annual matches (4 for 68). Chadwick's next delivery found Borwell caught by Robinson. Harrison joined Collin and created more fun than cricket, seeing the opponents' score had been passed through the efforts of Ward and Collin. Walker going on in place of Keighley, soon upset Harrison's stump in his third over, after he had scored 2 (6 for 85). Richardson was caught by Goldthorpe off Walker's next delivery for a 'duck.' Chadwick now gave way for T. Parkin. In Walker's next over, Fowler was caught off the first ball by T. Parkin without scoring. The captain, Dr. Buck, now joined Collin, the latter player giving a difficult chance to H. Parkin at point with a sharp cut when he had scored 41. Collin with a nice stroke brought the total into three figures, when he was bowled the next ball by T. Parkin, after a fine innings of 44, which consisted of seven 4's, one 3, two 2's, and 9 singles. Higgins had recovered sufficiently to partner the captain, and secured the service of Collin to act as runner, but the latter player's services were not required, as Chadwick caught Higgins out with the last ball in Parkin's third over without scoring. Seanor appeared as last man, and remarkable to say he was the only Rothwell player who was successful in getting any runs; after scoring 2 singles and a 4, he was caught by Chadwick off Walker, the Doctor carrying out his bat without scoring, and the innings closed for 107. It will be seen from the scores that Ward and Collin were the only two batsmen who were able to cope with the fine trundling of the District team. A very interesting afternoon's cricket was brought to a conclusion about half-past five. The following are the scores and analysis:—

Rothwell and District.

G H Place, c T Collin b Harrison..	3
H Robinson, b Harrison..........	29
T Parkin, b Albert Ward	7
C Lunn, b Ward	1
J Speake, lbw b Harrison	2
H Parkin, not out	10
J Keighley, st Crabtree b Harrison	4
A Goldthorpe, c Hollins b Ward....	18
J Walker, b Ward	0
H Morgan, b Ward	0
J W Chadwick, b Ward	0
T Dobson, Junr, c and b Collin....	0
Extras	3
Total	77

Dr. Buck's Team.

Albert Ward, lbw b J W Chadwick	31
F Hollins, b Morgan	5
J J Hutton, b Morgan	0
W Crabtree, b Chadwick	2
T Collin, b T Parkin	44
G Borwell, c Robinson b Chadwick	0
G P Harrison, b Walker	2
W E Richardson, c Goldthorpe b Walker	0
M Fowler, c T Parkin b Walker....	0
Dr Buck, not out	0
E A Higgins, c Chadwick b Parkin	0
A W Seanor, c Chadwick b Walker..	6
Extras	17
Total	107

Bowling Analysis—Dr. Buck's Team:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
J J Hutton......	6	3	11	0	.11
G P Harrison....	12	3	27	4	6.3
A Ward	14	6	24	6	4.
E A Higgins.....	4	0	11	0	.11
T Collin	3.3	3	1	1	1.1

Bowling Analysis—Rothwell:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
H Morgan	7	2	20	2	10.
A Goldthorpe....	5	1	12	0	.12
J W Chadwick ..	7	2	19	3	6.1
J Keighley	3	0	18	0	.18
Joe Walker	7	2	12	4	3.
T Parkin	4	0	9	2	4.1

After the match, all the players and friends were invited to Mulgrave House, where by the kind generosity of Dr. and Mrs. Buck, tea was taken on the lawn. Before leaving, Mr. H. J. Martin proposed, Mr. A. W. Seanor seconded, and Mr. B Wood Higgins supported, a vote of thanks to the host and hostess for their kindness and hospitality, and to the ladies who had assisted, reference being also made to Mr. A. Ward, and other cricketers who were present. Dr. Buck, in reply, said he was greatly indebted to the help which he had received from Mr. H. S. Atkinson and Mr. W. E. Richardson; he referred to the state of the club when he first knew it, and to its now good financial position, and he hoped the affair would be an annual one. Mr. A. Ward, responding to a call, said he considered it a duty as well as a pleasure to pay a visit to Rothwell and meet his old friends, and although, what with his business, and the County and other engagements, it took him all his time to spare a day, he hoped he would be able to contrive a day in the future to take part in such similar proceedings they had had that day. Mr. Hutton also expressed his gratification on this his first visit to Rothwell, and promised at some future date to bring the Idle cricketers over, and give them a friendly game. Afterwards the guests were invited to spend the evening at the Private Billiard Room, where everything was carried out in a convivial manner, and congratulations expressed on the success of the proceedings.

AN INTERESTING CRICKET MATCH AT LOFTHOUSE.

It is obvious that the brick-yard men from Thorpe will not again be so ready in challenging the "Youths" who work at the low stone yard at Robin Hood, to play them at cricket for a supper. It was no doubt with weary limbs that most of them adjourned to the supper, towards which Mr. George Armitage generously gave half-a-sovereign. There had been much talk and not a little boast by the brick-yard men, some of whom it was rumoured were going to bat a week. Therefore imagine their discomfiture when their united efforts only realised 73. The brickyard men batted first, and as before stated, made 73; the Saw mill youths responding with 259, the chief contributors being—J. W. Ackroyd 40, Turner 36, Hartley 32, Charlesworth 30, Tate 27, Keighley 23, Tom Longley 24, and Oakley 22; so it will be seen by the above, that it was no one man affair. Oakley and Hartley did well in the trundling department for the Sawmill lot, the former bowling 7 overs for 3 runs and 2 wickets. After the match, supper was partaken of at the "Rose and Crown." and an enjoyable evening was spent. We think it is something for Messrs. Armitage's to be proud of in possessing such a lot of men as did duty under their name on Saturday, and there is no doubt that with a full team on they would take a lot of beating by any junior organization round about. Mr. John Armitage and Mr. Jos. Oakley were the captains for their respective sides.

ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE BAND OF HOPE FESTIVAL.

Anniversary services in connection with the above Band of Hope, were conducted in the Temperance Hall, on Sunday afternoon and evening, by Mr. Joe Wade. There were large congregations present on both occasions, when Mr. Wade preached suitable sermons, and the children sang their special hymns. The festival took place on Wednesday, in brilliant weather. The children met at the Hall early in the afternoon, and afterwards paraded the streets and sang their special hymns; Mr. J. M. Smith was the conductor, and Mr. C. Sidebottom (organ,) and Mr. A. Sidebottom (cornet,) played the accompaniments. On returning to the Hall tea was served, followed by a public tea for the workers and friends. In the evening sports took place in Mr. Brook's field on the Marsh, kindly lent, the whole proceedings passing off with well deserved success.

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MESSRS. BENTLEY'S TRIP.

There was a big crush at Woodlesford station on Saturday morning last, it being a singular co-incidence that several firms in this neighbourhood had selected that date for their annual excursion, and never, we should say, were so many holiday makers entrained at the little station as on the date referred to. First of all the Allerton Main miners took train for Blackpool, soon after 5 o'clock, then one of the Rothwell Haigh miners' excursion trains was got clear and away for the same place, a large crowd of Messrs. Bentley's men left at a quarter past six for Morecambe, and lastly the second train containing the remainder of the Rothwell Haigh miners followed their fellow workmen, over an hour after the advertised time of starting. With this big company of holiday makers to deal with, the local Brewery workers may compliment themselves that they started only a quarter of an hour late for the West coast bay, selected for this year's outing. Traffic was evidently somewhat dislocated, as the long, and heavily-laden train made but slow progress, it being after ten o'clock when they were drawn up at the excursion platform on the coast. As the Crossgates Flower show date is almost synonymous with wet and miserable weather, so the date of Messrs. Bentley's trip is, or has been for years, proverbial for favourable and auspicious atmospheric conditions; although rain showers were passed through en route, the time spent at Morecambe left little to be desired, the day being fine, and the air cool and bracing. There was a large number of visitors in the town, the promenade being crowded and the places of entertainment well patronized The requirements of the inner man were studiously attended to during the day; a large party took dinner and tea at 22, Sea View Parade, a well appointed rendezvous for picnic and other parties, and of which Mr. Scarr, late of Oulton, is proprietor. Mr. and Mrs. Scarr catered for their old friends with true Yorkshire hospitality, the thoughts of which lingered pleasantly in the memory of their guests throughout the day. The new and popular West End Pier provided a variety of attractions, the principal of which was a pleasing variety programme in the spacious and luxurious pavilion, including selections by De Jong's band; songs by Miss Annie Nelson, Mr. Flower Burton and Mr Thornley Dodge; performances by Zertho's Dogs; De Courcey Bros. Herculean Acrobats; Martus, the Trapeze performer; Angelini, the Juggler; and an interesting exhibition of Rodger's Electograph. At the Winter gardens there was also a long programme by clever artistes. Short trips to sea, to Klondyke, Hesp Bank, &c. were made by small companies, all of whom fully embraced the opportunities such novel pleasures affords. The return train left Morecambe at a quarter to nine, and after a pleasant run Woodlesford was reached about midnight, thus completing another of the many successful excursions promoted by our local Brewery Company.

ROTHWELL HAIGH COLLIERIES. WORKMEN'S TRIP TO BLACKPOOL.

On Saturday last, the workmen of Messrs. J. & J. Charlesworth's Rothwell Haigh Collieries visited Blackpool on their annual excursion. As the trains chartered to convey them from Woodlesford station were due to leave at 5.10. and 5.20, the trippers had to bestir themselves soon after dawn, in order to make their final preparation for the day's pleasure, and reach the station before the trains steamed in. Besides the Rothwell Haigh trip, there was heavy excursion traffic from the same station, which was perhaps, in some measure responsible for protracted delay, it being ten minutes to six and a quarter to seven before the Rothwell Haigh trains started on their long journey. The morning was dull and threatening, and rain fell heavily as Colne and Blackburn were passed, but on reaching their destination the sun shone out, and rain kept off. Owing to the late start, it was 10 o'clock and 20 past twelve before the journey was completed.

A stiff breeze prevailed, which made the sea a little rough, but not too much so to prevent pleasurable sails to other near-at-hand watering places. Besides the hundred-and one attractions on the beach, the monster programme at the Tower gardens came in for liberal patronage, the programme in the great pavilion including performances by the band, conductor Mr. Oliver Gaggs; March, "Victoria Cross"; Overture, "Siege of Rochelle"; Cornet solo, "A Song of Thanksgiving," Mr. S. Jenner; Grand selection of the most popular and up-to-date melodies entitled "A Jolly Holiday"; Overture, "Der Freischutz"; Husarenritt, "Hussars' Ride"; Grand fantastia from Richard Wagner's Classic Opera "Lohengrin"; Songs, Mr. William Wild; Descriptive scena, "A Hunting Scene," morning, the meet, the hunt, tally ho! a fox, the run, finale; Professor James Finney, all round champion swimmer of the world, and his talented sister, Miss Maria Finney, the heroine of London Bridge, in their extraordinary feats of Natation in the Crystal Tank; The Dunham family, the Aerial gymnastic masters, the acknowledged champions, in their unrivalled and intrepid mid-air flights. The Winter gardens and the "Big Wheel" also drew large crowds of trippers, for whom the proprietors cater on very elaborate scales. The town was remarkably busy, there being no less than 63 trips in, mostly from large centres of population in Yorkshire and Lancashire. The time for departure arrived all too quickly, and laden with presents, and replenished with refreshments to assuage both hunger and thirst during the long railway ride, both trains started with their precious cargo on the homeward journey, Woodlesford being reached soon after midnight.

The workpeople connected with Messrs. J. & J. Charlesworth Robin Hood collieries had their annual excursion on the same date, to the same place, a special train being run from Lofthouse and Ardsley stations, leaving the former at 4.45 and the latter at 4.50. The return train left about half-past six o'clock in the evening, and reached Ardsley safely with its large freight of weary trippers, who were thoroughly tired by the long but enjoyable day's outing.

SHORT STORY.

HIS PROMISE.

"So Vane has asked you to be his wife? And you, my daughter, what did you say to him? You told him you would say yes or no to-night at your birthday ball? Ah! how life repeats itself! What do I mean? Your lover is coming to you as mine was coming to me thirty years ago. And mine never came. What will you say to Vane to-night? You don't quite know?

"Listen, my child.

"Thirty years ago, Mayflower, I, like you, had plenty of suitors; I couldn't be sure which of them I liked best. Perhaps I didn't want to give up my queenship over many for queenship over one. So I dallied with Maurice Leslie. Yes, that's his miniature in my desk. Looks like a soldier? Well, you think soldiers irresistible. Perhaps I didn't because I saw so much of them. You remember, we lived near a garrison town, and all our friends were soldiers.

"Well, everybody wanted me to marry Captain Leslie, and because they did, and the match was so advantageous, was partly, no doubt why I couldn't or wouldn't make up my mind.

"That summer we were all full of the regimental steeplechases. We girls were busy embroidering silken jackets and scarves, betting on the winners—oh! gloves, of course—and from morning till night talked of nothing else. We were to have a dance in the evening.

Maurice was to ride his own horse, Hero. He came to me the day before the race, his fair, handsome face flushed with eagerness.

"'Doris,' he said, 'you must wish me good luck.'

"'Of course I do,' I said, smiling.

"'Give me that rose you are wearing, then.' He had grown pale again; I was a little awed; he was in such deadly earnest. 'With that against my heart I must win.'

"I gave it him slowly. I felt as if my whole life were going out of my hands into his. Then he said, holding my hands and almost stumbling over his words in his passionate haste: 'You have kept me uncertain so long, Doris; give me my answer to-morrow. I fling all my life on the chance of this race. If I win——'

"I was proud of him—proud of such love; touched by the romance as any girl must be, I murmured: 'If you win—— And somehow it was settled so.

"It was a gallant sight next day—a neck-and-neck race. It makes the blood pulse in one's veins to see it. The boldest rider and the best was the man in the crimson silk and a crimson rose in his breast.

"Was I glad? Did I know I loved him when a thousand voices were hoarsely shouting 'Hero!—no, Sequin! Hero!—Hero wins!'? No; I was dumb, breathless, dizzy with emotion. I remember holding out both my hands to him, and he stooped and kissed them. I feel that kiss sometimes now. Ah! I have loved more deeply since, but the rush of a new emotion is never quite like that which comes after. You will feel your lover's first kiss when you are as old as I, May.

"He was to have the first dance that night, of course; I promised it; even if he were late I would wait for him. Oh, Mayflower! how we all build our plans and lay out the hours as if they were our own!

"'You do love me, my heart?' he said when we parted. You want to know what I answered? What other girls answer, I suppose, when all their heart goes out to the questioner.

"He had to go to the barracks for some duty to be done, then dress and ride back for our dance. He had some miles to go, and he promised to do his utmost to be in time. You know the beautiful rooms at my old home?—they looked their best that night. Everyone had come—even our Colonel, who always came last everywhere. 'Leslie was coming soon,' he said, and congratulated me, as did all our friends. Dancing began. I was asked and declined half a dozen times.

"'What can make Maurice so late?' said my mother. 'Doris, you really mustn't sit out this dance—it will look so odd.'

"'I promised,' I said. I was very proud at that time—not as meek as you were that night Vane lingered at mess and missed a waltz with you. I was beginning to get angry—to feel slighted—to think, as unreasonably as some women will, that somehow he should have arranged about that duty differently. I could see, too, that people were talking about it; the Colonel laughed good-naturedly, and said Leslie was a laggard. Oh! that waltz, May! I can never hear it now and bear myself!

"Suddenly I started up. 'A laggard, you call him, Colonel!' I said, trying to smile; but my lips were trembling and my eyes full of tears. 'There he is—he has come!'

"'Where?' the Colonel said, following my gaze in a bewildered way.

"'By the oriel window—he is looking at me—why doesn't he come to me? Go and bring him, Colonel—go!'

"The music had stopped; the dancers stood still; they were all looking at me, and I—I stood staring at my lover's motionless figure, with my rose in his breast and his dark eyes fixed on me. Why did he look so mournfully? Why did he stand there? Did he think I would not forgive him?

"'Maurice,' I gasped, 'Maurice!'

"I suppose I fainted, May. I had never fainted in my life before. They were all round me when I could see again, and my mother held me in her arms.

"'She was frightened,' someone said; 'she saw him.' 'Yes, he hasn't come,' another voice said and I hid my face. He had kept his promise—he had come to me—to his bride of an hour.

"There was no more dancing that night. Lights were lowered, music silenced, guests standing in idle groups, while the Colonel organised search-parties—because I begged so frantically, I think—not because he or anyone believed very much that anything had happened.

"I went with one of the parties; I insisted on its going to the river. 'He wouldn't come that way,' said the Colonel.

"'It's the shortest,' I said; 'he would come as quickly as he could.'

"You know I have been called obstinate, May; that night I simply would listen to nothing. I walked down the steps and across the lawns and fields towards the river. What could the men do but follow?

"I saw him, Mayflower!—no, don't touch me—I shall be myself again directly. Do you remember that tomb in the church at home you loved to look at when you were a child—you said he looked so good—the knight with crossed hands and his sword beside him? That was how my knight looked when I knelt at his side and took his hands and folded them over his breast above my rose that lay there pale and pure he was as that white marble.

"I never told anyone about it until, years after, your father. People talked about it at the time how he must have crossed the river a little too low and the horse got caught in the currents there, and how it was said my lover had come to keep his promise to me; but nobody knew exactly, save your father. Did I really love Maurice? you ask me, May? He is such a sacred memory to me that I never tried to gauge how much or how little I cared for him; but it never could be half as much as he loved me.

"That's my story. It can't be explained, except by his great love for me, that I didn't deserve. You mustn't tell anyone about it—not even Vane. Yes, it has tried me a little, but it doesn't matter. It almost done my life; and while you are still wondering at the mysteries around us I shall have put aside the veil between the seen and the unseen."

"The first dance, May—what! you are going to sit it out? Ah! I see—he hasn't come yet. Patience a while—don't be anxious. There is no cruel river to take him away from you. How lovely you look! He will tell you the same presently. Oh! she is gone—like an arrow from the bow. My story has gone home; she won't keep him long in suspense. He is bending over her—he touches his flowers she wears—now he puts his arm round her, and they are off.

"So you have settled it, and you are going to carry off my daughter, Vane. Yes, you'd better go and tell her father. Well, May, my child, so you thought of my story? That's right! There is one regret your mother must always feel—it's hard to think we have been less kind to our dead than we might have been."

[THE END.]

LOFTHOUSE NATIONAL SCHOOL.

The annual Government report has just been received and is of a most satisfactory character. The report says "The staff has been strengthened and the premises much improved. The teachers have evidently worked with much zeal and success." The highest possible grants have been earned in all subjects, viz:—Girls £1 1s 6d per head, and Boys £1 2s 3d. Fred Summers has received the highest grant, having passed "Well" at the recent Examination of Pupil Teachers.

"PICTURESQUE YORKSHIRE"

The fifth part of "A picture history of Yorkshire" founded on personal observation by Mr. J. S. Fletcher, and published by Messrs. J. M. Dent & Co., is just out, and will be particularly interesting to many of our readers, as the districts described include the lower part of Airedale; many notable pieces of architecture and familiar scenes of rural beauty are commented upon. The work, which is to be completed in eighteen monthly parts, is profusely illustrated by well-known artists of repute, the part under notice including views of Pontefract Old Hall, Ledstone, Ledstone Hall, Chimney and Oriel at Methley Hall, full view of the Hall itself, Methley Church, tombs in Methley Church, Cottages at Oulton; Swillington Hall, Templenewsam, Whitkirk Church, on the Aire at Leeds, and Leeds from John O'Gaunt's Hill. Those interested in antiquity and of a topographical turn of mind, as well as those desirous of becoming more familiar with the many charming places in our world-famed shire, will revel in Mr. Fletcher's work, which is beautifully got up, and can be had through local booksellers.

THE SHOP HOURS' ACT.

A matter has been brought into prominence recently, in regard to the necessity for persons employing young people under 18 years of to age, have the Shop Hours' Act hung up in a conspicuous place (obtainable at this office). On Friday last Mr. Alfred Drew, of this town, was charged with not having a copy of the Shop Hours' Act regulations hung up in his shop on the 26th of June.—Ernest Crabtree and William Herringshaw, inspectors under the County Council, gave evidence. Defendant said he had erred by inadvertence. He had had the regulations up prior to the shop being cleaned. He was out when the inspectors called, but when his sister spoke Crabtree told her to "Shut up," as she was not Mrs Drew. He had at once got another copy, which was seen and read by Inspector Daly a few days after. The Chairman said they considered it was an oversight, and so only a nominal penalty would be enforced. Defendant was only fined 1s. but the costs amounted to no less a sum than 27s. 6d.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH

The pulpit was occupied last Sunday, by Mr. T. E. B. Renton, son of the Rev. G. Renton, who, with his kindly wife, are remembered with much affection, by all who knew them when resident at Rothwell twenty years ago. Mr. Renton, Junr., was listened to with much interest and pleasure, and as he purposes offering himself for the ministry next year, there is no doubt he will creditably adorn that high profession. At the evening service, a new sacred composition "Sun of my Soul," was tastefully sung by Miss W. M. Marshall and Mr. Smithson Armitage; the piece was very much admired.

ROTHWELL VESTRY MEETING.

Yesterday afternoon, a vestry meeting of ratepayers, was held in the Council Offices, Mr. H. P. Newsome in the chair. The meeting was called for the purpose of considering the salary of Mr. A. Batty, assistant overseer, there were present eight or nine ratepayers. Mr. Batty stated that in 1887, when his salary was fixed at £15, the rateable value was £31,453; it is now £44,498, showing an increase of £13000. The Middleton assistant overseer, with only £11,000 rateable value has rather more salary than he, and the Oulton-with-Woodlesford officer, with £14,000 has the same. A similar disparity is seen in the number of assessments, Rothwell having 1,400, and the other two places only 1,350 together. He thought, therefore, it would at once be seen that an advance of salary was only just.

It was proposed by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Hobson, that Mr. Batty's salary be increased from £15 to £30 a year.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Stead, seconded by the Chairman, that the advance be £10 a year.

On being put, the resolution was carried by a considerable majority.

Mr. Batty having thanked the meeting for the vote, moved a resolution thanking Mr. Newsome for his services in the chair, which concluded the proceedings.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

At the Stourton P.S.A. meeting on Sunday last, Mr. D. McAdoo, of Sharlston, gave an address on "God's interest in human affairs." A lengthy musical programme was provided, including a mandolin quartette by Miss Stone, and Messrs. T. Vickers, J Howarth, and W. Hill; solos "Holy City" and "Last Milestone" by Miss Fanny Howarth, and "But who may abide" and "The Lord worketh wonders" by Mr. Joe Varley, of Rothwell. There was a large audience.

EPPS'S COCOA—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk—Sold only in packets and pound tins, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & Co., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London."

LITERARY EXTRACTS.

LUCK.—Our outward fortune, lucky or what is called unlucky, we cannot command; but we *can* command our own behaviour under it, and we do either wisely or unwisely; and *that*, in real truth, makes *all* the difference—and does in reality stamp us as either "lucky" or else "unlucky." For there is nobody but he that acts foolishly and *wrong* that can, in the end, be called "unlucky"; he that acts wisely and *right* is, before all mortals, to be accounted "lucky"; he and no other than he.—CARLYLE.

HEALTH.—Who is he that values health at the rate it is worth? Not he that hath it; he reckons it among the ordinary enjoyments, and takes as little notice of it, or less regards it, than his long worn clothes; perhaps more careful of his garments, remembering their price; but thinks his health costs him nothing, and coming to him at so easy a rate, values it accordingly, and hath little regard to keep it; is never truly sensible of what he enjoyed until he finds the want of it by sickness; then health, above all things, is earnestly desired and wished for.

SIMPLY CALCULATED.—For finding the average number of years which persons of any age may expect to live there is a very simple rule. If the present age be deducted from eighty, two-thirds of the remainder is the answer required. The result is not absolutely accurate, but it is near enough. For instance, a man aged 20 might, by this rule, expect to live forty years longer, which is just what the latest actuarial tables give. At 40 the expectation of life works out at nearly twenty-seven years, while the tables give it as more than twenty-five years. At 60 the above rule allows just over thirteen years, and the table shows a little less.

SERIOUSLY MEANT.—Everybody knows that great actors and singers of both sexes receive bushels of love letters yearly. Many, as may be imagined, are ridiculous in the extreme, however seriously meant by the writers. A beautiful English singer had recently to ignore a most tempting proposal. Her unknown wooer was a hairdresser's assistant in Camden Town, who laid himself and an income of "thirty-five shillings a week (including tips)" unconditionally at the feet of his adored one. He was a member of a church choir, and looked forward confidently to the day when, emancipated from scissors and razor, "their voices might blend on the same platform, and life be one sweet song." He is still plying the scissors.

IN POINT OF STRENGTH.—A grizzly bear can give points to any other carnivorous animal in point of strength. A grizzly bear weighing just four hundredweight has been watched carrying a heifer of more than two-thirds its own weight for two miles up the most steep and rugged mountain side, and this without pausing for one instant for rest. The grizzly bear is the largest and most powerful of all the bear tribe, but his cousin, the cinnamon bear, runs him very close; and the big white polar bear, though not really so dangerous a customer, is capable of performing the most extraordinary feats of strength. A polar bear has been seen to move with his paws a boulder six men had with difficulty put in position to guard a cache of provisions.

PRIMITIVE LIGHTING IN SCOTLAND.—The torches used had many kinds of holders, which were made of iron or wood. In some cases the wood formed a stout staff sunk in a stone base. The top of the staff was cleft, and in this was put the burning pine. Iron holders were made as stands and brackets; the latter were often fixed to a bar in the fire-place, from which the kindled wood, or "cannel wood" in the Aberdeenshire dialect, could easily be renewed, the hearth receiving the falling ashes. In Aberdeenshire these torch stands are often called "peermen," probably from the fact that the burning branch was frequently held by the poor, but ever welcome, wayfarer. These wanderers were always the most acceptable of guests to the lonely crofter. He in turn felt himself amply repaid for the food and shelter he supplied by the news and gossip brought by such travellers.

MAN NOT ALWAYS A FLESH-EATING ANIMAL.—Primitive man originally subsisted on a diet consisting purely of fruits and roots; but though fructiferous by instinct and by reason of the conformation of his digestive organs and dental system, in which respect he is nearly allied to the apes, which are all fruit-eating animals in their natural state, he soon became omnivorous from necessity, and his stomach readily adapted itself to every kind of food. If the Darwinian theory be accepted, and the descent of man from simian ancestors be granted, we have further argument in support of the fact that flesh-eating was the outcome of civilisation and climatic necessity rather than of natural craving. Exposed at the epoch of the great extension of the glaciers, which at one time covered all our mountains, to the hardships of an inclement climate, man required something more nourishing and heat-supplying than the vegetable diet which sufficed for him in a higher temperature; and in the palaeolithic age we find him not only destroying animal life, but provided with and utilising the means of cooking the victims of his rough-hewn knife and spear.

MR. GLADSTONE'S LOVE OF BEAUTY.—His love of beauty was, of course, one of his most conspicuous characteristics, and beauty, in its highest form of human nature, made a powerful appeal to his sympathies. In women the gift which specially attracted him was what, for want of a better word, one must call womanliness; and he had his list of the handsomest men he had ever known as exact and complete as his list of the greatest preachers or the most gifted speakers. When his interest in a man or woman was aroused he had a keen eye, not only for general effect, but for details. He greatly disliked beards and moustaches, not only or chiefly because they impeded utterance, but because they concealed one of the most characteristic features of the human face, and also because they harboured the fumes of tobacco. "Surely——must smoke very bad cigars," he once said of a colleague; "his beard is absolutely an offence." Of another: "——has a great many merits, but not the merit of looking young for his years." After he had addressed the Union at Oxford in 1890, he was asked if he had noticed any special difference between the undergraduates of the present day and those of his youth. He replied instantly, "Yes—their dress. I was told that I had in my audience many of the wealthiest and best-connected men in the University, and there wasn't one of them whom I couldn't have dressed from top to toe for five pounds."—*Life of W. E. Gladstone.*

PUSS.—The bent of the cat's mind was pleasantly defined a few years ago by a writer in the *London Spectator*, who said there could be no doubt as to the view puss took of the philosophy of nature and life. She is quite satisfied that the world and everything in it was made and exists for cats. This appears in all that well-bred and cared-for cats do, and in every accent and tone of their voice. Puss possesses herself with the air of a proprietor of the best place and the best food; expects to be waited upon; demands a share of every dish; and looks upon us as at once her Providence and her servant. Cats are not demonstrative like dogs, and do not submit to training like the horse. The dog has been credited with unbounded affections, and the horse with almost human sagacity; but the cat still suffers under the bad character that Buffon—who cannot have been acquainted with any reputable specimens of the race—gave her. She is said to be selfish, spiteful, cruel, crafty, treacherous, loving places and not persons, and in every way unworthy of fellowship in the household. J G. Wood answers these accusations by saying that the cats with which he has been most familiar "have been as docile, tractable, and good tempered as any dog could be, and displayed an amount of intellectual power which would be equalled by very few dogs, and surpassed by none." To all persons who have given their confidence to puss and received hers in return, they need no answer.

New Orleans forbids high hats in its theatres, and puts an official time-limit to the wearing of straw hats.

CRICKET.

OULTON DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Results up to date.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	D'wn.	Pts
Oulton	11	7	1	3	17
Middleton Park..	11	5	2	4	14
Altofts W Riding	11	4	3	4	12
Rothwell	11	4	3	4	12
Whitwood	11	5	4	2	12
Carlton	11	2	4	5	9
Lofthouse	11	2	5	4	8
Methley	11	1	8	2	4

HENRY HODSON, Woodlesford, Sec.

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN v STEVENSON'S EMPLOYEES.

Played at Leeds on Wednesday last

Rothwell Tradesmen

H Parkin, c and b Armstrong......	13
M Fowler, c Armstrong b Powell ...	0
J Stead, c Powell b Armstrong.....	3
E Milner, c Boothroyd b Powell....	6
A Denton, b Armstrong	1
O Wilkinson, c Thorp b Armstrong	1
H Morgan, b Powell	5
H Wilkinson, b Powell............	9
H Dacre, run out.................	1
H Brown, not out	0
H Taylor, c Wilkinson b Powell....	1
Extras	4
Total	44

Employees.

J Wilkinson, run out	0
T Hampson, b Milner	6
Boothroyd b Milner	1
Armstrong, c Morgan b Milner......	0
Thorp, b Milner................	0
Dalby, b Milner	4
Wilcock, b Milner	1
Powell, not out	6
Moore, b Morgan	0
Newsome, c Fowler b Milner	1
Jones, st Wilkinson b Milner	3
Extras	3
Total	25

E Milner took 8 wickets for 10 runs.

OULTON v. HOAR CROSS.

Played at Hoar Cross on Saturday last

Hoar Cross.

Wilson, c Boothroyd b Greenwood	14
Toplis, c Greenwood b H W Higgins	2
Bailey, b Greenwood..............	0
Fuller, b Greenwood	1
Wood, b Greenwood	0
Knight, lbw b H W Higgins	4
Marsden, b Greenwood	3
Woodings, b H W Higgins	1
Lazenby, st Inman b Greenwood ..	1
Oram, b Murtland	4
Arnold, not out.................	7
Extras...	17
Total...............	54

Oulton.

E A Higgins, c Wood b Knight	2
F Killingbeck, c Fuller b Oram.....	6
J Jeffrey, b Knight	0
L E Greenwood, c Knight b Toplis	7
E Haslegrave, c and b Toplis	1
H W Higgins, c Wood b Toplis.....	3
F Murtland, b Oram	0
E Boothroyd, c Fuller b Oram	0
W Smith, b Toplis	6
G M Abbey, not out.............	9
W Inman, b Knight..............	3
Extras..................	7
Total...........	44

Hoar Cross—Second Innings.

Wilson, c Murtland b Greenwood ..	4
Toplis, b Greenwood	2
Bailey, b Killingbeck	1
Fuller, run out	2
Wood, b Greenwood	5
Knight, b Greenwood	4
Marsden, b Greenwood	0
Woodings, c E A Higgins b Greenwood	0
Lazenby, c Murtland b Boothroyd..	3
Oram, c and b Greenwood	15
Arnold, not out.................	0
Extras..................	11
Total......	47

OULTON 2ND v. HEADINGLEY FREE CHURCH.

Played at Oulton on Saturday last

Oulton 2nd.

B Butterick, c Cohn b Nettleton....	0
S Lockwood, b Nettleton..........	16
T Hurdus, lbw b Nettleton	7
P C Higgins, b Watson	53
F Bell, lbw b Nettleton	2
P Inman, run out................	11
O Inman, c and b Nettleton	23
W Parkinson, not out............	20
W Hutchinson, not out	0
Extras	19
Total for 7 wkts	151

Innings declared.

Headingley Free Church.

Charnley, b Bell	1
Wilson, c Hurdus b P Inman	5
Nettleton, lbw b P Inman	18
J Cohn, b Bell	0
J W Watson, c Higgins b Bell	8
Beaumont, b Bell................	8
Burrss, c Hurdus b Bell..........	1
Higgins, c Hurdus b P Inman	1
H Watson, b P Inman	3
B Cohn, not out.................	0
Inman, c and b Bell	9
Extras	9
Total..........	63

OULTON v DEWSBURY TRADESMEN.

Played at Oulton on Tuesday last.

Oulton.

C Briggs, b Clegg	28
H Wilkinson, b Brook.............	7
W Parkinson, b Clegg.............	3
P Higgins, run out	3
E Boothroyd, c Auty b Clegg.......	11
H Lawn, c Clegg b Brook	1
J Jeffrey, b Clegg................	16
W Inman, c Ellis b Clegg	4
P Inman, b Saville	3
Dr James, b Saville	2
Rev E H Dykes, not out	0
Extras...................	12
Total.....................	90

Dewsbury Tradesmen.

Gomersall, b Higgins.............	2
Whitehouse, c Briggs b W Inman..	23
Ellis, c Boothroyd b Higgins......	6
Clegg, not out	70
Pearson, not out	11
Extras..................	13
Total for 3 wkts	125

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET MATCHES.

At Rothwell—Rothwell v Sandal (Cup Tie).
ROTHWELL FIRST ELEVEN—Dr. Buck (capt), Joe Walker, H Morgan, J W Chadwick, W E Richardson, Hy Dacre, R Whitehead, T Dobson, senr. T Dobson junr, H Wormald, H Greenwood; Reserve, W Spurr.

At Middleton—Rothwell 2nd v Middleton (League)
ROTHWELL SECOND ELEVEN—R N Lunn (capt), H Brown, W Bedford, Jas Lunn, C Ward, G Turner, T Parker, A Denton, A W Seanor, Alfred Cripps, G H Cripps.

At Rothwell—Rothwell P C v Stourton St Andrews
PARISH CHURCH TEAM—Chapman, (capt) E Moss J H Drew, A Tiffany, J Hargreaves, J Atack, W Ward, A Bedford, G Kale, M Naylor, H Lunn; Reserves, S Abbishaw, E Beckwith.

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GARDEN WORK.

STOVE.

All the young stuff being grown for winter-flowering will do better in pits or frames now, not too much shaded, so that the growth may be well ripened, as upon this depends the flowering next winter. Shift the plants on before they are pot-bound. Small shifts are best as the growth will be more compact and sturdy. Use a good deal of loam—at least two-thirds of the compost should be loam—and firm potting is essential to a floriferous habit. This may be taken as a general principle. A plant loosely potted may make longer shoots, but the growth is not solidly built up, and will not produce many flowers. If it can be done, move the Crotons, Dracænas, and other foliage plants which require strong light to colour the foliage to another house. Almost any house or deep pit will do for stove plants till the beginning of September if kept fairly close and the atmosphere moist, with just a little warmth in the pipes in dull, cloudy weather. Amaryllises which have completed their growth may be cooled down and not quite so heavily watered. Eucharis Lilies required to flower during the autumn and winter may be taken to a cool-house for a time, but not dried off, as the Eucharis is a true evergreen. Dendrobium nobile, and any others which have completed their growth, will do better in the drier atmosphere of the vinery to ripen the pseudo-bulbs. If the weather is bright and warm fires may be discontinued.

OUTDOOR GARDEN.

The beds are now filling up rapidly where satisfactory conditions are present. There is always work to do pegging down those plants with a straggling or trailing habit, and staking up those with an erect tendency. Weeds also must be kept down, and where mulch cannot be used a loose surface will keep out heat and drought. But the bedding-out gardener must have, in addition, his borders or masses of herbaceous plants. In no other way can the large demand for cut flowers be met. The growth in the demand for flowers for cutting within the last fifteen years has been something extraordinary. One has only to look into any market in the country on market-day to see the loads of blossome which are sold and carried away. Some of the most popular flowers for cutting just now are the Irises; a little while ago it was the Narcissus. Pæonies, too, are popular; and Carnations are always in demand. There is sure to be increased demand for Tea Roses. Amateurs have made the discovery that Teas are the only real Perpetuals, and that they are as hardy as any other Roses. All that is required is a little earth round the stems after sharp frost sets in when winter comes, but the site must be well prepared before planting. Evergreen and other hedges should be trimmed, and Box-edging clipped. This is work which may be best done during showery weather. Put in cuttings of Pinks and Carnations.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

When a good supply of salading has to be kept up it is a good plan to sow Lettuces little and often. A particular batch of plants may bolt, and those sown a few days later do well. The present month at least two or more sowings should be made for supplying the autumn and winter salads, and we usually fall back upon harder kinds, such as the Bath Cos, Hicks' Hardy White Cos, and All the Year Round, or some other hardy close-hearting Cabbage. I am very partial to Tom Thumb; it turns in so quickly, and is less affected by heat and drought than the larger kinds. It is very difficult to grow good Lettuces without mulch. The inch or two of manure between the rows keeps the roots cool and nourishes the plants, and checks the tendency to attacks of green-fly, which is sometimes a trouble in dry seasons. Endive also should be sown two or three times during the month. We generally make our first sowing of Cabbages towards the 20th of July. Enfield Market and and any of the large-hearted Cabbages may be sown a little earlier, but the early kinds which turn in quickly should not be sown too soon, and a later sowing should always be made about the end of the month, or in early districts first week in August will be time enough. Newly planted Greens, Celery, Leeks, etc., must be watered till well established. Seed-beds should be shaded if the weather is hot and dry.

FRUIT GARDEN.

The pruning of wall and other fruit-trees which are making wood fast now should have attention. In many districts the crops are light, and there will in consequence be a greater tendency to growth, and in the case of such trees the pruning should not be hurried, as a rather greater length of spur is in some cases desirable. We want, if possible, to prevent the back eyes breaking, whilst we also check that root extension which can only be met by root pruning when the summer's growth has full swing and is left on too long. Where wall-trees and espaliers have shown a tendency to make strong growth towards the top of the trees, with signs of weakness at the bottom, prune the top of the tree first, and leave bottom untouched for a fortnight or so to receive the full force of the flow of sap. There are not so many insects on Plums this season. If insects are present anywhere, use some of the many remedies which are in the market. The Bordeaux-mixture, which is simply a mixture of bluestone and lime, is the cheapest remedy for all kinds of fungoid attacks known under the name of blight. The right proportion and method of mixing have often been given in this column. The petroleum emulsion is a good remedy for caterpillars or the larvæ of the various kinds of moths which are on Apples and other fruit-trees now. Soap-suds used persistently will be useful.

CONSERVATORY.

The permanent plants in the borders must be kept moist at the roots. Clear soot-water will be useful to Camellias, Roses, Acacias, and Luculias. The principal part of the pruning required is, or should be, done immediately after flowering; but strong shoots may be pinched any time during growth to keep the plants symmetrical. Cockscombs and the plume-flowered Celosias may be moved from the warm-frames as soon as the flowers are developed. Balsams also will be useful now. The Torenias make pretty basket plants, and may be raised from seeds in the hot-bed in February. Groups of well-grown Gloxinias and Streptocarpus will be special features, and these are easily raised from seeds, and require no special skill beyond heat and moisture to start them. When they come into flower they will do better in the conservatory under a light shade of foliage than in a warm-house. A little artificial manure at the last shift will increase the size of both flowers and foliage. These are usually grown in pots of too small a capacity to develop into good specimens. Where vigorous plants are shifted on into 7-inch or even larger pots we get a specimen that will produce more effect than the usual plants met with. The same remark applies to Achimenes. These if grown in wide pans or large baskets attract attention. Hydrangeas are still showy. Young plants struck in spring should be shifted on in cold-frames. Cuttings of the ends of the shoots will strike now, and if freely grown and ripened will produce one large truss of flowers in 5-inch pots next spring or summer. The white Dr. Hogg makes a good specimen when well grown. Pelargoniums of the old-fashioned types of show and fancy kinds should be placed outside to ripen growth. The early-flowering varieties may be cut down now, and the cuttings put in. Keep the old plants dry at the root for a time after cutting. We seldom see the old-fashioned fancy Pelargoniums now. They require a little more care than the French type now grown, but there was more variety in colour, and the shades of colour were lovely. Rearrange the house often to bring out the strong points of the best specimens, and bring in foliage plants from the stove and fernery. Never altogether close the house now.—*Gardening Illustrated.*

Divide Daisies in the autumn and they will make good plants by the spring. There is no fear of the plants dying, as they are hard subjects. 551

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CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.

"ROOM FOR SOME IMPROVEMENT" HERE, ANYHOW!

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Dear Mr. Editor,

How is it, that Commercial Street is allowed to go in such a disreputable condition, as it is to-day, all manner of rubbish blowing about, and damaging the goods in our tradesmen's shops; and yet we have a member of the Council living in the street, keeping a shop, but saying nothing?

ANTI-DUST.

"You know, Baby," said Grandpa to a little child who would not say grace after dinner—"you know, Baby, if you don't say grace, I can't get up from the table."

"H'm! You have not tried yet," said Baby seriously.

GOING TO BED IN INDIA.

Going to bed in India is such a very different process from going to bed at home that I must bring the difference before you. To begin with, it is a far less formal process. There is (in the hot season) no shutting the door, no cutting yourself off from the outer world, no going upstairs, and finally, no getting into bed. You merely lie down on your bed, which, with its bedding, is so simple as to be worth describing.

The bed is a wooden frame with webbing laced across it, and each bed has a thin cotton mattress. Over this one sheet is spread, and two pillows go to each bed, bolsters not being used. That's all! Some people do not even have the mattress, preferring the coolness of a piece of fine matting.

Across the bed hangs the punkah, with a great quilted towel stretched on to it so low as nearly to sweep the face and keep mosquitoes off; it is very nice when once you are down, but highly enraging before, as it flaps your head first on one side and then on the other.

A LION UNDER CHLOROFORM.

Professor Gustavo Pisenti, of the University of Perugia, has lately had a thrilling experience in extracting a cataract from a powerful lioness about three years old. The animal was placed in a suitable cage in the middle of the menagerie, and the first difficulty was the administration of the anæsthetic. The space between the bars of the cage were filled up with cotton wool, and a large packet of gauze impregnated with chloroform was placed in the cage, the door of which was then closed with a shutter. In about a quarter of an hour a reconnaissance was cautiously made, and the illustrious patient was seen lying stretched out and apparently in a condition of deep coma.

She was then dragged out of the cage, and bound and gagged. She was then placed on a table; but before the operation could be begun, she suddenly awoke and struggled violently, rolling on to the floor, where the medical men, with admirable coolness, but not without intense emotion, which might easily be seen in their countenances, held her down while the animal's head was wrapped in a towel and steeped in sulphuric ether. The lioness, however, managed to free herself from the gag, and partly from her bonds, and gave a roar which made the majority of the spectators beat a hasty retreat. But the ether overcame her, and Professor Pisenti, with great pluck, dragged her into the cage again, where the anæsthetic *coup de grace* was given by means of another packet of gauze steeped in chloroform. The beast's head was pulled out through the door of the cage, and securely held in position. The Professor then operated with brilliant success.

HE: "What a daring cyclist Miss Dashley must be. I hear that when she was out riding the other day, she went right over a cow lying in the middle of the road." SHE: "Yes, Miss Dashley went over right enough, but the bicycle stayed on the other side."

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Evening 6 o'clock. MR. JOHN WARD.
Subject:—"The Trials of Job."
Collections for current Expenses.

WANTED.

ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

WANTED—LAMPLIGHTER for one of the Rothwell Districts, applications to be sent to me not later than the 11th August, 1899.
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Friday, August 11, 1899.

BANK HOLIDAY.

Although the weather on Monday last was not exactly what might have been expected from the forecasts, or wished for by the many thousands who anticipated spending the holiday out-of-doors, there was much to be thankful for, an over-cast and threatening sky being far more preferable than a downpour of rain. The early hours of the day were anything but promising, but happily rain kept off and the sky cleared somewhat later on. Locally there were few attractions to keep one at home, there being not even a cricket match or any other out-door sports of a public nature. August Bank Holiday is pre-eminently one for the tripper, and the railway companies cater on a very extensive scale for it. Besides a considerable exodus on Saturday of people going away for a week or so, there were large numbers of Rothwellites who availed themselves of one or other of the many day excursions on the Monday, the bookings from the Leeds stations in many cases being record ones. Especially was this the case with the week-end, ten-day, and tourist bookings on the North-Eastern system, Scarborough, Whitby, Filey Bridlington, and other sea-side resorts, these being of a very heavy and unprecedented nature. The excursion trains were patronised as follows:—Scotland (for four, eight, or sixteen days), 450, Newcastle and North of England (for five days) 800. Some 800 Leeds engineers were also taken to Whitby on Saturday. Monday's bookings were:—Malton and Scarborough (for one, two, three or five days) 2,200, Bridlington 1,500, Hull (for one, three or four days) 850, Ripon races 1,600, Edinburgh and Glasgow (one to sixteen days) 100, Baldersby (for the Angling Association fishing match) 150. Ordinary bookings:—Harrogate and Knaresborough 850, Ripon 750. The Great Northern Railway bookings on Saturday far exceeded those of last year, the trips to Peterborough, Nottingham, Boston, Lincoln, and Grantham being particularly popular. Tickets were issued as under:—Brighton, Eastbourne and Southampton 176, King's Cross 278, Norwich, Cromer and Yarmouth 350, Sleaford, Boston and Skegness 125, Peterborough, Nottingham, Boston, Lincoln, and Grantham 700. The figures for Bank Holiday were:—King's Cross 240, Sleaford, Boston and Skegness 1,225, Louth 40, Mablethorpe and Sutton-on-Sea 90, Doncaster, Gainsborough and Lincoln 280, Kirkstead and Dogdyke, etc., 170. The bookings on the other lines were as appended:—Midland—Day: Glasgow 104, Edinburgh 99, London 162, Birmingham and Bristol 435, Douglas, Isle of Man, 425, Barrow 206, Llandudno 273, Morecambe 1,430, Derby and Birmingham 98, Sheffield and Leicester 331, Nottingham 91, Goole 109, Ilkley and Bolton Abbey 374. Half-day: Morecambe 2,329, Ilkley and Bolton Abbey 741, Ingleton 525, Pontefract 140. The ordinary trains on Saturday to Scotland and the South Coast were also well patronised. London and North-Western:—Bangor 165, Blackpool 274, Liverpool (day) 432—half-day 108; short date, 33; Manchester (Belle Vue Gardens) day, 226—half-day, 73. Lancashire and Yorkshire:—Blackpool 4,160, Southport 1,036, Liverpool 447, Belle Vue (Manchester) 436, Douglas 160, Windermere 142.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A fortnightly meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the Offices, Hunslet; Mr. Fryer (vice-chairman) presided. The other members present, were Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Woodcock, Rev. A. J. Irvin, Messrs Edwards, Knight, Charlesworth, Banks, Butterick, Robb, Houghton, Seddon, Hargreaves, Tomlinson, and Bimforth, with the clerk (Mr. Mee) and assistant clerk (Mr. Ward).

At a meeting of the Workhouse Visiting Committee, the Master reported that during the half-year ended Midsummer there had been a decrease in the consumption of gas at the Infirmary (on which meter the tell-tale gas guage is fixed) of 28,600 feet, as compared with the corresponding period of 1898. It was proposed by Mr. Fryer that the report be referred to the Homes Committee. Seconded by Mrs Dickenson, and carried unanimously.

There was no report from the Ladies' Committee.

A letter was received from Dr. Wainman stating that the Superintendent Nurse requires a rest, and asking that she might be allowed to take a week's holiday very shortly. It was proposed by Mr. Fryer that the holiday be allowed; seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously.

The Master reported that Nurse Bloomfield, who had recently been on her holidays, had taken a day more than she was entitled to, and that on several occasions she had exceeded the time allowed, when out on leave. Nurse Bloomfield appeared before the Committee and was informed by the Chairman that such conduct must not occur again.

It was proposed by Mr. Houghton that the suite at present in Mr. Claughton's hands for repair, be upholstered for the Master's sitting-room, and that it be referred to the two lady Guardians to purchase a smaller suite for the Nurses' Home. Seconded by Mr. Fryer, and carried unanimously.

The minutes were confirmed on the motion of Messrs. Banks and Seddon.

In reference to the complaint made by the Committee at its previous meeting as to the drapery supplied, a letter was read from Mr. Harrison, the contractor, stating that the letter he had received was the first of the sort he had had for the past twenty years; he could not make out what was wrong with the material he had supplied, and if there was anything wrong he would be glad if the Guardians would make it known.

The letter was referred to the Committee.

CHILDREN'S HOMES,

The Children's Homes Committee had decided that the children be taken for a day's outing to Morecambe, on Tuesday, the 22nd. inst., the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements with the Railway Company.

A letter had been received from the Town Clerk of Leeds, stating that the children from the Homes, would be admitted to the Hunslet baths free, and on the same conditions as children from the day schools, each to be provided with towel and drawers.

A number of pictures had been received from Messrs. Coleman, of Norwich, for which thanks were expressed.

It was reported that on the invitation of Alderman and Mrs. Alf Cooke a very enjoyable day had been spent at Weetwood Park.

The minutes of the committee were confirmed.

NEW BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.

The draft contract for the alterations of the offices had been agreed to and Mr. Simpkiss had already commenced operations.

The Clerk reported to the Committee the result of inquiries he had made with regard to the hiring of suitable rooms, until the alterations are carried out. The Committee agreed to engage a room and two class-rooms belonging to the Methodist New Connexion in Whitehouse Street, at an inclusive charge of 10s for each day used. In answer to a question by Mr. Banks as to the new workhouse plans, the Clerk said that the architect had intimated that they would likely be ready about the middle of August.

In answer to a question as to accommodation for the Rural District Council, the Chairman said there was no need for anxiety in that respect, as the Overseers had kindly offered the use of their room.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Finance Committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to £1106 1s 8d.

There were 40 applications for the positions of Master and Matron at the Workhouse, and the Visiting Committee, along with Messrs. Hawkyard, Hargreaves, Butterick, and Edwards were appointed a Committee to make a selection of applicants to come before the next Board meeting.

The resignation of Nurse Bloomfield was tendered and accepted.

Mr. Tomlinson was appointed on the Assessment Committee and No. 3 section, in place of Mr. Grimshaw, the late member for Thorpe Stapleton.

A letter from the Local Government Board respecting Irregular Vaccination Certificates was referred to the Vaccination Committee.

The number of vagrants relieved during the fortnight was reported as 181 against 317 during the corresponding period last year.

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YORKSHIRE AND LANCASHIRE CRICKET MATCHES.

In reviewing the matches played between the above Northern counties' rival teams during the decade, the *Manchester Evening News* says:—

1889.

A glance through the records during the last ten years recalls many exciting incidents and many keenly contested games. Who that was present will ever forget that notable finish at Huddersfield in 1889, when Yorkshire were set to get 75 runs to win in their second innings and got no more than 71, being beaten by the narrow margin of three runs. The cheer that went up from the throats of the comparatively few Lancastrians who were present as the last wicket fell, rings in some ears even yet. What the supporters of the victors lacked in numbers they made up for in noise. Never was a team better pleased with a victory, never was a captain more joyous than Mr. Hornby on the occasion. The return game that year was won by Lancashire by the comfortable margin of ten wickets. In their last innings the Lancastrians wanted 42 to win, and they got 43 without any loss.

1890.

The first match in 1890 was a draw, owing to the unfavourable weather. Lancashire held the advantage, having scored 161 and 187 in two completed innings, against Yorkshire's 88 and two for no wicket. In the second match, Lancashire had things all their own way, an innings of 175 giving them victory by an innings and 28 runs. In getting Yorkshire out first for 90, and second for 57, Mold played a prominent part, taking altogether 13 wickets for 76.

1891.

In this year Lancashire won both matches. The first victory was by eight wickets, Lancashire making 278 and 72 for two wickets, against Yorkshire's totals of 181 and 168. The second was even more crushing, Yorkshire only making 150 and 89, and suffering defeat by an innings and 49 runs. The Lancashire total on this occasion was 288.

1892.

The tide of success swung round to Yorkshire in the first match of 1892. Lancashire made 118 and 101, and Yorkshire 159 and 63 for three wickets, Yorkshire winning by seven wickets. The reply of Lancashire in the return encounter was a complete reversal of this form. The Red Rose representatives scored 471, Albert Ward putting together 180, and poor Johnny Briggs 115. All that Yorkshire could do in response was a total of 209, followed by a total of 179, their defeat being by an innings and 83.

1893.

The first match this year was sensational. Playing at Old Trafford on a wicket ruined by rain, Lancashire went out for 64 and 50. Yorkshire did even worse, going for 58 and 51 and losing by five runs. Some unpleasantness arose on this occasion owing to an allegation, which we believe to be unfounded, to the effect that one of the Lancashire fielders successfully appealed for a catch from a ball which touched the ground before he held it. For the victors Briggs did excellent work, securing eleven wickets for 60. Even more noteworthy was Peel's performance for the losers. He had ten wickets for 39. In the return match Lancashire won by an innings and nine runs, Briggs proving a thorn in the Yorkshire flesh by taking 12 wickets for 75.

1894.

The first match was remarkable for low scoring. Yorkshire, who made 152, won by an innings and four, Lancashire's totals being 50 and 98. Yorkshire also won the second match, scoring 183 and 217 against Lancashire's 181 and 102.

1895.

A drawn game and a win for Lancashire was the record this year. In the draw Lancashire made 103 and 227 for eight, and Yorkshire, in their only innings 270. Lancashire won the return by 145, scoring 166 and 304, against Yorkshire's 161 and 164.

1896.

Yorkshire won both matches, the first by two wickets, and the second by 103.

1897.

Lancashire won the first match by an innings and 26, and the second was a draw.

1898.

Yorkshire won the first match by ten wickets, and the second was a draw. In the return match the scores were:—Yorkshire, 316 and 253 for two; Lancashire, 288 and 140 for five.

In the first match this year, it will be remembered, Lancashire won by 59. Altogether, during the past ten years, 21 matches have been played, of which 17 have been finished. Of these, Lancashire has won eleven, and Yorkshire six. The remaining four have been drawn.

MacLaren has in the course of ten years played 22 innings against Yorkshire bowling. In that time he has twice passed the "century" with scores of 152 and 126, he has played twelve two-figure innings, the scores ranging from 54 to 12, and on eight occasions he has not got into double figures, on three occasions being dismissed without scoring. His average for the 22 innings is 30.81.

Ward has played no fewer than 33 innings against Yorkshire during the decade. Only once has he passed into three figures, the occasion being the 180 already mentioned. Four other times he has gained talent money, and his two-figure innings number 22. Before the first innings of the match this year he had to his credit a sequence of 12 two-figure innings, his scores being 11, 38, 20, 68, 21, 13, 55, 18, 23, 19, 30, 19. Then came 7 and 17. On ten visits to the wicket he has not got double figures, and only once has he been dismissed without scoring. His average for the 33 innings is 25.33.

Tyldesley has played twelve innings, but has not been very successful against the Yorkshire attack. His highest score is 40. In half his innings he reached double figures and he has never been dismissed for a 'duck.' His average against Yorkshire is only 12.59.

With Briggs away, Mold is the only great Lancashire bowler who has a long record against Yorkshire. In ten years he has taken 110 wickets for 1,403, an average of 12.75. He has to his credit such records as eight for 38, nine for 41, and seven for 35.

Poor Briggs has also done great work in bowling against the Tykes, having in ten years taken 102 wickets for 1,216 runs, an average of 11.89. Such figures as eight wickets for 19 runs, five for 25, and five for 41 appear in the list.

Lancashire succeeded in making a draw of their fixture with Kent at Canterbury, although at one period they looked like being beaten. Ward's patience for the whole of the five hours and five minutes he was in was simply invaluable, in which time he only scored 65 not out, and Lancashire may thank him for getting them out of what looked like an extremely tight corner.

LEEDS ASSIZES.

EJECTMENT CASE FROM ROTHWELL.

On Monday, at the Leeds Town Hall, before Mr Commissioner Bosanquet, Q.C., William Sykes, builder, Harrogate, for whom Mr. E. T. Atkinson, Q.C. and Mr. Shepherd appeared, sought to recover from Edwin Weston solicitor, and Joseph Lawton, estate agent, of Leeds, (represented by Mr. J. A. Compston), damages for trespass, committed on the plaintiff's property on the 10th. March. There was a counter-claim for £1,200 for money advanced or paid to the first mortgagees. According to Mr. Atkinson's opening statement, the plaintiff had built thirteen houses, called Bath terrace, Rothwell. He was financed by the defendant Weston, but not getting enough money to carry on with, he obtained an advance of £1,300 from the Leeds Provincial Building Society, to be a first mortgage on the property. He paid a portion of the money obtained to Weston, who got a second mortgage for the money that was still owing. In January, 1890, the Building Society appeared to have entered into possession by receiving the rents and appointing a person to do so, down to a period when Mr. Weston received the rents from the mortgagees. Two or three years ago an action was brought by plaintiff against Weston for an account, and that was referred to Mr. J. Gordon, accountant, who made his award, but for a considerable period both parties declined to take it up. Only on Saturday last was the award taken up, and according to it £605 5s 8d. was due to Mr. Weston. The plaintiff for some time lived at the first house, and kept it as an office. On the 10th. March he left the house safely locked up, but on the following Wednesday he found that the house had been entered, his goods had been removed, and fresh locks had been put on the doors, and on the Monday following the remainder of his furniture, business papers and other things were taken away. Plaintiff, on being examined, said that among the papers which had been lost was an I.O.U. for £1,000, of which £200 had been paid, and some valuable plans for houses at Castleford. The entry had been effected by the cellar window.

After a long consultation the case was settled on terms which were not disclosed.

ROTHWELL AMBULANCE CLASS.

Last Friday, in the Board School, the members of the above class met together for the purpose of receiving their certificates of efficiency, and to present to Dr. Buck, a practical acknowledgement of his gratuitous services as instructor.

Mr. A. Batty, chairman of the School Board, presided, and after congratulating the class on the marked success of last year's course, directed a few suitable words of appreciation to Dr. Buck, assuring him on behalf of the class, of the high esteem in which he was held, and asking his acceptance in token thereof, of a handsome gentleman's dressing case, which had been selected by Messrs. J. Shurmer and A. W. Seanor.

Dr. Buck briefly and appropriately acknowledged the kindness which had prompted the presentation, thanking each member for the attention and courtesy which had prevailed in the class, and strongly urging every one to take up the second course, which he would be glad to undertake, if desired, in the autumn.

The Chairman then handed the certificates to each member present, and, in response to a vote of thanks to the Board for allowing the free use of the room, said he felt sure the Board would be pleased to assist the class in a similar manner next session.

ROTHWELL INDEPENDENT ORDER OF RECHABITES.

Taking advantage of one of the numerous Bank Holiday excursions, the members of the Rothwell Independent Order of Rechabites spent the day at kegness on Monday last. The train left Ardsley soon after half-past five, and after a long ride reached its destination, and the good natured trippers at once broke up into small companies to inspect the lions of the developing town. There was a large crowd of visitors hailing from many Lincolnshire and Yorkshire and southern centres, and the weather being fine the large crowds were enabled to spend the entire day in out-door pleasure and amusements. The return train left shortly before nine, and arrived at Ardsley at nearly two o'clock next morning.

BAND CONTEST AT LEE MOOR.

The first Brass Band contest under the auspices of the Lee Moor Brass Band, took place on Saturdry last, and was favoured by fine weather. Ten bands competed, and the judge, Mr. Leader, of Horbury, placed the prize-winners as follows:—1st, £7, Rishburn and Ryburn; 2nd, £4, divided between Castleford Temperance and Stanningley; 3rd, £2, Rothwell Temperance; 4th, £1, Hepworth. In the march contest Walsden Temperance took first prize £1, and Castleford Temperance and Richardshaw Lane joined of the second, 10s. There was a good attendance of local musicians and followers of the competing bands.

A MOST DELICIOUS LEMONADE.

Eiffel Tower Lemonade is made from the finest lemons, and the great advantage is that it is partly manufactured in Italy in the midst of the lemon orchards. The lemons are taken direct from the trees to the factory to commence their transformation into Eiffel Tower Lemonade. A 4½d bottle of Eiffel Tower Lemonade makes 2 gallons of delicious Lemonade. If you cannot get it from your Grocer, send 4½d. to G. Foster Clark & Co., 3650, Eiffel Tower Factory, Maidstone, for a bottle.

LITERARY EXTRACTS.

It was the pathetic note of Mrs. Oliphant's life that, except in the case of her nieces, all her self-suppression and nobleness of effort turned out useless. She never sacrificed herself for a man but he either turned out a disappointment or he died.—*Cornhill.*

He who is sympathetic has his entrance into all hearts, and is the solver of all human problems. To him is given dominion where he thinks to serve; and the love which he gives without stint, as without calculation, he receives back without measure, as without conditions.

WIPE OUT THE EVIL.—Strange to say, many rich persons pay their bills less promptly than their poorer neighbours. It is the men of extravagant expenditures who keep the butcher and baker waiting for their money, and neglect to meet the tailor's and the dressmaker's just demands. Such neglect is not only selfish and in the last degree culpable, but it deranges business. Is there no remedy for the evil?

SIMPLE integrity, simple fairness, simple justice to rich and poor alike, giving to each one his rightful dues, striving neither to oversell nor to underbuy goods or labour, incurring no debts but such as admit of being promptly met, and luring no one else to do so—in short, carrying out in daily life the principle of honesty and fairness, is the very best and most efficient means of benefiting the community, and the only foundation on which to build a benevolence worthy of the name.

SUNDAY LETTERS IN HOLLAND.—In Holland the Sunday delivery is opposed by the religious classes to some extent, and those who do not wish that a letter be delivered on Sunday leave the small notice attached to the stamp, and the letter remains over till Monday in the post-office. Those who do not care if the letter is delivered on Sunday, or, rather, who wish it delivered on that day if it arrives at its destination, simply tear off the small restriction clause. Therefore, the matter simply is the delivery of the letter on arrival, and has nothing to do with its travels on Sunday.

EXTRAVAGANCE, waste of money on the decoration of the body, arises solely from vanity of the most contemptible sort. It arises from the notion that all the people in the street will be looking at you as soon as you walk out, and that they will, in greater or less degree, think the better of you on account of your fine dress. Never was notion more false! All the sensible people that happen to see you will think nothing at all about you; those who are filled with the same vain notion as you are will perceive your attempt to impose on them, and will despise you accordingly.—WM. COBBETT.

THE EMPIRE OF ROUTINE.—On all hands of us, there is the announcement, audible enough, that the old empire of Routine has ended; that to say a thing has long been, is no reason for its continuing to be. The things which have been are fallen into decay, or fallen into incompetence. Large masses of mankind, in every society of our Europe, are no longer capable of living at all by the things which have been. When millions of men can no longer by their utmost exertion gain food for themselves, and "the third man, for thirty-six weeks each year, is short of third-rate potatoes," the things which have been must decidedly prepare to alter themselves.—CARLYLE.

SHOOTING BIG FISH.—Great excitement and sport is to be found in hunting the halibut, one of the largest of Pacific fishes, mostly found in the strait of San Juan de Fucca. The line reel which is used at the stern of the boat resembles an old fashioned well lift. When hooked, the halibut draws the line slowly at first, but on finding that his progress is checked, it gives a vigorous jerk and speeds away at a furious rate. When its efforts are fairly expended, the fish rises to the surface, churning the water all round it into foam, and presenting a somewhat startling sight for the amateur. The hunters loose no time in shooting the monster before it has time to disappear, but not until it is quite dead do they venture to draw it toward the boat. The great halibut of the north-west coast sometimes attains a weight of one thousand pounds and is regarded as a dangerous game.

COVERED BUTTONS.—The first maker of covered buttons was Mrs. Samuel Williston, of East Hampton, Mass. In early life her husband prepared for the ministry, but his eyesight failing, he was compelled to give up all study and support himself. He opened a general country store, and his wife gave a great deal of attention to a notion counter. One winter day, in 1826, she was sorting her stock, when it suddenly occurred to her to cover some of the wooden buttons, then in general use, with cloth. They attracted much attention among the customers of the little shop, and were finally known to all the neighbouring town, and became very popular. Williston and his wife contrived machinery to do the work, the first ever employed in America. An immense manufactory sprang up, and made half the covered buttons of the world, and Williston died worth several millions. But the sources of all this wealth originated with a bright New England woman.

SOAP.—One hundred years ago, when the price of soap was £76 a ton, the duty alone being as much as the cost of a ton of soap to-day, the inhabitants of the United Kingdom made a very little soap go a very long way; the removal of the tax, however, in 1853 had the effect of greatly increasing the popularity of soap, with the result that to-day we individually use almost five times the amount our ancestors did a century back. The annual home consumption of this useful article has increased from 46 to, it is calculated, 560,000,000 pounds since 1791, and now consists of a compact little cake measuring over 200ft. in every dimension. With regard to the weight of the soap, it would tax the strength of every man in the entire British Army, together with all the Volunteers and Militia, to march off with one-twelfth of the soap we use in the year.

THE LATEST HUNTER'S YARN.—An American sportsman out duck-shooting in Maine relates how he stopped to rest in an old field in which there was an orchard. A flock of sheep was feeding near by. It was not long before his attention was called to the chirrupping of some squirrels in a thicket, and he was surprised to see the sheep suddenly stop feeding and manifest great excitement. The squirrels went into the orchard, and climbing into one of the trees resumed their loud chatter, evidently calling the sheep, since the flock made at once for the apple tree. Then the squirrels began to bite off the apples, which fell among the hungry sheep, who would struggle for the fruit like so many schoolboys. The squirrels seemed to enjoy the fun, and after they had dropped a few apples from the first tree they skipped to a distant tree, for which the sheep would make in great confusion. After the squirrels had thus enjoyed half an hour's fun with their fleecy neighbours, and supplied themselves with a sufficient quantity of fruit, they scampered back to their haunts in the thicket, leaving the sheep to resume their grazing.

TO LAPLAND BY RAILWAY.—It is now possible to get into the heart of Lapland by railway. Not that I recommend the attempt. It is a long three days' ride from Stockholm, and the route thither up the Gulf of Bothnia is far pleasanter travelling to those who like the sea; but the Swedish State Railway running now right up into the artic circle, into the heart of Lapland, has opened up this country. Shooting rapids and navigating rivers in Lapp boats, or tramping through forests swarming with mosquitoes, with reindeer to bear your impedimenta, are modes of transit not boisterously enjoyed by all; but the habits of the Lapps, and their hut and tent houses, can be studied now within sound of the railway whistle. As the mine-prospecting that is going on around Gellivara and farther north develops into mine-working, soon steam will penetrate still farther north. The Lapps have a presentiment of this. They, like the North American Indians, have been driven farther and farther north, and now a dread runs through all their tribes that they will be exterminated; they live in constant readiness for flight, and refuse to live on islands in dread of being cut off.—*Leisure Hour.*

Western Australia has an Act in force prohibiting the landing of anyone who cannot write out a given passage in English.

GARDEN WORK.

ROSES IN POTS.

These will now have pretty well done flowering for the present, and should be plunged outside and receive water when necessary. Other forcing shrubs, such as Rhododendrons, Japanese and Ghent Azaleas, Lilacs, etc., should have similar treatment. Herbaceous Spiræas, Solomon's Seal, and Dielytra spectabilis should be planted out again.

WINDOW GARDENING.

During hot weather in summer Ferns and foliage plants are more in demand than flowers. Palms, Dracænas, Grevilleas, Grasses, such as Eulalias, Carex, and the pretty Madeira Grass (Isolepis gracilis) will produce a cool and graceful effect, but quality should be more considered than quantity. Anything among foliage plants should have attention now.

FRUIT GARDEN.

Whatever thinning of stone fruits may be required should be completed at once. There is nothing gained by overloading a tree with fruit, and there is a risk of crippling the tree, though something may be done with mulch and water when the crop is heavy. Lime is a necessity to fruit-trees, especially stone fruits, and if not present in sufficient quantities in the soil should be given in some form. The rains have helped the Strawberries, but the crop is later than usual, and on inferior soils is not a heavy one. Do not permit blind plants to remain, as there is always the danger of their being propagated from, as such plants always produce strong runners. The young shoots of newly-grafted trees should be supported with sticks to prevent the wind blowing them out. If there is any American-blight on the Apple-trees, attack it at once before it spreads. The breast-wood of Plums, Cherries, and Apricots may now be shortened back to four buds. Pears and Apples may be left till next month.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

In warm gardens Marrow Peas should be sown for the last time. In cold districts second early sorts will be better. A late crop of Broad or Long Pod Beans may be obtained by cutting back and mulching the early plants. It is generally a question of giving nourishment and gathering the first crop, when the Beans are young, leaving none to get old. The same principle governs the growth of late Peas. I have often had a second crop of Huntingdonian and No Plus Ultra equal to the first by gathering all pods when ready, and mulching the roots with manure. There must be no time lost now in getting the requisite number of Winter Greens, as plants set out late are not so profitable as those planted in good time. It is pretty well understood that the best Broccoli is produced by planting on firm ground. As the early Potatoes are lifted, give the land a dressing of artificial manure or soot, and sow Turnips or plant French Beans. Land will be required shortly for Winter Spinach and Onions, and should be prepared in good time. Earth up early Celery and transfer late crops to the trenches. Diluted sewage from house cesspools may be given to any crop which requires help, and everything in a dry, hot time needs assistance.

OUTDOOR GARDEN.

Rose-budding should commence as soon as the stocks and the young wood from which the buds are taken are ready. Selecting the right time, when the barks work freely, is an important matter, and has a good deal to do with successful budding. A mulch of manure over the roots of the stocks by keeping them moist keeps the wood elastic and the bark fresh. Those who have only room for a few Roses may bud two or three kinds on each standard Brier. The varieties selected should be of similar habit of growth. Hedges, both evergreen and others, may be trimmed now with the shears. In cutting hedges the bottom soon becomes thin and naked if the sides are cut up straight. The Holly and the Yew are the best evergreen hedge plants; but on some soils the Holly is of slow growth, though the growth may be hastened by liberal treatment, especially at the preparation of the site. Beds or masses of Petunias, Verbenas, Heliotropes, and Ageratums should be pegged down till the ground is covered, otherwise they have a straggling, unkempt appearance. Tuberous Begonias require liberal treatment to induce a free-flowering habit. Cannas also must be well-nourished. Insects will not give much trouble if the plants are in vigorous health. Dahlias must be securely staked and tied. Annuals are flowering freely where they have been properly thinned and mulched. Give no quarter to weeds.

STOVE.

When Allamandas show flower-buds the young shoots should be trained round the trellis in such a manner that the flowers are placed to the best advantage. In the early stages of growth these plants flower better if the young shoots are permitted to ramble up near the glass in the full light. Old Dracænas may be cut down and the stems cut to single eyes and planted in a brisk bottom heat as cuttings. If the conditions are right as regards heat, every bud will start and form roots. The early-struck Poinsettias will now be ready for 5-inch pots. Every encouragement should be given, so that the plants may retain the bottom leaves. Some of the winter-flowering stove plants, such as Franciscea calycina, should be moved to a cooler house to ripen wood; I have even placed them outside for a month or six weeks with advantage. All plants flower better if suitable rest is given to thoroughly harden the growth. Centradenia rosea is a pretty neat-habited plant easily propagated from cuttings of the young shoots in spring, and makes a pretty room or table plant in a 5-inch pot. The introduction of so many foliage plants has thrown the flowering plants into the cold shade for a time, but the Centradenias are too pretty and useful to be long neglected. Anything that requires repotting should be seen to at once.

CONSERVATORY.

Hard-wooded plants which have completed and partly ripened their growth will be better in some sheltered position outside now. But in the matter of watering, syringing, etc., they must have the same careful attention as was given to them inside, and the entrance of worms into the pots must be guarded against, either by standing the pots on a bed of coal-ashes or on some impervious substance which the worms cannot penetrate. Winter-flowering stuff, such as Cyclamens, Zonal "Geraniums," Primulas, double and single, Cinerarias, Solanums, etc., should be potted on as soon as the pots they are in are full of roots The best places for Cyclamens, Cinerarias, and Primulas are cold-frames turned to the south, so that the sun's rays do not strike full upon the glass, and it may be necessary to lightly shade for a few hours in the middle of the day, ventilating freely. Salvias do better planted out thinly, to be potted up in September The same treatment will suit Eupatoriums. The strong shoots of both should be pinched to give a bushy habit. Arum Lilies are best treated in batches. Those for flowering early should be repotted now, if they require it, and be planted out till September. Others for late blooming may be divided, and planted out in the kitchen garden. Those plants which have been shifted on into large pots will do very well for a year, or even two, without repotting, if top-dressing and liquid-manure are given. After that they are divided and planted out for a season. Myrtles, Oranges, and Oleanders will do better outside now, partially plunged if in small pots. Plants in tubs and large pots may be placed on terraces or in forecourts for the summer. American Aloes and the hardiest kinds of Palms and Dracænas may be used in the same way for giving tropical effect to sheltered retired spots. Cactuses which have completed their growth should be placed outside in a sunny spot to ripen growth. The Scarborough Lily will flower better if ripened outside in the sunshine till September. See that nothing indoors suffers for want of water, and leave the ridge ventilators open all night.—*Gardening Illustrated.*

In the sixteenth century fencers held the sword in their right hand and a dagger in the left to ward off blows.

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.]

Bank holiday day and half-day tripping is an undertaking often long anticipated with delight but often concluded with weary limbs, aching heads, and intense satisfaction at once again reaching the quiet and comfortable home apartments. Those who joined the Rothwell Rechabites' trip to Skegness, on Monday last, had quite a surfeit of railway travelling, and that not under the most desirable conditions. First of all, the "engaged" carriages for their conveyance had been appropriated before reaching Ardsley, and neither persuasion nor the railway officials could induce the intruders to budge, and the Rothwell contingent had consequently to wait until they could be accommodated in a later train. All thoughts of accomplishing the journey in a party and in each other's company had to be abandoned, and scrambles took place to secure seats in any part of the train that was still in an uncrowded state. It was a relief to reach their destination, and amongst the thirty thousand trippers who thronged the town the day was spent. In the station at night there was a scene long to be remembered Inquiries of the porters elicited only vague information as to when and where the many excursion trains were going. The one desire of the thousands who thronged the platform and precincts of the station, seemed to be to get a seat in one or other of the trains, and more than one were carried to wrong destinations. Some of the Rothwell trippers got off by one of the early trains, and the remainder who were left on the platform made a rush for the carriages already full, on the porters hollowing that that train was the last for Yorkshire that day. Many of the carriages were jam-full. Mothers sat with their children on their knees, the male portion took turns at standing, the train lumbered slowly along with frequent stoppages, and when thoughts of Ardsley station being soon reached were uppermost in the minds of those in the centre of the carriages, and who could hardly get a breath of fresh air, the statement that Boston was just ahead was like wormwood and gall. Those responsible for the safe custody of the juveniles (it being the "Juvenile" Rechabites' trip) were in purgatory all the way, lest some of their charges should have been left behind, or got into a wrong train, and anxious enquiries were made as opportunity afforded. Eventually the train reached Ardsley, and possibilities of reaching home before dawn became rosy. The waggonettes which had been waiting from ten until half-past two for the Rothwell trippers soon had their cargo at good old Roddill once again, and so far as some of the ladies are concerned it will be some years before they again undertake a day trip to Skegness, or any other sea-side place on the first Monday in August.

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The Dreyfus affair at Rennes has began a new phase; but the hearing conducted privately can scarcely prove convincing. Intense interest is evinced in the proceedings of the re-trial, and the general wish is that the outcome may be a triumph for Justice. We are by no means sure of the result being satisfactory, after all.

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Everywhere harvesting advances rapidly, and fairly good crops are being won at a date well ahead of any anticipation. Occasional showers now will tune up the roots and the green crops, and make the farmers smile.

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A novel idea is coming under the notice of the Postmaster-General, nothing more nor less than the possibility of the abolition of the penny stamp. The suggestion is that a form of automatic machine should be employed, with a slit into which letters might be inserted. Then you place a penny in the slot to make the machine stamp your letter, which drops into the pillar, and the postman does the rest. Ours is an age of scheming.

THE NEW TELEPHONE ACT.

By the terms of the new Telephone Act, just passed, it will henceforth be within the power of any borough or Urban District Council in England and Ireland, and Royal, Parliamentary or police burgh in Scotland, either to set up a Telephone Exchange system of its own, or to approve, under proper restrictions, of a new company doing so. Where no Telephone Exchange now exists such an undertaking would be secure against competition by the National Telephone Company; where that company is established, competition would ensue. If the telephone work in this district could be taken up by the Council, the cost to subscribers would be greatly reduced, and much greater advantage would be obtained. The Telephone Exchange set up last year by the local authority in Guernsey has at present an average annual receipt of less than £4 per subscriber, which nevertheless suffices to cover working expenses, interest on capital, and a 5 per cent. depreciation fund. Yet the Guernsey system is more extensive than most local ones would require to be, since it penetrates over 28 square miles, the whole area of the island.

OULTON v LEEDS SPRINGFIELD.

Played at Headingley on Tuesday last.

Oulton.

E Boothroyd, c Armistead b Barrett	2
L E Greenwood, c Murray b Mellish	40
W Smith, c Lemoine b Mellish	34
G M Abbey, c Armistead b Mellish	3
P C Higgins, b Armistead	2
H W Higgins, c Masser b Mellish	10
F Killingbeck, c Barrett b Hodgkinson	14
W Inman, b Mellish	0
C Briggs, b Mellish	10
F Bell, not out	4
P Inman, b Hodgkinson	0
Extras	9
Total	128

Springfield.

F Murray, c H W Higgins b Greenwood	14
A Barrett, c and b Greenwood	9
H Towers, b Bell	18
R Quinney, b Briggs	20
E E Woodhouse, c Smith b Briggs	12
C Armistead, c Briggs b Greenwood	15
W Masser, lbw b Briggs	0
H Hepworth, run out	19
C Mellish, b Greenwood	4
H Lemoine, c and b H W Higgins	0
J Hodgkinson, not out	0
Extras	2
Total	113

TIT-BITS.

AND THEN HE WENT.—Gerald: "I'm sorry the poor fellow is dead, but after all it doesn't matter when we go." Geraldine: "You are wrong there; it may not matter when you die, but it does matter when you go."

PRIVACY ASSURED.—Towne: "Nobody ever comes into my den to bother me." Browne: "How do you manage to keep them out?" Towne: "I selected the wall-paper and carpet for the room myself."

A LONG-FELT WANT.—Waggles, "Every year the manufacturers claim to make improvements on their wheels, but the necessary one has not yet been invented." Jaggles: "What kind of bicycle is that?" Waggles: "A self-cleaning one."

SIMILAR TEMPERS. — Salesman: "Shoes, madam? Yes, ma'am. What number, please?" Mrs. Crankwright: "Two, of course. Do I look like a scolopendra?" And the salesman doesn't know yet whether she does or not, but thinks she does.

AN EVERY MORNING INCIDENT.—Mr. Suburb (slowly waking up and rubbing his eyes): "What time is it?" Mrs. Suburb (looking at watch): "It's three minutes to train time." Mr. Suburb (springing out of bed): "Tell Mary to hurry up the breakfast."

A BORN DIPLOMAT.—"Now, Tommy," said the spinster aunt, with theories upon the bringing up of other people's children—"now, Tommy," setting her small nephew down hard on the chair, "look me straight in the eyes." Tommy looked. Then, "What beautiful eyes!" he said.

KNEW HE'D HAVE TO.—"If you go first," murmured the wife of his bosom to the sick man, "you will wait for me on the other side, will you not, love?" "I s'pose I'll have to," he grumbled. "I never went anywhere yet without having to wait for you at least half an hour."

IMPROVIDENT.—"Please, mum, will ye give me somethin' to eat?" "Why, you're the same tramp I gave a pie to only last week." "Yes, mum. Ye see, I happened to meet a couple o' dozen frien's o' mine, an' went an' invited 'em to a banquet, an' we ate your pie all up. I never did have no foresight, mum."

THE HORSELESS JOKE.—My automobile is at the door, Miss Phrosy. May I have the pleasure of your company?" "Mamma isn't here to chaperon me, Mr. Flypp. I don't know whether I ought to go or not." "Pardon me, Miss Phrosy, but I'm quite sure you auto." So she autoed.

WHAT HE LEFT.—Askington: "You did not finish the reminiscence you were telling me yesterday when you were interrupted by the kitchen roof catching fire—about your fourth cousin, Joel, who blew down the muzzle of his gun. Did he live to tell the story?" Farmer Dunk: "No; but he left a good story for other people to tell."

AN INTERESTING AGE.—Mr. Oldboy (to young mother): "Your baby is rather young yet to be interesting, Mrs. Schermerhorn." Young Mother: "At what age do you think babies are the most interesting, Mr. Oldboy?" Mr. Oldboy: "Well, I don't know very much about babies, but I should say that they begin to grow interesting as soon as they get old enough to be spanked."

A NEW CURE.—Mrs. Cribber: "What has become of all your Cleopatra jewellery—the asps, snakes, serpents, and things?" Mrs. Bibber: "Hush! Don't let my husband hear you. I have hidden them away." "Haven't you worn them at all?" "I wore them once, and the moment my husband saw them he rushed off to a doctor. The next morning he took the pledge. I shan't wear them again unless he backslides."

VERY EFFECTIVE ALL THE SAME.—A country farmer, who had been to some races for the first time, was asked by his friends on returning home what he thought of the sport. "It was grand!" he replied; "but I thought that fellow who was clinging round the horse's neck and falling off all the way did well to win." When he was told it was the famous American jockey, he said: "That's what it was? I thought there was something wrong with him!"

AN UNANSWERABLE ARGUMENT. — Dr. Oldschool: "Well, your humbug homœopathy has killed another man, I see." Dr. Newschool: "Eh? Killed a man?" Dr. Oldschool: "Yes, sir. The man tried to give a dose of your miserable little pellets to a member of his family, and he swallowed the cork. Yes, sir, such a horrible accident couldn't happen in the allopathic treatment. No, sir. We use big bottles, with corks big enough to stay out of people's insides. Yes, sir."

SLIGHTLY EXAGGERATING. — Three students were talking in an hotel the other day. "My dear fellow," said one of them, "I painted one day last week a piece of wood which imitated marble so perfectly that it sank to the bottom of the river." "Pshaw!" said one of the other students; "yesterday I suspended a thermometer on my easel that holds my view of the Polar regions; it fell at once to fifteen degrees below zero." "That's nothing," said the third; "my portrait of the Sirdar is so lifelike that it has to be shaved every other day."

I THINK NOT.—The father of the present Lord Abingdon, who was remarkable for the stateliness of his manners, one day riding through a village in the vicinity of Oxford met a lad dragging a calf along the road, who, when his lordship came up to him, made a stop, and stared him full in the face. His lordship asked the boy if he knew him. He replied: "Ees." "What is my name," said his lordship. "Why, Lord Abingdon," replied the lad. "Then why don't you take off your hat?" "So I will, sur," said the boy, "if ye'll hold the calf."

WAS QUITE ALL THERE.—In the village of T—— there is a clerk who is known as "Daft Johnny," owing to his having been confined in a lunatic asylum several years. The other day, shortly after his release, he was having an argument with several of his fellow-clerks, when one of them exclaimed: "Look here, Tom, you'd better hold your tongue. You've only just come out of the lunatic asylum, and we all know you're daft." "Daft?" exclaimed Johnny, with sarcasm. "Why, I'm the only man among the whole lot of you who has a certificate for being sane!"

AN IMPERFECT INVENTORY.—Mother: "And so your friend Clara is soon to be married?" Daughter (just returned from long absence): "Yes; doesn't it seem strange? I hadn't heard a word about it until I called to see her this morning. She showed me her trousseau. It's perfectly lovely, just from Paris, and she has the handsomest ring I ever saw, and she showed me the house she is to live in, and the furniture she has selected, and the horses and carriages she is to have. She showed me everything except the man she is going to marry. I suppose she forgot about him."

DON'T DAY-DREAM.—Day-dreaming and the building of fantastic castles in the air is not half so innocuous and harmless a pleasure as it seems. The day-dreamer, according to medical experts, is akin to the lunatic. Children and old men who revel in day-dreams have mental characteristics of the insane. Often they tell lies, not because they lack the moral sense, but because they have distorted in themselves imagination. Gradually they lose the requisite will-power to concentrate their minds on a given subject, and their thoughts begin to wander. Then it is only a race between insanity and death, the winner claiming the dreamer.

HE DROVE IN A GROWLER.—A very smart wedding was being solemnised at St. Peter's, Eaton Square. On each side of the strip of carpet that extended from the church-door to the kerb was a crowd of well-dressed people watching the guests arrive. In the wake of a succession of equipages of the most aristocratic and well-appointed character came a four-wheeled cab, dingy and disreputable beyond belief. "Here, here!" exclaimed the policeman in charge. "You can't stop here. We're waiting for the Bishop of ——" The cabman regarded the officer with a triumphant ragged blanket over his skeleton steed. "It's all right, guv'nor," he said; "I've got the old buffer inside!"

The ordinary folding-fan was invented in the seventh century by a Japanese artist, who derived the idea from watching a bat closing its wings.

WAKEFIELD & DISTRICT CUP.

In the first round for the above cup the Rothwell team had a bye, so that on Saturday last, on which date the second rounds were played, Rothwell made their first active appearance in the struggle for the trophy. Last year, it will be remembered, Rothwell ran into the fourth round, when they were vanquished by Stanley Church, who scored 148 to Rothwell 32. This was a disastrous reverse, especially after the sensational victory over Lofthouse. In the latter game Lofthouse scored 52 for one wicket, when rain stopped play; continuing the match on Wednesday, the whole of the remaining wickets were disposed of for the addition of 12 runs, and Rothwell, with 8 wkts down ran the score off. In 1897 Rothwell was beat in the second round by Flanshaw (80 to 32), and in 1896 in the third round they were beaten by Lofthouse (198 to 49). It was in 1894 that Rothwell ran up nearest to obtaining the cup, in that year playing Lofthouse in the semi-final at Rothwell before 1500 or 2000 spectators. Rothwell scored 62 and Lofthouse 64 for 3 wkts. The week following Lofthouse beat Altofts in the final, topping a total of 35 made by Altofts with 7 wkts down. The game on Saturday was played in brilliant weather on the Royds Lane ground, and before a moderate attendance of spectators. The visitors—Sandal—batted first, and scored 58, a by no means formidable total on such a day and on such a wicket. Morgan bowled remarkably well as his analysis will show, and Chadwick his co-trundler, also did good service, these two bowlers doing duty without a change. There was room for improvement in the Rothwell fielding, and seventeen extras out of a total of 58 is rather too liberal an allowance on the part of the Rothwell players. Thirteen of these were byes, mostly the result of Morgan's fast deliveries. W. E. Richardson and H. Dacre were the first to represent Rothwell at the wicket, and they made a very useful stand, 16 being totalled before Richardson, who had been hurt by a fast delivery from McPhail, fell a victim to a well-pitched ball by Harrop. Dacre maintained a careful and safe defence, Dobson's partnership with him being productive of 8 runs, of which Dacre scored 7. Whitehead, the fourth man in, was smartly caught by English off Dutton after he had scored 4, and J. Walker was beaten by a delivery by Hartley when he had made 7 runs. It was when Dr. Buck, the captain, had partnered Dacre that the latter sent the winning hit, and brought out his bat for 38 runs, obtained by patient and conscientious batting. Score:—

ROTHWELL v. SANDAL.

Played at Rothwell on Saturday last

Sandal.

Precious, b Morgan	2
Thistlewaite, b Morgan	0
W Wray, b Morgan	3
Harrop c and b Chadwick	4
Milsom, b Morgan	0
F Wray, b Chadwick	10
Dutton, b Chadwick	15
Hartley, b Chadwick	4
English, b Morgan	0
G McPhail, b Morgan	3
R D McPhail, not out	0
Extras	17
Total	58

Rothwell.

W E Richardson, b Harrop	5
H Dacre, not out	38
T Dobson, junr b Harrop	1
R Whitehead, c English b Dutton	4
J Walker, b Hartley	7
Dr. Buck, not out	0
Extras	6
Total for 4 wkts	61

Bowling Analysis—Rothwell:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
H Morgan	9	3	12	6	2.
J W Chadwick	8	3	29	4	7.2

ROTHWELL PARISH CHURCH v. STOURTON St. ANDREWS.

Played at Rothwell on Saturday last

Stourton.

E Lunn, b Moss	6
H Allen, c and b Drew	5
J Todd, b Drew	0
R Mann, c Hargreaves b Drew	6
T Leathley, b Drew	3
A Barker, run out	0
W Dutton, c Ward b Moss	3
A Cosway, b Moss	4
W Dyson, not out	5
H Field, c Tiffany b Chapman	1
J Chadwick, b Drew	10
Extras	3
Total	46

Rothwell Parish.

W Ward, c Dutton b Leathley	1
J Hargreaves, b Chadwick	10
A Bedford, b Leathley	4
M Naylor, b Chadwick	0
A Tiffany, run out	2
P Chapman, c Lunn b Leathley	7
J Atack, b Leathley	5
G Kale, b Leathley	5
H Lunn, b Chadwick	0
E Moss, c Lunn b Dutton	9
J H Drew, not out	8
Extras	12
Total	63

ROTHWELL PARISH CHURCH v. METHLEY CHURCH BOYS' BRIGADE.

Played at Methley on Tuesday last

Rothwell Parish.

A Tiffany, c Ling b Norris	12
G Kale, c Dickenson b Ling	9
W Varley, b Ling	0
H Taylor, b Ling	9
W Ward, b Norris	7
J H Drew, b Ling	4
E Moss, b Norris	0
A Vinton, run out	4
E Beckwith, not out	8
M Naylor, b Norris	0
D Cooper, b Ling	3
Extras	12
Total	60

Methley.

S Norris, b Drew	0
T Harris, c Kale b Moss	0
G Thornton, run out	1
F Jackson, c Taylor b Moss	7
M Thornton, c Drew b Moss	5
N Ellis, c Varley b Drew	0
Ling, b Moss	3
T Welsh, b Drew	0
J H Laycock, b Drew	0
W Dickenson, b Drew	3
Stainthorpe, not out	0
Extras	6
Total	25

Drew took 5 wkts for 6 runs and Moss 4 wkts for 13.

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CRICKET.

OULTON DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Results up to date.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	D'wn.	Pts
Oulton	12	8	1	3	19
Middleton Park	12	6	2	4	16
Altofts W Riding	12	4	4	4	12
Rothwell	12	4	4	4	12
Whitwood	11	5	4	2	12
Carlton	11	2	4	5	9
Lofthouse	11	2	5	4	8
Methley	11	1	8	2	4

The other Results not to hand.
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FIXTURES. 1899.

Played on the ground of the first-named Club.

Aug 12—Oulton v Rothwell
Messrs. Wright, Methley, and Morritt, Whitwood
—Middleton Park v Whitwood
Messrs. Cadman, Altofts, and Lunn, Lofthouse
—Altofts West Riding v Carlton
Messrs. Fielding, Rothwell, and Goodall, Methley
—Methley v Lofthouse
Messrs. Baker, Middleton, and Brown, Carlton
19—Middleton Park v Oulton
Messrs. Milner, Rothwell, and Brown, Carlton
—Lofthouse v Altofts West Riding
Messrs. Thornton, Methley, & Morritt, Whitwood
—Carlton v Methley
Messrs. Cadman, Altofts, and Fielding, Rothwell
—Whitwood v Rothwell
Messrs. Lunn, Lofthouse, and Wright, Methley
26—Winners v Rest

ROTHWELL v. MIDDLETON PARK.

Played at Middleton on Saturday last

Middleton.

E Standidge, b Bedford	2
Gouldthorpe, c G Cripps b J Lunn	4
A Spink, b R N Lunn	18
W Lumb, b R N Lunn	28
J Ramsden, b W Bedford	8
J Place, c R N Lunn b J Lunn	12
F Coope, b J Lunn	9
M Wainwright, lbw b J Lunn	12
D Ramsden, c G Cripps b W Bedford	0
G Wainwright, not out	4
J Robertshaw, b J Lunn	0
Extras	12
Total	109

Rothwell.

R N Lunn, run out	0
W Bedford, b Spink	11
H Brown, retired hurt	5
J Lunn, b Spink	0
C Ward, b Gouldthorpe	7
B Cromack, b Gouldthorpe	6
G Cripps, b Spink	0
T Parker, c Coope b Spink	0
A Denton, c Standidge b Spink	0
Alf Cripps, run out	4
G Turner, not out	2
Extras	2
Total	37

Bowling Analysis—Rothwell:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
J Lunn	14	7	26	5	5.1
W Bedford	12	3	37	3	12.1
R N Lunn	8	5	16	2	8.
G Cripps	6	3	18	0	

Bowling Analysis—Middleton Park:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg'
A Spink	11	2	18	5	3.3
S Goldthorpe	10.4	3	17	2	8.1

OULTON v ALTOFTS.

Played at Oulton on Saturday last

Oulton.

C Briggs, b Burr	11
G M Abbey, b Burr	5
L E Greenwood, c Watson b Burr	1
O Inman, b Burr	5
E Boothroyd, b Ward	8
H Mitchell, b Ward	3
W Inman, b Burr	12
W Smith, b Ward	1
F Killingbeck, b Burr	7
P C Higgins, st Hall b Burr	5
H W Higgins, not out	0
Extras	8
Total	66

Altofts.

C Haslop, b H W Higgins	2
W Hall, c and b H W Higgins	10
M Watson, c W Inman b H Higgins	2
G Haslop, b Greenwood	0
J Hartley, b H W Higgins	2
C Horner, b Greenwood	2
M Dowton, b H W Higgins	5
W Burr, b Greenwood	2
E Teasdale, b H W Higgins	5
M Ward, st W Inman b Greenwood	0
J Morgan, not out	1
Extras	2
Total	33

Bowling Analysis—Altofts:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
W Burr	15.3	3	34	7	4.6
M Ward	15	0	24	3	8.

Bowling Analysis—Oulton:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
L E Greenwood	10	5	10	4	2.2
H W Higgins	9.4	2	21	6	3.3

OULTON v NORMANTON TRADESMEN.

Played at Oulton on Monday.

Oulton.

E Boothroyd, b Rayner	0
G M Abbey, c Blakeley b Overton	2
L E Greenwood, b Rayner	30
F Killingbeck, c Smith b Crowther	15
W Inman, c Keegan b Overton	1
H W Higgins, c Crowther b Rudge	27
P C Higgins, run out	1
P S Marsden, b Rayner	0
O Inman, c Plimmer b Rudge	17
C Briggs, not out	2
F Bell, b Rudge	2
Extras	8
Total	105

Normanton Tradesmen.

J Thompson, c P C Higgins b Briggs	1
W Rudge, c P C Higgins b Briggs	4
E Plimmer, c Killingbeck b Greenwood	1
C Overton, lbw b Greenwood	40
J Rayner, c Boothroyd b Bell	17
F Blakeley, run out	1
F Keegan, c Marsden b Bell	3
H Thorpe, run out	11
R Crowther, c P C Higgins b Greenwood	9
J E Smith, b Briggs	4
L B Pickles, not out	0
Extras	11
Total	102

Oulton—Second Innings.

C Briggs, b Rudge	8
L E Greenwood, b Rayner	30
O Inman, run out	7
P C Higgins, not out	8
H W Higgins, not out	1
Extras	5
Total for 3 wkts	59

ANOTHER ROTHWELL SUCCESS.

We are pleased to note amongst the list of those who have passed the recent examination for Colliery Managers' Certificates, the name of Mr. Tom Hargreaves, son of Councillor James Hargreaves, of this town. The examination took place at Leeds on the last days of June; there were 52 young men sat for first class certificates, 26 of whom passed; also 66 sat for second class certificates, 20 being successful.

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The International Cycling Championship contests opened at Montreal yesterday, favoured by fine weather, not too hot for good work. Between 10,000 and 20,000 people were present, and some of the best professional and amateur riders from all parts of the world competed. Among the well-known cyclists present are Messrs. Summersgill and Cherry, the ex-Amateur Champions of England; Caldow, the best amateur of Scotland; Goodison, of Australia; Taillander, the Amateur Champion of France; Peabody, of Chicago; and Douglas Fearing, Schwartz, and Allen, of New York and Brooklyn.

Hundreds of members of the League of American Wheelmen were present, and the visitors have all received a cordial welcome from the managers of the contests. The prizes to be given for the professional events amount to 2,515 dollars, and for the amateur 605 dollars in value. There are several special races arranged, for which other prizes will be given.

In the Mile Amateur Championship run yesterday, Messrs. Summersgill, Goodson, Peabody, Cherry, and Caldow won their trial heats, and Messrs. Goodson, Peabody, Summersgill, and Caldow won the semi-final heats.

The final for the Championship was won by Summersgill, with Peabody second, and Caldow third. The winner was greeted with tumultuous cheering, as Summersgill has made himself very popular since his arrival in Montreal.

Time, 5m 43 2-5s. A fine race was won by a yard; one foot between the second and third.

By his victory in the Mile Amateur Championship of the World at Montreal—the Blue Riband of cycling—T. Summersgill has achieved the only remaining honour on the race path to which he could aspire. Two years ago he followed up a long list of successes in West Riding and Yorkshire Championships by winning the English Mile at Birmingham, and last season at Headingley, the English Quarter-Mile Championship was credited to him. To these local and national honours he has now added an international victory, and that, too, in the most coveted of contests in the amateur series. Readers who do not know the precise programme which is followed at the World's Championship meetings may be reminded that there is the possibility yet of a further success for Summersgill at Montreal. Besides the Mile event for the amateurs and professionals, and the Hundred Kilometres for both classes, there is also the match for the Open Championship of the World between the winner of the Mile Amateur Championship and the winner of the Mile Professional Championship. Summersgill will therefore, without any loss of status, find himself to-day or tomorrow engaged in the first race of his life against a professional rider. Those who know his powers best would not be at all surprised if this important event fell to him. Taking a line through the form shown at the recent English meeting at Liverpool, he should have a splendid chance of securing the double victory.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET MATCHES.

At East Ardsley—Rothwell v East Ardsley (Cup Tie).
ROTHWELL FIRST ELEVEN—J W Chadwick (capt), H Morgan, Joe Walker, Hy Dacre, R Whitehead, T Dobson, junr, H Clark, H Greenwood, J W Smith, W Spurr, W Bedford.
At Oulton—Rothwell 2nd v Oulton (League)
ROTHWELL SECOND ELEVEN—R N Lunn (capt), J Lunn, C Ward, G Turner, H Brown, Alfred Cripps, C Sidebottom, T Parker, A Denton, Jos Smith, A Nickols; Reserve, J J Lunn.
At Leeds—Rothwell P C v Woodhouse Hill.
PARISH CHURCH TEAM—P Chapman, (capt), E Moss, J H Drew, A Tiffany, J Atack, J Hargreaves, W Ward, M Naylor, D Cooper, G Kale, A Abbishaw; Reserves, E Beckwith, A Bedford.

WEDNESDAY.

At Rothwell—Rothwell Tradesmen v Hunslet T.
ROTHWELL TRADESMEN'S ELEVEN—Dr James (capt) W Haigh, J Walker, A Batty, J Elstob, H Wormald, J Stead, O Wilkinson, J Wilkinson, A Denton, W Inman.

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DEATHS.

PARKER—August 12th, aged 31 years, William Parker, Rothwell.
TATE—August 16th, aged 15 months, John William son of George Tate, Stourton.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley
Friday, August 18, 1899.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

LIVELY SCENES.

FROM THE SUBLIME TO THE RIDICULOUS.

BIG FAMILIES IN BIG HOUSES AT LITTLE RENTS; HOW IT'S DONE!

'MENDACIOUS STATEMENTS' IN 'POT-HOILS.'

A monthly meeting of the above Council was held on Wednesday night, in the Council Chamber, Councillor G. Armitage presiding. There were also present Councillors J. Armitage, J. Hargreaves, W. W. Harrison, J. W. Bulmer, H. Nichols, Wr. Hargreaves, J. Abbishaw, B. Taylor, and J. Stead, with the deputy clerk (Mr. Barret), medical officer, (Dr. Brown), surveyor (Mr. J. T. Pears), nuisance inspector (Mr. Jones), and assistant clerk (Mr. Wilkinson).

The minutes of last meeting having been confirmed, the Highway Committees reported the members present recommended as follows; that the flagging and paving in Main Street, Carlton, be proceeded with; that the surveyor commence the paving and flagging in Wood Lane, Rothwell, as early as possible; and that the surveyor get out the final apportionments for the following streets:—Sidney Street, Melbourne, Place, Melbourne Grove, Melbourne Street, and Smithson Street, Rothwell. On the motion of Mr. J. Hargreaves, the minutes were adopted.

Mr. Bulmer wished to ask the Committee it there was any reason why Smithson Street and Holmes Square should not be swept, the same as Commercial Street and others.

The Chairman of the Committee replied that he saw no reason why they should not receive the same attention as the other streets.

At the Sanitary Committee meeting, a letter was read from Mr. Thomas Baines, declining to clean out a portion of the beck abutting on his property, and a 7 days' notice was ordered to be served on him, to be followed by a 21 days' final notice, should the order not be complied with. The Committee also recommended to advance George Hick's wages by 2s. a week. In reply to an enquiry by Mr. Bulmer, Mr. Wr. Hargreaves (the chairman) said that Hick's wages will now be 22s. a week. Another man who was enquired about, as worthy of consideration in regard to an increase, was not on the Sanitary staff. Mr. Hargreaves further stated that Hick is the man deputed to cleanse the gullies, and he also assists in the night soil removal, when necessary.

The minutes were then adopted.

HEALTH REPORT.

Dr. Brown (as representing Dr. Stevenson the medical officer) reported that there had been during the month, 10 deaths (7 males, 3 females), 7 in Rothwell (5 males and 2 females), and 3 in Lofthouse district (2 males and 1 female). The births number 17 in Rothwell (11 males and 6 females), and 11 in Lofthouse (5 males and 6 females). There have been no cases of infectious disease to report. The Inspector (Mr. Jones) reported on the matters relating to his department, and stated that he had visited four canal boats during the month.

PRICE OF GAS.

The Gas Committee reported that they have not yet received a quotation from Rothwell Gas Light Company owing (as the chairman, Mr Harrison, afterwards explained) to the fact that the directors of the Gas Company have not had an opportunity of meeting, some of them being away. The Leeds Corporation quote 48s. a lamp for Stourton, which is accepted. The vacant post of lamplighter has been filled by Tom Ely. The parent of a boy who had broken a lamp, attended before the Committee, and promised to pay the expenses, the Committee accepting this offer, the offender being but a child. The former lamp lighters are all re-appointed.

Mr. James Hargreaves enquired further about the price for Rothwell lamps; he should strongly object to the Council paying the same price for gas, when the Gas Company had already reduced the price to private consumers.

The Chairman of the Gas Committee explained that it was intended that although the lamps would be lighted about the middle of August, this fact would not affect the negotiations as to the price to be finally settled. He fully anticipated some reduction would be made.

The Chairman of the Council, in putting the resolution to adopt the minutes, said that the fact of having commenced lighting would not affect the decision of the Gas Directors.

FINANCE.

Mr. Taylor, in moving the payment of the list of accounts, drew attention to the difference in the charges of two newspapers for the same advertisement, and the Clerk was instructed to investigate the matter.

BUILDINGS.

Mr. J. Hargreaves said the only plan to be submitted was that for a stable for Mr. W. Fielding, of Ouzlewell Green, which the Council approved.

HOUSING OF WORKING CLASSES.

Mr Bulmer was then called upon for his resolution respecting the above question, of which he had already given notice. He said that the Council, having adopted the Act for the Housing of the Working Classes, he asked the Council to appoint a Committee to formulate a scheme for carrying out its provisions in the Council's area. He was quite aware that by some persons he would be looked upon as a wild, enthusiastic idiot but as a representative of the working classes he was resolved to do his utmost to provide suitable dwellings for those who were now compelled to live under indecent and unhealthy conditions. He trusted, however, that although interest and capital might predominate, they would vote fairly and conscientiously on this subject. The Council adopted the Housing of the Working Classes Act about two and a half years ago, giving them power to erect lodging houses; also to build cottages for the working classes; and further, to furnish such houses, if necessary. He was not going to speak on this latter question, but he trusted the Council would seriously consider the question of erecting working men's dwellings. He wished to urge this matter for three reasons. First, because of the monopoly exercised by property owners, a monopoly which was not beneficial to the public generally; they simply acted on the old law of supply and demand; but there was another law, the law of right. He further argued that rents had gone up during recent years as much as 50 per cent, and even 100 per cent, and such a state of things ought not to continue. Secondly, he urged this proposal from a moral standpoint. He declared that 48 per cent of the population lived in an indecent manner, and he regretted to acknowledge himself as amongst the number. There are numbers of cases of overcrowding, but the people cannot leave their present dwellings, because there are not suitable houses for them to go to. The Council gave notice some time ago, to a person to leave his house because of over-crowding, but the Council was unable to put the notice into force because there was not a house for the person to remove to; therefore the Council must make provision of suitable houses into which such persons may remove, before they can turn them out. If the Council decided to erect such dwellings, he would be the first to put the 'overcrowded' notice into effect. His third reason was on the score of heath,—perhaps the most important; while people are living in an indecent and over-crowded state, it was certainly not for the advancement of good health. There was no town of any importance in England, Scotland and Wales, that had not at least considered the matter, and many instances in which active steps had been taken. He then mentioned Birmingham where 3,056 cottages have been built, housing some 16,000 persons, at a rent of five or six shillings a week; also Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester, London, and others. He also instanced three or four Urban District Councils, where steps have been taken. In Ireland, out of 159 Unions, 107 have taken advantage of this Act, and 14,131 cottages have been built, letting at from eightpence to two shillings a week. For these three reasons he pressed the acceptance of his resolution, declaring that private enterprise has not, and will not, meet the requirements of the people. Mr. Bulmer also denounced the system which prevails in this district and in others, of offering threepence or sixpence a week more to a landlord, so as to secure the promise of a house likely to be let. Such a system is unjust, and disadvantageous to the ratepayers,—that is to the general ratepayers,—the real ratepayers,—not the 'large' ratepayers that we hear so much about. He had had to bite his lip many a time, when he heard such language; a man is *not* a ratepayer, that doesn't work!

Mr. Harrison: We'll put you down as a non-ratepayer then,—a sally which induced a general laugh, and amid which Mr. Bulmer resumed his seat.

After a short pause, the Chairman was asked if anyone might speak on the question.

The Chairman: Not until the resolution is seconded.

Mr. Jas. Armitage: Then I'll second it formally, so as to put the matter in order.

Mr. Bulmer: Inconsistency.

Mr. Harrison said he would like to know how it was that Mr Bulmer was one of the principal men to get the Leeds Co-operative Society to build houses in Churchfield, and then refused to take one of these very houses, preferring to live in—what he had himself described as an indecent manner. (A Member: Inconsistency). Was'nt it because the rent was too high, why didn't *he* change houses when he had an opportunity? How was it that so many small houses were crowded with big families, and the people would not move when they had the chance of larger houses, and when single couples—(laughter, 'I beg pardon, gentlemen') when newly-married couples had to take them instead. Every man in Rothwell had had a chance of a larger house, if he liked to remove. As to monopoly, no doubt there was monopoly in many things, and in other things besides houses. 'My friend' himself is said to have taken advantage of a monopoly, and when other people were wanting to attend our Demonstration last year, and assist in a philanthropic object, charges the passengers in his waggonette sixpence or eightpence instead of the ordinary fourpence. As to representing classes, no member of the Council should represent a single class, not even the I.L.P., he should come here to represent the whole of his constituents. If Mr. Bulmer can show that the Council can build houses cheaper, and let them at less rent than private persons, I am with him, but how is it a big company like the Co-op can't do it, whose cost is higher and rents higher. 'If it's a question of the Council building houses and paying for them out of other people's pockets, I'm off that.' Like a man that thought the Council ought to let him have his allotment garden free or nearly so, but when asked if the cabbages, and potatoes would also be free to anybody that fetched them, that was quite another matter.

Mr. J. Armitage said he was surprised that Mr. Bulmer, after having had a chance of removing to a larger house, should prefer to continue living in an immoral condition. He had been speaking as though the Council could afford to build houses more cheaply than other people, but he had not shewn this in any way whatever. A large and wealthy Company like the Leeds Co-operative Society, with more money than they know what to do with, ought to be able to build as cheaply as any Council. As to the Artizans' dwellings in Ireland, erected under this Act, and rented at 8d. a week, he feared the accommodation would be very small, and he doubted whether the morality of the district would be much enhanced by the arrangements! Referring to the statement that rents are advanced 50 per cent in some cases, he very much questioned such a fact, but there was no doubt that working men had shorter hours and much larger pay than they used to have, and it is more than a question as to whether these changes in the workman's condition are not the real cause of the increased cost of building and the necessary advance of rents. He had seconded the resolution so as to allow of its being discussed, but he declined to vote in its support.

Mr. Abbishaw would like Mr. Bulmer to supply the Council with a few facts shewing what rents were charged by Councils which had erected workmen's houses similar to what are used here.

The Chairman, after inviting any other remarks, said that he thought the various feelings of the Council had been fairly expressed, and every one had had a fair opportunity of giving his opinion on the subject. He did feel, however, that Mr. Bulmer had spoken as though he were the only member of the Council that spoke and acted conscientiously and honorably, and he reminded him very much of the story of "Pharisee and the publican," in the Old Book, in which the one prided himself on his good deeds, to the disadvantage of the poor publican. He stoutly denied the insinuation that the Council treated Mr. Bulmer unfairly, and maintained that he had been treated with very great consideration, having sat there to listen to over half-an-hour's speech, without interruption; although as soon as Mr. Harrison began speaking, Mr. Bulmer commenced interrupting. He himself considered Mr. Bulmer's arguments most ridiculous and also from the public standpoint. What Mr. Bulmer wanted was to get at the rates of the district, and where he cannot get what he wants without, to take it out of the rates. As had been stated the Co-operative Society did not want exorbitant rents, but they did require a reasonable return for their money; the members of that Society were from the same rank as Mr. Bulmer speaks of, and they naturally want something for their outlay. If ever the Council assisted the erection of these houses out of the rates, surely Mr Bulmer could see that that will only increase the rates, and as a necessity, the rents.

Mr. Nicholls strongly objected to some of Mr. Bulmer's remarks; for instance calling all landlords money grabbers; he could give names of men who had not raised the rents of their houses for 30 years; if a man worked hard, and got a bit of property together, surely he has a right to receive a reasonable rent.

Mr. Bulmer then rose to reply to the criticisms and statements which had been advanced, and with some warmth, denied that Mr. Harrison represented the same class as he did.

Mr. Harrison: No, I am very glad to know I do not (laughter). You are here to represent the Independent Labour Party, I am here to represent the ratepayers (hear, hear, and laughter). Let us have a bit of truth, and then I don't care.

Mr. Bulmer said he remembered that at the last election when Mr. Harrison was returned, there were carriages running on his behalf.

Mr Harrison rose to a point of order. What had that to do with the question of the Housing of the Working Classes?

The Chairman asked Mr. Bulmer to confine himself to the question before the meeting.

Mr. Bulmer said Mr. Harrison accused him of using a monopoly at the last Infirmary Demonstration. He (Mr. Bulmer) said emphatically that that was a mendacious statement. Mr. Harrison could not prove it.

Mr. Harrison: Well I don't know what a mendacious statement is (laughter).

Mr. Bulmer (excitedly): I never did it in my life, and I challenge you to prove it.

The Chairman: Order, order. You must confine yourself to the question.

Mr. Bulmer said that as to the Co-operative houses in Churchfield, what they asked the directors to do was to put up cottages suitable for the working classes, and they brought houses into the district quite contrary to what they wanted. He (Mr. Bulmer) thought he should have been a traitor to the class to which he belonged had he taken one of those houses at such a price as they were built (laughter). Mr. Harrison had said that he lived in a house which was big enough for him. Well, he (Mr. Bulmer) had a larger family than Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Harrison: But I have had a larger than you. Let me tell you how many we have had. We have had 19; beat that if you can (loud laughter).

Mr. Bulmer: Well, I pay, I think, as high a rent as you do.

Mr. Harrison: Perhaps.

Mr. Bulmer: Although I live in an indecent manner——

The Chairman (interposing) asked Mr Bulmer not to make this a personal matter.

Mr. Bulmer said it had been made a personal matter. Mr. Armitage seconded the resolution with no other object than to put Mr. Harrison up to do their dirty work for them. (Order.)

Mr. Harrison: He won't do the dirty work that you do. I do my work above board and let everybody see it.

Mr. Bulmer: Allow me then to say what occurred two nights ago——

The Chairman: I don't think you can refer to that.

Mr. Bulmer: I shall refer to the question. He has challenged me to it. (Cries of "Chair.")

Mr. J. Armitage: Let us have the business before the meeting. Don't let us have any "pot-hoil" meetings.

Mr. Bulmer: If there's a "pot-hoil" meeting, you'll be in it.

Mr. J. Armitage: If Mr. Bulmer says I put Mr. Harrison up I say it is an entire fabrication —and, as he says, mendacious, (laughter).

The Chairman said he must ask Mr. Bulmer to keep to the point, or he should close the discussion. He did not want it to be reported in the daily papers—"Another scene at a Council meeting." So far as he was concerned he wanted to conduct the business peaceably, and he did not want the Council to be a laughing stock to their neighbours.

Mr. Bulmer proceeded to give further particulars as to other towns where the Act had been put into operation, and during his remarks, Mr J. Armitage and others informed the Chairman that they would have to go if the matter was prolonged much longer. Eventually Mr. Bulmer sat down.

The resolution was then put, and all voted against but Mr. Bulmer.

INFIRMARY DEMONSTRATION.

Mr. Harrison asked on behalf of the Rothwell Committee for the above effort, for the free use of the Council rooms and grounds during the forthcoming Demonstration as last year, and proposed that the application be granted; this was seconded by Mr. Nichols and carried.

THE VACANT SEAT.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Sykes' resignation was not yet completed; he had written to Mr. Sykes, but had not got the formal resignation, including the fine for non-attendance.

SWIMMING BATHS.

Mr. Bulmer gave notice that at next meeting he should move that the Council take steps for providing swimming baths for the district.

DEATH FROM ENGLISH CHOLERA.

A somewhat sudden death occurred in Rothwell last Saturday, from the above cause, the man being well known and the circumstances very sad. For some time sinkers have been engaged at Robin Hood pit in deepening the sump, at the bottom of the shaft, and the deceased, William Parker, was in charge of the men. Things went on as usual up to Wednesday week, but on Thursday morning Parker was attacked by diarrhœa and cramp, and stayed at home. The following day, although still suffering, he went to his work, and stuck to it till two o'clock, the usual finishing up hour, and managed to get home. Getting no better Dr. Buck was sent for, who at once took measures for relieving the pain and bringing the system into order. The disease seemed, however, to have got too firm a grip on the poor man, and although sedulously attended both by the doctor and a professional nurse whose assistance had been secured, he gradually got worse, and died about six o'clock on Saturday evening. Parker was only 31 years of age, and leaves a widow and three little children, for whom much sympathy is felt. The funeral which was largely attended, took place on Monday.

SUCCESS OF SIR CHAS. B. LOWTHER

Sir Charles B. Lowther, Bart., of Swillington, after his recent success at the Royal Military College, has been granted a commission in the 21st (Empress of India's) Lancers. As the corps is returning from Egypt in a few weeks, it is probable that Sir Charles will be posted to the Canterbury depot. The gallant baronet will be the third or fourth Yorkshire officer now serving in the 21st.

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METHLEY FLOWER SHOW AND SPORTS.

The nineteenth exhibition of the Methley Horticultural Society was held on Wednesday in a field adjoining 'The Cedars,' lent by Mr T. W. Embleton, and, contrary to the experience of some years, the weather was fine. A large crowd was attracted by the sports, which commenced at three in the afternoon and lasted well on into the evening. In the horticultural sections the exhibitors, with one or two exceptions, reside within a mile or two of Methley, and the cottagers excelled in the display of vegetables. The fruit also included some fine samples. A very attractive group of miscellaneous plants was shown by Mr. Embleton, who is president of the society, and was well worthy of the large space it occupied. The competition in the open classes was exceedingly poor. Messrs. J. and R Calam, of Wakefield, and Mr. C. Green, of Leeds, were the only exhibitors. Six prizes were offered for cut blooms—roses of different varieties—and five of them went to the Wakefield nurseryman, Mr. Green obtaining third place in the less important of the two classes.

Many prizes were offered to amateurs for pot plants, cut flowers, fruit, and vegetables. The successful exhibitors were Mr. T. Illingworth, Mr. A. Huddlestone, and Mr. J. Green, all of Methley. In the cottagers' classes the principal prize-winners were Messrs W. Sidebottom, A. Langham, J. J. Goodall, G. Websdale, sen., J. Turford, and G. Websdale, jun., all of Methley.

The judges were Messrs. E. White, Ackworth; S. White, Leeds; T. Dunn, Elmsall; and P. Massey, Leeds.

The live stock department of the show embraced poultry, pigeons, and rabbits, Mr. O. Walker, of Bradford, acting as judge. This is quite a new feature of the exhibition, and has not yet become sufficiently known to enable the Committee to make such a classification as would attract leading exhibitors. On the whole the poultry are not up to expectation. The game class was far away the best, and an old English game cock, shown by Mr. A. Dawson, of Pontefract, which obtained the award for the best pen in the show, is a bird that could be successfully exhibited at the best shows in the kingdom.

The following are the awards for poultry and pigeons:—

POULTRY.

Andalusians—1, B. Bentley, Baildon; 2, J. Lee, Stanley. Leg-horns—1 and 2, A. Dawson, Pontefract. Minorcas—1, A. Dawson; 2, T. Moore, Oulton. Game—1, A. Dawson. Drake and Duck—1, N. Worrall, Glass Houghton. Orpington—1, J. Todd, Oulton. Any other variety—1, Dyson and Belch, Castleford; 2, B Bentley, Shipley. Best Pen of Poultry—1, A Dawson; 2, Dyson and Belch.

PIGEONS.

Homers (show)—1 and 2, G. Marshall, Selby. Homers (flying)—1, Jackson, Methley; 2, G Lindley, Methley. Fantails—1, S Williams. Tumblers—1, Dyson and Belch, 2, R Gamble, Oulton. Best Pigeon—Blatchley and Son, Ripon. Second best—S Williams, Ilkley.

A very large crowd surrounded the ground where the athletic events were decided. The following are results of the various events:—

100 Yards Schoolboy's Handicap.—1, F. Ripley (13 yards start); 2, G. Jackson (18); 3, W. Brunt (8). Won by a yard; a few inches only dividing the second and third.

100 Yards Local Handicap.—1, J. Lightowler (8); 2, N. Westmoreland (8); 3, B. Rickers (15). Won by half a yard; the same distance dividing second and third

Mile Bicycle Handicap. First and second in each heat and fastest loser to compete in the final heat.—The following qualified—P. J. Grose, Leeds A.C. (180); A. Wilson, Castleford C.C. (165); A. S. Roberts, Doncaster C.C. (170); J. Holgate, Pontefract (120), T. Wilson, Leeds A.C.C. (190), was fastest loser. Final Heat—1, Holgate; 2, Roberts; 3, Grose. Won by a yard; two lengths between second and third.

100 Yards Handicap (Open).—Winners of heats:—R. W. Cotton, Dublin (10); H. Easton, Doncaster (7½); P. Haigh, Woodlesford (9½); J. Barker, Leeds (9). Final Heat—1, Barker; 2, Haigh; 3, Easton. Won by a foot; about the same distance separating second and third

Two Miles Bicycle Handicap.—The following qualified:—John Holgate, Featherstone (275); P. G. Grose, Leeds A.C. (280); James Holgate, Pontefract (190); A. R. Roberts, Doncaster C.C. (255); T. Dean, Leeds (260), fastest loser. Final Heat—1, James Holgate; 2, Dean; 3, Roberts. Won by two lengths; a length dividing second and third.

440 Yards Handicap.—The following qualified:—O Littlewood, Wakefield A.C. (32); E Potter, Shipley (27); C. Harper, Hunslet (35); G. Sambrook, Normanton F.C (31); R. H Sedgwick, Salford Harriers (28) C. Payne, Otley A.C. (33); E. Blackburn, Wakefield (31); F. Marsden, Snaith (33). Final Heat—1, Littlewood; 2, Potter; 3, Sambrook. Won by four yards; a few inches only between second and third.

Mile Handicap.—1, W. Charlesworth, Wakefield A.C. (125); 2, O. Padgett, Garforth (122); 3, S. A. Holmes, Baildon (125). Won by ten yards; a foot between second and third.

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EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending August 12th, 1899, is £252; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £219, thus showing increase of £33. For the 6 weeks ending August 12th, the return is £1590, against £1440 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £150

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HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

THE REV. A. J. IRVIN TO THE FRONT.

THE REV. A. J. IRVIN AND STEAM ROUNDABOUTS AT WOODLESFORD.

LAMPS FOR HOLMESLEIGH.

A monthly meeting of the above Council was held at the Overseers' Offices, Alton Street, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon last, Mr. J. Farrer (chairman) presiding. There were also present the Rev. A. J. E. Irvin, Messrs. Knight, Fryer, Tomlinson, and the clerk (Mr. Pindar).

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

The Chairman said that Dr. Buck (medical officer) was away on his holidays, but he had told the Chairman that Dr. Gay would officiate in his absence, and if anything particularly pressing transpired, he would come over himself

LEEDS CORPORATION BILL.

Letters were read from the Hemsworth Rural District Council and the Leeds Rural District Council, thanking the Council for the steps they had taken in promoting co-operation among the Rural Councils in opposing the Leeds Corporation Bill, and congratulating them on the success of their efforts.

ASSOCIATION OF WEST RIDING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

The Clerk reported that there had been a meeting of the Councils interested in the opposition to the Leeds Corporation Bill, to consider the advisability of forming an association for mutual protection against any future occurrence of a similar sort. He wished to know the feeling of the Council in the matter. The Clerk then went on to explain, in answer to questions, how it was thought the association would be worked, and pointed out that it was entirely optional whether they joined or not

Mr. Fryer asked if there would be any expense in connection with it; he was of opinion that there would be.

The Clerk thought there would not be any; if there was, it would be divided among the Councils forming the association.

Mr. Fryer remarked that there might be some visiting between the Councils sometimes, and that would incur expense.

The Clerk pointed out the great advantage of keeping in touch with other Councils, and benefitting by mutual suggestions and help.

A member asked if the expenses incurred in contesting any possible action against a Council's district by an outside authority, would receive any monetary support from the association.

Mr. Knight thought it would be moral support that was wanted rather than financial help.

The Clerk thought the association would be conducted on similar lines to other like institutions, such as the Association of School Boards, and each Council would bear the costs incurred in their own district.

It was proposed by Mr. Knight, seconded by the Rev. A. J. Irvin, and carried that the Council approve of the formation of the proposed association.

STEAM ROUNDABOUTS.

The Rev. A. J. Irvin introduced the question of the nuisance caused at Woodlesford by the almost continual presence of steam roundabouts. He wished to know what control, if any, the Council had in such cases. On a piece of land near the Midland Hotel, Woodlesford, these roundabouts came frequently—perhaps four times a year—and kicked up a tremendous row, and residents in the district were very annoyed. People were kept up until after ten o'clock at night, when they ought to be in bed. He thought some steps should be taken in the matter.

The Chairman pointed out that the property in question was private, and not a part of the highway; at the same time he agreed that it was a great nuisance, and hoped something could be done.

The Rev. A. J. Irvin asked if the roundabout people were in order in setting up a most hideous noise late at night?

The Clerk said a by-law of the County Council provided that no person should, to the annoyance, disturbance or obstruction of residents or passengers, keep or manage or use a shooting gallery or steam roundabout, except on recognised fair days.

Mr. Irvin moved that a complaint be forwarded to the County Council; this was seconded by Mr. Knight and carried.

DANGEROUS CORNER AT WOODLESFORD.

The Clerk reported that the Inquiry into the above subject had been held at the Two Pointers' Inn, Woodlesford, and had passed off successfully. The loan to pay for the improvement is to be repaid out of the rates. The Local Government Board's report on the subject, was not to hand. Mr. R. J. Smith had suggested, after the Inquiry, that the Council take another house and give a bigger sweep to the turning of the road.

The Council thought their present plan would suffice, and that the extra cost would not be repaid by the advantage gained.

The Clerk pointed out that if the suggestion was acted on, they would have to start over again and repeat the proceedings they had just completed.

The suggestion was therefore dropped, and the agreement with the vendor of the property signed and the seal of the Council attached.

REPAIRS.

Mr. Irvin drew attention to the bad state of the pavement near the pillar letter box, at Woodlesford, and wished to know if the Council could not do the work or get the occupier to do it, as it was dangerous in its present condition.

It was pointed out that it was private property, and therefore the Council had no control over it. Eventually, on the motion of Mr. Irvin and Mr. Tomlinson, it was agreed to write to the occupier and ask him to do what was necessary.

LAMPS FOR WOODLESFORD.

Some time ago the Oulton and Woodlesford Parish Council wrote asking the Rural District Council to put lamps up as far as their boundary on the Woodlesford and Rothwell road over Holmesleigh, and to approach the Rothwell Council with a view to their completing the work up to their boundary, which would make a continuous line of lamps from Rothwell to Woodlesford. The Rothwell District Council now wrote in reply to a letter by the Hunslet Council, saying they had considered the matter and could not see their way to complying with the suggestion. The Rothwell Gas Light Company had also been asked if they would be willing to extend the mains, to which they had replied that they would do so on condition that the Rothwell Council light up their part of the road.

The Clerk said that according to the agreement with the Rothwell Gas Company, they were compelled to extend their mains when required on condition that a lamp was erected every 60 yards.

The Chairman wished to know if it would be worth while putting the lamps up, if Rothwell would not continue the connection.

Mr. Irvin said it was a dangerous bit of road and thought that it would be advisable to do it, and then perhaps afterwards the Rothwell Council would finish the connection.

Mr. Fryer said it would be a benefit to some of the ratepayers and thought it should be done.

On the motion of Mr. Irvin and Mr. Fryer, it was agreed that the lamps be erected, and the Gas Company asked to extend their mains to the Woodlesford boundary.

TEMPLENEWSAM LIGHTING.

The Crossgates Gas Company had intimated that they would have been glad to have extended their mains so as to supply the extra five lamps proposed to be put in Primrose lane, as far as the junction with Cross Green lane. They were sorry, however, that they would not be able to do so, unless the Council agreed to pay half the cost, as they were very short of money, and no consumer would be gained by the extension

A member asked if their agreement with the Gas Company did not compel the Company to extend their mains when required.

The Clerk replied in the negative.

As the Council were averse to paying for the pipes laying, it was agreed, on the motion of Messrs. Irvin and Tomlinson, that Messrs. Fryer and Knight be a deputation to interview the Gas Company on the subject, and see what can be done.

GARFORTH WATER SUPPLY.

A letter was read from the Leeds City Engineer stating that there was no probability of the water main at the Halton end of the Leeds boundary being enlarged at present.

The Clerk said that Mr. Shaw, the Council's engineer, strongly urged the Council not to undertake the Garforth supply, without there was a probability of greater pressure than they could at present command.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Tadcaster Rural District Council, regretting their inability, under existing circumstances, to supply the Garforth township with water.

CROSSGATES WATER SUPPLY.

There were a number of complaints from Crossgates that the water had been turned off frequently.

The Clerk said he had made enquiries and Mr. Whitehead (the inspector) said he thought the man played with it (this idea was pooh-poohed by the Council). He had also seen Nathan Hoyle (the man who has to do with it) and he said he could not account for it, unless the valve was tampered with after he left it. The Clerk gave the meter readings for times in question, which showed a discrepancy in the amount of water used from day to day. It certainly looked as if the valve was tampered with.

It was eventually left over for further investigation.

STORE ROOM AT WOODLESFORD.

Mr. Irvin, in connection with the above, said that the Council had some tools that were well worth taking care of at Oulton and Woodlesford and the present place was not convenient. He had been looking round and thought that the Council might do worse than rent a piece of the plot of land near the Midland Hotel, Woodlesford, and put up a wooden erection there; it would be central and convenient.

The Chairman said the ownership of the land was in a very unsettled state and he did not think they would be able to get it on a lease. He suggested that they refer the matter to next meeting, and in the meantime he would look round and report in a month.

This suggestion was accepted, and the matter held over.

WINDY DAYS AND DUSTY ROADS.

Mr. Knight brought up the question of a new water cart for Halton and district, according to notice given. He said that last week there was a high wind blowing for several days, the dust flew about in clouds, and the watercart never put in an appearance. They had a water cart at the Woodlesford end of the district, and he thought they should have another for Templenewsam instead of hiring one of Messrs. Towler and Speight as at present.

The Clerk said the agreement with Messrs. Towler and Speight was that they should water the roads twice a week.

It was suggested that the Council buy a watercart, which would cost about £30. The present charge per day for the loan of the cart is 8s 6d, 1s 6d for the cart and 7s for the man. This suggestion, however, was not supported, and therefore dropped.

The Chairman suggested that the road be watered as often as required.

Mr. Knight proposed that the Clerk write to Messrs. Towler and Speight, and ascertain how it was that the roads were not watered on two occasions in the week in question as agreed.

This was agreed to.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

The question of the improvement of Hollyshaw lane, Whitkirk, again came up. It is suggested to take away a corner in the road so as to make it straighter and easier for travelling.

Mr. Farrer (the chairman), reported that Mrs. Meynell Ingram would give the land required, on condition that her boundary was left in as good a condition as at present. It has now a sod bank and quick hedge.

It was agreed that the generous offer be accepted, and a dry stone wall and iron railings be put up to mark the boundary. Many thanks were expressed for the kind gift.

As there was some uncertainty about the amount of land required, it was agreed that Messrs. Knight, Tomlinson, and Fryer be a deputation to meet Mrs. Ingram's agent (Mr. Farrer, the chairman), on the ground and peg the line out.

An application had been made by Mr. Child for the soil which would be cut away, it was decided that he should have it, he to do the excavating and carting.

TEMPLENEWSAM SCAVENGING.

There were some complaints at Templenewsam of ashpits remaining unemptied, when they needed it.

The Clerk said he did not think the man was to blame, he always went at once when told an ashpit needed emptying.

It was suggested that perhaps the work was too much for the old man, and that next time it would be advisable to divide it into two districts.

The matter then dropped.

THE COUNCIL AS SCHOOL BOARD AUTHORITY.

A letter was read from Miss Maude, of Middleton, relating to the education of a deaf child, named Walter Worth, of Middleton. Miss Maude had made enquiries and ascertained that where no School Board existed the District Council was the educational authority. She therefore appealed to the Council to take the case of this deaf boy in hand. The Leeds School Board had just erected a school for such children in Blenheim Walk, off Woodhouse lane, the charge was 11s per week, including board, lodging, and training, there was plenty of room, and she thought they could not do better than get him in there.

Some of the members were surprised to hear they were a School Board authority.

The Clerk, however, assured them that it was quite correct, but explained that this was the first case they had had to deal with. He also stated that the parents were willing to pay 2s 6d a week towards the cost. The first duty of the Council was to form a committee to deal with the matter.

It was agreed on the motion of Messrs. Irvin and Knight, that the whole Council be the committee.

The Council thought that the parents should contribute more than this. It was decided to ask the parents to attend at next meeting.

FOOTBALL.

NORTHERN UNION.

SECOND COMPETITION FIXTURES, EAST DIVISION.

Sept	9	Outwood v Goole
	9	Rothwell v Normanton
	9	York v Kinsley
	9	Pontefract v Featherstone
	16	Kinsley v Ossett
	16	Normanton v Featherstone
	16	Alverthorpe v Rothwell
	16	Goole v Eastmoor
	16	Pontefract v Outwood
	23	York v Normanton
	23	Outwood v Alverthorpe
	23	Rothwell v Goole
	23	Featherstone v Kinsley
	23	Eastmoor v Pontefract
	30	Goole v Alverthorpe
	30	Normanton v Eastmoor
	30	York v Featherstone
	30	Pontefract v Rothwell
	30	Kinsley v Outwood
Oct	7	Ossett v Kinsley
	7	Goole v Normanton
	7	Rothwell v York
	7	Eastmoor v Outwood
	14	Normanton v Ossett
	14	Rothwell v Outwood
	14	Kinsley v Eastmoor
	14	Alverthorpe v Featherstone
	14	Goole v Normanton
	21	Ossett v Rothwell
	21	Featherstone v York
	21	Kinsley v Goole
	21	Alverthorpe v Eastmoor
	28	Normanton v Alverthorpe
	28	Rothwell v Featherstone
	28	Pontefract v Kinsley
	28	Goole v Outwood
Nov	4	Pontefract v Ossett
	4	York v Outwood
	4	Kinsley v Rothwell
	4	Featherstone v Eastmoor
	11	Ossett v York
	11	Normanton v Kinsley
	11	Alverthorpe v Pontefract
	11	Goole v Featherstone
	11	Outwood v Eastmoor
	18	Ossett v Outwood
	18	Goole v York
	18	Kinsley v Alverthorpe
	18	Pontefract v Eastmoor
	25	Eastmoor v Ossett
	25	Alverthorpe v Normanton
	25	York v Rothwell
	25	Outwood v Pontefract
Dec	2	Ossett v Normanton
	2	Outwood v Kinsley
	2	Pontefract v Goole
	2	Eastmoor v Featherstone
	9	Ossett v Eastmoor
	9	Normanton v Outwood
	9	Kinsley v York
	9	Goole v Rothwell
	9	Pontefract v Alverthorpe
	16	Featherstone v Ossett
	16	Outwood v York
	16	Rothwell v Pontefract
	16	Alverthorpe v Kinsley
	16	Eastmoor v Goole
	23	Ossett v Alverthorpe
	23	Normanton v Rothwell
	23	York v Eastmoor
	23	Kinsley v Pontefract
	26	Outwood v Ossett
	26	York v Alverthorpe
	30	Pontefract v Normanton
	30	York v Goole
	30	Rothwell v Eastmoor
Jan	6	Ossett v Featherstone
	6	Eastmoor v Normanton
	6	York v Pontefract
	6	Outwood v Rothwell
	6	Alverthorpe v Goole
	13	Pontefract v York
	13	Rothwell v Ossett
	13	Goole v Kinsley
	13	Featherstone v Outwood
	20	Normanton v Pontefract
	20	Eastmoor v Rothwell
	20	Kinsley v Featherstone
	20	Alverthorpe v Outwood
	27	Kinsley v Normanton
	27	Eastmoor v York
	27	Rothwell v Alverthorpe
	27	Goole v Ossett
	27	Featherstone v Pontefract
Feb	3	Rothwell v Kinsley
	3	Alverthorpe v Ossett
	3	Featherstone v Goole
	10	Normanton v Goole
	10	Eastmoor v Alverthorpe
	10	Outwood v Featherstone
	10	Ossett v Pontefract
	17	Featherstone v Normanton
	17	Alverthorpe v York
	17	Ossett v Goole
	24	Outwood v Normanton
	24	York v Ossett
	24	Eastmoor v Kinsley
	24	Featherstone v Alverthorpe
	27	Featherstone v Rothwell
Mar	10	Winners—East v West

Will the Secretaries of Football Clubs kindly forward List of Fixtures, Reports of Matches (both first and second elevens), and List of players chosen as early as possible.

CRICKET.

OULTON DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Results up to date.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	D'wn.	Pts
Oulton	13	9	1	3	21
Middleton Park	12	6	2	4	16
Altofts W Riding	12	4	4	4	12
Rothwell	13	4	5	4	12
Whitwood	11	5	4	2	12
Carlton	11	2	4	5	9
Lofthouse	11	2	5	4	8
Methley	11	1	8	2	4

The other Results not to hand.
HENRY HODSON, Woodlesford, Sec.

FIXTURES. 1899.

Played on the ground of the first-named Club.
Aug 19—Middleton Park v Oulton
Messrs. Milner, Rothwell, and Brown, Carlton
—Lofthouse v Altofts West Riding
Messrs. Thornton, Methley, & Morritt, Whitwood
—Carlton v Methley
Messrs. Cadman, Altofts, and Fielding, Rothwell
—Whitwood v Rothwell
Messrs. Lunn, Lofthouse, and Wright, Methley
26—Winners v Rest

OULTON v ROTHWELL.

Played at Oulton on Saturday last.

Oulton.

C Briggs, b J Lunn	17
L E Greenwood, lbw b R N Lunn	39
E Boothroyd, c R Lunn b Cromack	6
J Jeffrey, b Ben Cromack	9
G M Abbey, not out	34
P C Higgins, b J Lunn	8
H Mitchell, b Cripps	4
W Smith, not out	2
Extras	14
Total for 6 wkts	133

Innings declared.

Rothwell.

R N Lunn, b Killingbeck	0
B Cromack, b Killingbeck	0
A Cripps, run out	0
A Nickols, b Greenwood	0
G Turner, b Greenwood	4
Jas Lunn, b Greenwood	1
G Cripps, b Greenwood	0
T Parker, b Killingbeck	0
J J Lunn, c Smith b Greenwood	0
J Stevenson, c Abbey b Killingbeck	6
Burton Cromack, not out	0
Extras	6
Total	17

Bowling Analysis—Rothwell:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
J Lunn	16	4	36	2	18.
R N Lunn	8	0	33	1	33.
G Cripps	11	3	23	1	23.
B Cromack	4	1	14	2	7.
T Parker	2	0	13	0	.13

Bowling Analysis—Oulton:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
L E Greenwood	9	7	2	5	
F Killingbeck	8.4	6	9	4	2.1

WAKEFIELD AND DISTRICT CUP.

THIRD ROUND.

ROTHWELL v EAST ARDSLEY.

Played at East Ardsley on Saturday last.

Rothwell.

T Dobson, b Bedford	9
H Dacre, run out	2
J Walker, c Illingworth b Wood	23
H Clark, c D Bedford b Hepworth	6
H Morgan, b Hepworth	0
R Whitehead, not out	28
J W Chadwick, c Hepworth b Wood	1
W Spurr, c W Bedford b Wood	0
H Wormald, c Stoppard b Wood	0
W Bedford, b Wood	1
J W Smith, lbw b Wood	1
Extras	5
Total	76

East Ardsley.

D Bedford, b Morgan	0
J Stoppard, not out	50
J Hepworth, not out	23
Extras	5
Total for 1 wkts	78

Bowling Analysis—Rothwell:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
H Morgan	7	3	23	1	23.
J W Chadwick	6	2	9	0	.9
H Clark	3	0	18	0	.18
Joe Walker	3	1	20	0	.20
W Bedford	1	0	3	0	.3

ROTHWELL PARISH CHURCH v WOODHOUSE HILL.

Played at Woodhouse Hill on Saturday.

Rothwell Parish.

A Bedford, b Burman	0
J W Hargreaves, b Burman	7
W Ward, b Burman	0
A Tiffany, c Holt b Barker	3
P Chapman, b Burman	0
J H Drew, b Burman	1
E Moss, b Burman	0
M Naylor, b Barker	0
G Kale, c and b Barker	1
D Cooper, not out	5
J Atack, c Burman b Barker	0
Extras	4
Total	21

Burman took 6 wkts for 10 runs, and Barker 4 for 7.

Woodhouse Hill.

Burman, b Drew	0
Evans, b Moss	2
Gibson, b Drew	0
Holt, b Drew	4
Tidswell, b Drew	0
Walley, b Moss	0
Sheldon, b Moss	2
Barker, b Drew	0
Bedford, not out	5
Clayton, c Chapman b Moss	0
Burgess, b Drew	0
Extras	4
Total	17

Drew took 6 wkts for 7 runs, and Moss 4 for 6.

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET MATCHES.

At Whitwood—Rothwell v Whitwood.

ROTHWELL FIRST ELEVEN.—J W Chadwick (capt), H Dacre, R Whitehead, T Dobson, junr, T Dobson, sen., H Greenwood, W Fox, J W Smith, Joe Walker, W Bedford, W Spurr.

At Rothwell—Rothwell 2nd v Whitwood 2nd.

ROTHWELL SECOND ELEVEN.—H Wormald, H Brown, T Parker, G Turner, C Ward, B Cromack, C Sidebottom, J Smith, Alfred Cripps, G H Cripps, A Nickols.

At Rothwell—Rothwell P C v Woodlesford.

PARISH CHURCH TEAM.—P Chapman, (capt), E Moss, J H Drew, A. Tiffany, J Atack, J Hargreaves, G Kale, W Ward, A Bedford, D Cooper, E Beckwith; Reserves, H Lunn, S Abbishaw.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

On Sunday afternoon, Mr. A. Paul presided at the usual meeting at Stourton, Mr. Vickerman giving a pleasing and instructive address on "Love in families." Miss Keighley, of Carlton, was the soloist, singing "The Better Land," and "In His Steps," very nicely; Mr. Bramley, of Rothwell, accompanied on the piano.

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WIT AND HUMOUR.

Tom: "After all, what are kisses good for?" Kitty (demurely): "Their face value."

Knicker: "I thought Jones said he had a suit for every day in the year. I've only seen one on him." Becker: "Well, that's it."

Maud: "So you have accepted Tom?" Mabel: "Yes, he said he wouldn't marry me if I didn't."

"So you want to be my son-in-law, do you?" "No-o, sir,—I—I only want to marry your daughter!"

Maggie's foot had fallen asleep. "Oh, mamma!" she exclaimed; "it feels just like a pincushion that's alive."

Greene: "That's Growler; he's a self-made man." DeWitt: "Well, he looks as if he might have done a better job if someone had helped him."

Bobby: "Mamma, am I a lad?" Mamma: "Yes, Bobby." Bobby: "And is my new papa my step-father?" Mamma: "Yes." Bobby: "Then am I his step-ladder?"

First Loafer: "I believe I've got insomnier." Second Loafer: "Can't yer sleep at night?" First Loafer: "Yes, but I can't sleep in the daytime, too, like I uster."

Scene — Board-school. Teacher: "What happens when a man's temperature goes down as low as it can go?" Smart scholar: "He has cold feet, sir!"

"The vane on the church-steeple says the wind is east," remarked one martyr to rheumatism to another. "Well, that is pretty high authority, isn't it?" growled the friend.

Little Susie's father took her to a concert. She was asked when she came home how she liked the music. She did not care much for the programme, she said loftily, but the "overturn" was fine.

Dentist (to old gentleman in the clutches of his chair): "Mr. Riche, I love your daughter, and she loves me. Are you going to give your consent to our marriage, or shall I give the forceps another twist?"

Boggs: "How is it that your hair is quite white, while your beard is very dark?" Noggs: "It's the most natural thing in the world." Boggs, "Indeed?" Noggs: "It is thirty years older."

"You bad boy, you have made a grease spot on the new sofa with your bread-and-butter," said Mrs. Fizzletop to her son Johnny. "Never mind, ma; you can sit on it when there is company in the parlour."

Irate Passenger: "Madame, what do you mean by letting that brat snatch off my wig?" Mother (with a sigh of relief): "Oh, it's a wig, is it? I was afeared for a minute that he'd scalpt ye alive!"

"What is love?" asked an editor. He has since been deluged with answers, mostly from the fair sex. One lady says: "Love is an itching of the heart that we cannot get at to scratch."

A little girl four years old, walking in the country, and seeing a lot of black cows and a few white ones in a field grazing, remarked: "Papa, do those white cows give milk and the black ones tea?"

Mr. Ireland: "This book on swimming is very useful in sudden emergencies." Mrs. Ireland: "Is it?" Mr. Ireland: "I should say so. If you are drowning, turn to page one hundred and three and you see how to save yourself."

"I've called to tell you, sir, that the photographs you took of us the other day are not at all satisfactory. Why, my husband looks like an ape!" "Well, madam, you should have thought of that before you had him taken."

"My lawyer ought to be here instead of me," the burglar said, through his cell door, to the warder. "You robbed the house, didn't you?" "Yes, but the lawyer's got all I took. If he's got the plunder, why am I punished?"

"What's that? The cook's hair burnt off? How did it happen?" "Why, Jane, the second girl, overheard you say she couldn't hold a candle to Mary." "Well?" "Well, she tried it."

We are willing to take a certain amount of stock phrases in newspaper accounts of the late blizzard, but when a New York paper tells us about a zephyr carrying a bed quilt sixty-one miles and then going back for the sheet, we're not there.

"My husband has a great advantage over most men." "Indeed?" "Yes. He walks in his sleep." "I don't see what advantage that can be to a person." "Why, he can carry the baby all night long and still get his natural rest."

"Better the Day, &c."—According to "information received," the two University Crews "commence strict training on Ash Wednesday." Appropriate day, ecclesiastically. What is their fish diet? Will they take "a good hard roe" twice a day?

Young Housekeeper (to house-furnisher's assistant): "Have you a small hand-bellows for blowing the fire?" Assistant: "Something like that, madam?" Young Housekeeper: "Yes, that will do. If you will fill it with wind and stop it up, I will take it with me."

Scene—Police court. "Prisoner, how many barrels of potatoes did you say you stole?" "Seven, your honour; I took three yesterday and two to-day." "Well, but that's only five!" "Och, sure I'm goin' for the other two whin I git out of this!"

"My dear madam, I have loved three times unhappily in my life." "You don't say so! How did that happen?" "Oh, it's quite simple! My first love joined a sisterhood, my second married another!" "And your third?" "My third? Well, she is now—my wife."

"If I catch your dog eating any of my chickens I'll shoot him," said the old gentleman, who keeps a hen-house, angrily to his neighbour. "I don't care," said the neighbour, who was a low man, anyway: "If he eats one of your chickens it won't be necessary for you to shoot him."

A Polish Jew was arrested the other day, and when taken to prison was told to strip and take a bath. "Vat, go in de water?" he asked. "Yes, take a bath; you need it. How long is it since you had a bath?" With his hands lifted upward he answered, "I never vas arrested before."

"What's the matter with Mollie?" asked Colonel Yerger of his little six-year-old daughter. "Pa, my little mocking bird is dead." "Well, never mind, Mollie, I'll buy you another one." "I am calm enough now, papa, but when I first saw the poor little bird I could have cried like a child," said Mollie.

A new baby came to little three-year-old Harry, and he brought in a playmate to rejoice with him over the new sister. After looking at it a moment the little visitor said: "Why don't it laugh? Our baby does." Little three-year-old looked at baby, then at his playmate with marked disapproval, and replied: "Our baby knows better than to laugh at nothing."

Mr. Goodman: "What are you crying for, little girl?" Little Girl: "Oh, sir, I was thinkin' that s'posen when I grow up an' get married an' have a baby the nurse should leave him for a moment an' he should crawl into the oven an' the cook shouldn't see him an' should shut the oven door an' light a fire an' my poor baby should be roasted to death! Boo-hoo-hoo!"

When it was thought Germany wanted to get a foothold in Holland, Bismarck was entertaining the Dutch Ambassador with a review of the German army. As one fine body of men marched by, Bismarck said to the Dutch Ambassador, "What do you think of those men?" "Fine soldiers," replied the Ambassador— "but not tall enough!" After another body marched by the same question was put, and the same reply given. Then came the regiment of Grenadiers, between six and seven foot high. "What do you think of those?" asked Bismarck. "Fine soldiers—but not tall enough!" was the reply. "What does your Excellency mean?" said Bismarck. "I mean that, by opening our dykes, we can let in the sea and flood Holland eight feet deep," replied the Ambassador.

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TIT-BITS.

A SURE SIGN.—"Charlie Youngpop's baby is beginning to talk now." "Has Charlie been boring you with the stories about it?" "No. But I sat near him at lunch to-day, and I heard him say, absent-mindedly, to the waiter girl: 'Dimme a jinky watter, please.'"

CAUTION.—"Are you a policeman?" "I am." "Been at it long?" "Twelve years." "Married man?" "Yes." "Any property?" "A little." "Church member?" "Yes." "I guess I'll have to trust you. Jest show me where I kin get a good dinner for sevenpence."

POOR FIDO.—The honeymoon was over, and the husband, returning from business was grieved to find his little wife crying bitterly. "Oh, George," she sobbed, "such a dreadful thing has happened! I had made you a beautiful pie, all by myself, and Fido went and ate it!" "Well, never mind, my dear," he said cheerfully; "we can easily buy another dog."

AN INDIFFERENT HORSEMAN.—Inspector of Village School: "Now, my boy, what is an island?" "I dunno, sir." "Well, for instance, could I ride from here to France?" "No, sir, that yer couldn't; for feyther saw you on hoss-back t'other day, an' sed as how he'd lay a shilling yer couldn't roide a moile without a-wobbling off."

THAT WAS ALL.—A priest, walking along a country road in the West of Ireland, heard issuing from a cabin terrified shouts and screams of "Murther! Murther!" He, putting on all speed, reached the scene, and breathlessly called out that help was nigh, when a woman, bobbing a curtsey, said: "Oh, niver mind, your riverance; sure, they're only putting a clean shirt on old Jemmy!"

CORNERED.—"Tommy, how did you get the back of your neck all sunburnt?" "Pullin' weeds in the garden." "But your hair is all wet." "That's perspiration." "Your vest is on wrong-side out." "Put it on that way a-purpose." "And how does it happen, Tommy dear, that you have got Jacky Thomson's trousers on?" After a long pause: "Mother, I cannot tell a lie; I've been a-swimmin'."

HE NEVER SAW THE LIKE.—The players in a local cricket-match last week, finding they had only one umpire, asked one of the spectators to officiate. An old farmer volunteered. In the first over of the game the bowler sent the middle stump flying some distance up the field, at the same time shouting: "How's that, umpire?" To which he replied, with his hands lifted up in astonishment: "Well, I think it's bally wonderful!"

NICELY PUT.—Two sisters while visiting in Ireland last summer got into conversation with a tenant of their hostess. One of the girls, who is quite stout, had talked with the same tenant before, and this time she asked the old Irishwoman if she would have known them for sisters. "Well," was the answer, with a smile that would have caused the blarney stone itself to blush, "ye look alike, but yer sister's slender, while you, miss—well, you favour the Quane."

FROM THE SAME COUNTRY.—At one of our Scotch prisons a letter was received for one of the prisoners. The prisoner was not entitled to receive a letter at that time, but as it contained news of a death the prisoner was called before the governor. Governor: "Your wife states in this letter that she is getting on very well; but that dear little Jack is dead. What relation is this Jack of yours?" Prison: "Weel, ye see, sir, we're baith Scotch, but only he's a terrier."

VALUABLE, BUT HARDLY A PET.—"My father has got a very fine dog." "Has he, now? I suppose he is very handsome?" "No. Awful ugly." "Good for rats?" "No." "Does some funny tricks?" "No." "Good house-dog?" "No, he's always asleep." "Good-tempered?" "No, he has to be chained by all four legs, because he goes for your throat if he gets the chance." "What is he good for, then?" "Nothing, only to take prizes at shows."

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Services 10-30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Morning Subject:—"The High and Low Level."
Evening Subject:—"Parting Words."
Quartette by Members of the Choir.
Collection will be taken in aid of the Reserve Fund.
N.B.—This is Mr. Maltby's last Sunday in Rothwell.

STOURTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.
On SUNDAY, AUGUST 27th, 1899,
Two Sermons will be preached, Morning at 10-30, by
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And in the Evening at 6 o'clock, by
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, Gas Works, Rothwell, on MONDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1899, at Six o'clock in the Evening, to receive the Report of the Directors and Accounts for Half-year ending 30th June, 1899, to declare a dividend, and to transact the general business of the Company.
The Transfer Books will be closed from the 4th to the 11th September, both inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
THOS. WORMALD, Secretary.
Gas Office, Rothwell,
August 25th, 1899.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—BROWN MARE—Apply, William Holt, Rothwell.

DEATHS.

CHADWICK—Aug. 19th, aged 69 years, Joseph Walker Chadwick, of Rothwell.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley
Friday, August 25, 1899.

THE programme of the above Demonstration in support of the funds of the Leeds General Infirmary, is now out, and the Committee appear to have catered for all sorts of people, and extending over three days,—Saturday, Sunday and Monday. On Saturday, the Cycle Procession will pass through the streets, and give an opportunity for contributions, to those who can't or don't leave their own houses. On Sunday, we have the procession of Public Bodies, Schools, and Societies, the collecting box being in evidence, and then an enjoyable selection of good music in the field for a nominal fee. Then on Monday is the big 'do' of all, when, given fine weather, a most varied and enjoyable day will doubtless be spent by, we trust, tens of thousands of people. The provision of tickets admitting two persons for a subscription of 2s 6d, to everything, is an excellent idea, and ought to be productive of satisfactory results. We sincerely trust, everybody will do his best to make this great event of the year, a record success, and that nobody will need to offer any excuse for not supporting this laudable effort for helping the Infirmary, and, maintaining the good name of our dear old Roddill.

ROTHWELL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the above Board was held on Friday evening at Stourton; present, Messrs. A. Batty (chairman), J. Butterick, J. Elstob, B. Richardson, W. Lunn, and the clerk (Mr. Marshall).

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

ROTHWELL EVENING SCHOOL.

The Report on above School is as follows:—"Boys.—Very earnest work has been done. The Ambulance Class has again been a marked success."

"Girls.—A number of adults attended this school, and made marked progress. The junior class also produced pleasing results."

The average attendance is 21.3.

		£	s.	d.
Amount of Fixed Grant at 1s		20	0	0
" Variable "	1/6	14	0	6
" Cookery "	2s	2	10	0
" Drawing "	1/9	1	2	9
Amount earned		£37	13	3
Deduction (17/6 limit)		8	8	0
Amount paid		£29	5	3

Much dissatisfaction was expressed with the very unjust effect of the 17s 6d limit clause; whereas the school has earned £37 13s 3d, under this ridiculous and unfair article no less than eight guineas is deducted, leaving a grant of only £29 5s 3d. Mr. Lunn moved a resolution accepting the report of the school as satisfactory, but greatly regretting the small average attendance, and the money deduction above mentioned. Seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried.

The Chairman said that a few days before, he had been invited to present the certificates of efficiency gained by the students of the Ambulance Class, and also to present to Dr. Buck, the instructor, a token of the class's appreciation of his services. In reply to a vote of thanks which was passed to the Board for the use of the room, he expressed the assurance that the Board would be pleased to allow the use of the room for the second course which it is proposed to carry out next winter.

Some discussion arose on the future of the Evening School under the Board, the present mode of payment to teachers and other matters being unsatisfactory. It was agreed that a committee meet shortly to go into the question, and that meantime information be gained from other Boards as to their mode of procedure. Messrs. Batty, Butterick, Park and Lunn were appointed on the Committee.

TEACHERS.

On the motion of Mr. Butterick and Mr. Elstob, it was agreed to appoint Miss Marsden, of Heckmondwike, at the Rothwell Haigh Infants' School.

The Clerk was instructed to advertise again for an assistant teacher in the Mixed Department.

On the motion of Mr. Lunn and Mr Richardson, it was resolved to increase Miss Gomersall's salary to £50 on and from September 1st.

BYE-LAWS.

On the motion of Mr. Lunn and Mr. Batty, it was agreed that the amended form of Bye-laws be duly signed and sealed, raising the standard of exemption to the sixth.

Mr. Butterick said he objected to raising the standard, and he should vote against the motion.

FINANCIAL.

The Clerk said he had got the Mortgage Deed ready for completion. It was thought, however, that the Deed may very well wait for signature till next meeting, as the work has only just commenced for the New Infants' School.

The present balance in the bank is only £3 9s 1d, but there is still due from the Overseers £500, so that there will be a balance at the close of the year.

The following accounts and salaries were ordered to be paid, on the motion of the Chairman and Mr. Richardson:—

	£	s	d.
Rothwell Haigh School ..	73	19	0
Rothwell School ..	77	9	10
Public Works Loan Board	59	0	9
Rothwell District Council	16	3	11
Overseers of Rothwell ..	3	12	7
Rothwell Gas Company..	2	9	5
Leeds Gas	8	4	0
O. Parker	1	5	6
H. Lockwood	2	11	2
Petty Cash	5	0	0
G. Wilson	1	17	8

FAIR CONTRACTS CLAUSE.

Mr. Lunn said he had given due notice of the resolution he was about to move, which was as follows:—"That the following clause be inserted in all future contracts and specifications, "and the contractor hereby agrees that he will pay such rates of wages and observe such hours and conditions of labour as are generally accepted as fair in this district. And further that the contractor will not sublet this contract nor any part of it, without the previous consent of the Board in writing. And it is further agreed that in the event of any charges to the contrary being established against him, this contract shall be voidable by the School Board, and the contractor shall be liable to be disqualified from entering into any future contract with the School Board." He continued that the provision of such a clause had already been recognised by Parliament, so far back as eight years ago, and hundreds of public bodies were carrying it out. It was their duty to see that the men employed on their works had a fair wage for the work done.

He also maintained that the practice of sub-letting led to a system of sweating, and trusted that this portion of the resolution would be passed. Then he felt that a penalty should be included in all specifications and contracts, and that the clause should be carried out.

Mr. Richardson said that he could not second such a resolution. If it had been an ordinary 'fair contracts' resolution he would, but not such an one as this.

The proposal therefore fell to the ground.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday night, at the temporary premises, Whitehouse Street, Hunslet, Mr. Fryer (vice-chairman) presiding. There were also in attendance Mrs. Woodcock, Mrs. Dickenson, Messrs. Hargreaves, Robb, Banks, Butterick, Edwards, Knight, Houghton, Tomlinson, and Seddon, with the clerk (Mr. Mee) and assistant clerk (Mr. Ward).

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as printed.

187 vagrants had been relieved, against 274 during the corresponding fortnight last year.

WORKHOUSE VISITING COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the above Committee, the Ladies reported upon the purchase of furniture required for the Nurses' home. The letter from Mr. Harrison, draper, with reference to the complaint as to supply of goods not according to sample, was considered. It was proposed by Mr. Seddon that Mr. Harrison be informed, the Guardians are pleased to hear the two items to which the complaint referred have been put right, and that so long as the samples are adhered to, they will have no complaint to make. Seconded by Mr. Robb, and carried unanimously.

It was agreed that Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Woodcock, and Father Dillon, be requested to consider and amalgamate the regulations for nurses, adopted by the Board, and the proposed rules for probationers. A letter was received from the tailor, making application for an increase of salary. It was proposed by Mr. Houghton that the Guardians be recommended to grant an increase of 2s per week. Seconded by Mr. Robb and carried unanimously.

The Clerk reported that the subscription to the Free Literature Society expires this month. It was proposed by Mrs. Dickenson that the Board be recommended to renew their subscription for another year, seconded by Mr. Houghton and carried unanimously.

The Ladies' Committee reported that a number of the inmates appeared to be uncomfortable for different reasons. It was proposed by Mr. Banks that the Ladies Committee be asked to furnish full particulars. Seconded by Mrs. Woodcock and carried.

The minutes were confirmed on the motion of Messrs. Banks and Seddon.

CHILDREN'S HOMES COMMITTEE.

Mr. Edwards reported that 49 'Homes' children had been taken over to Morecambe, and had spent a very enjoyable day there. The Clerk was instructed to prepare a report for submission to the Committee with regard to the increased powers of the Guardians over deserted and other children.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW MASTER AND MATRON.

The Master and Matron Selection Committee had met and selected the following five applicants for the office of Master and Matron at Workhouse, to appear before a special meeting of the Board, to be held on Wednesday next:—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Holt, Master and Matron, Saddleworth; Mr. and Mrs J. H. Parkin, Master and Matron, Newent; Mr. Geo. Robinson, Master, Lewes; and Miss B. Cheesman; Mr. and Mrs. N. Hill, Master and Matron, Skipton; Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Conder, and Master and Matron, Louth.

The vaccination officer's returns for the six months ended 31st. December last were submitted as follows:—

District	Number Registered	Number Vaccinated	Per cent	Insusceptible	Dead	Conscientious objectors	postponed	Removed	Not found	unaccounted for
Hunslet	1139	812	71.28	11	165	16	48	26	49	12
Rothwell	121	93	76.85	1	14	3	6	3	—	1
Whitkirk	85	75	88.23	—	8	—	1	1	—	—
Totals	1345	980	72.86	12	187	19	55	30	49	13

Mr. Hargreaves said the report was a very satisfactory one compared with what they heard of in some unions, especially considering that they had had very few prosecutions.

SALE OF LAND.

The Local Government Board wrote stating that they were prepared to authorise the sale by the Guardians to the Leeds Corporation of the land near the workhouse, providing the conveyance contains a clause to the effect that the City Council undertake not to disturb the old cholera burial ground, unless with the consent of the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

THE AGED POOR.

The Weardale Union had passed a resolution in favour of Guardians being invested with power to remove to the workhouse aged poor in receipt of outdoor relief, who are in a dirty or helpless condition without any one to take care of them, and who are unable to take care of themselves.

On the motion of Messrs. Hargreaves and Seddon it was agreed to support the recommendation the chairman remarking:—Very likely this will get passed at the time of the Old Age Pension Scheme.

ANOTHER "INFIRMARY BOX" ROBBERY.

In the early hours of Wednesday morning the Queen Hotel, Stourton, occupied by Mr. W. Underwood, late of Rothwell, was entered by thieves. A man of the name of Tunnicliffe, of Woodhouse Hill, was passing the premises about four a.m. and noticed a broken window in the hotel; he called the occupants up and gave an alarm, but the intruders had effected their escape, and had taken with them the contents of the Infirmary box, about £1, and had also helped themselves to bottled beer. This is not the first Infirmary box that has been tampered with in the district, and if the thieves can be caught they deserve all that law can give them, as the money stolen is the contribution of hard working-men, who deny themselves in order to support the Leeds Infirmary and other centres of medical science.

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THE REV. J. B. MALTBY.

Before our readers are presented with another issue of this journal, the annual changes which take place under Wesleyan Methodist rules, will have passed, and some seven or eight hundred ministers will have travelled varying distances, leaving behind them hundreds of friends who have learned to love and esteem them, and settling down amongst a people of whom they know little or nothing. Amongst this number, our highly-respected ministers at Rothwell and at Normanton are this year included, both gentlemen having stayed the full three years' limit in this circuit.

Of course our readers are mainly interested in the minister who has resided at Rothwell since the end of August, 1896, the Rev. J. Bampton Maltby, and there is but one opinion as to his kind and genial disposition and his earnest desire to advance every good thing. As a preacher, his congregation were never in doubt as to the excellence and earnestness of his sermons. Endued with an attractive presence, a pleasing voice, and effective action, his sermons always bore evidence of careful preparation, appropriate illustration, and genuine intensity, productive of deep impressions and permanent results. Mr. Maltby, and also his faithful helper, Mrs. Maltby, have been most assiduous visitors, the sick and poorer people, claiming their greatest attention. Although not prominent in public matters, Mr. Maltby has gained the respect of those outside his own church, and we are sure that the entire community will regret his removal, and wish him and his family all success and comfort in Pendleton (Manchester), his new circuit. Mr. Maltby preaches his last sermons at Rothwell on Sunday next.

Of the Rev. J. T. Tyreman, we have not known so much, he being more intimately connected with Normanton, but all who have heard the scholarly discourses he has delivered from time to time, must have felt that they were listening to a man whose preaching abilities merited a high sphere of influence, and in his appointment to Holmfirth we trust he and his wife will spend a very happy and successful period.

In this connection, it will be interesting to many to know something of ministers who have previously lived at Rothwell, and whose names are cherished with affection and regard by hundreds of our readers.

The Rev. E. Workman, whose valued services were not confined to his own circuit, but who has been for seventeen years Financial District Secretery, is at last retiring from active work, having been in the ministry 45 years. High and well-merited eulogiums were passed at the Synod and at the Conference, on Mr. Workman resigning, one gentleman declaring very truly that "No one will sit down this year with a finer record than Edward Workman." And we also say, that the Rothwell circuit will ever cherish warm appreciation of the splendid services done by him and his talented, affectionate, and constantly-working daughter. Mr. Workman is about to make his home at Highgate, London, where we wish for him a very sweet and beautiful sunset.

Mr. Stewart, Mr. Workman's predecessor, is removing from Barnsley to Oldham; Mr. Imisson is going to another Manchester circuit (Alderley Edge) and has also been honoured by being elected Financial District Secretary. Mr. Pitt removes to Tottenham, London; Mr. Collingwood is superintendent at Aston Park, Birmingham; Mr. Renton has a country district at Hexham; and the first-appointed of the Rothwell ministers, Mr. W. G. Dawson remains at Otley, where he has been Mr. Workman's colleague. Mr. Bulmer, former minister at Normanton, removes from Guiseley to Driffield this year. Of our Rothwell friends, Mr. Armitage remains at Cudworth, Barnsley, for his third year, and Mr. Gurney remains in Birmingham in the Wesley circuit.

The new ministers for this circuit, Rev. S. Arnold (from Loughbrough to Rothwell) and Rev W. Salisbury (from Grantham to Normanton) will arrive the latter part of next week, and occupy the home pulpits on Sunday, September 3rd.

ROTHWELL CAMP MEETING.

The annual Camp Meeting, which is almost universally kept up by the Primitive Methodists, was held at Rothwell on Sunday last, and proved very successful in every way. The weather was brilliant, as it has been for the past two or three weeks, and after a prayer meeting in the chapel, the good folks turned out into the street, and after halting at various places on the route, for singing and exhortation, arrived at the "Cross," about eleven, where a service was held, conducted by Mr. Wilkinson, of Hyde Park, Leeds. At half-past two, the camp meeting took place in Mr. Brook's field, and was well attended. The Rev. J. A. Alderson conducted the proceedings, and addresses were also delivered by Mr. J. Fletcher and Mr. Dixon, of Leeds, and Mr. J Wade, of Rothwell. In the evening the Rev. J. A. Alderson preached in the chapel, after which a public love-feast was held, thus concluding a round of cheery, helpful services. We may say that the Privitive Methodist Church practically sprang from a Camp Meeting held at Mow Cop, May 31st 1807, and these outdoor gatherings have been a special characteristic ever since.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

Mr. Paul presided at last Sunday's meeting of the above, when Mr. Tom Wood, of Hunslet, gave an excellent address on "The Book." Mrs. J. T. Varley was the soloist, and sang "Oh Thou that tellest," and "He was despised," *Messiah.* Mr. J. T. Varley accompanied.

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FOOTBALL.

NORTHERN RUGBY UNION.

YORKSHIRE SECOND COMPETITION.

On Wednesday evening a meeting of the combined Committee of this Union was held at the Clarence Hotel, Wakefield. There was a good attendance, the following districts being represented:—Todmorden, Featherstone, Birstal, Elland, Alverthorpe, Outwood, Eastmoor, Heckmondwike, Dewsbury, Shipley, York, Goole, Hebden Bridge, Pontefract, Normanton, Idle, Kirkstall, Rothwell, &c. Mr. F. N. Fearnley, of York, the president, was in the chair, and was supported by Mr. Fred Radcliffe, of Elland, the secretary. A letter was read by the Secretary from Mr. Platt, the secretary of the Northern Union Committee, approving of the proposed new rules of the Second Competition, with the exception of one of the rules, to the effect that the gate at test matches should be divided between the Competition and the two clubs concerned. This rule was struck out.

The President said it would have been more satisfactory if the proposed arrangement had been embodied in the rules. Referring to the recent meeting at Manchester the President expressed regret that three of the clubs in the Second Competition had been left out of the draw for the principal trophy of the year. They were defeated owing to the want of votes, being badly represented and only able to raise four votes against a resolution which was very much against the interests of that competition. The Hon. Secretary read another letter from Mr. Platt, in which he said his committee was not favourable to Windhill Club changing its name to Shipley, as there is already a club of that name in existence. After a discussion a resolution was unanimously passed to the effect that the Committee were of opinion that the Northern Rugby Union had not followed precedent in the case of Castleford in not enrolling the Windhill club as Shipley, seeing that Windhill is in the district of the Shipley Urban District Council, and have equally as much claim to the name of Shipley as any club in that district.

Applications from Eastmoor and Ossett for transfers of players were referred to the Northern Rugby Union. The Sowerby Bridge Football and Athletic Company (Limited) applied by letter, and by a deputation of three representatives to be admitted to this Union. Mr. Worsnop, the secretary to the company, stated, in reply to the President and others, that no arrangements had been made by the company for the coming season; they were quite open for fixtures. The old committee was now defunct, the company had secured the ground, and taken the fixtures at a valuation, and having about £2,000 at stake and the concern being on a firm basis, they felt it had a history before it. After discussion it was unanimously resolved to admit the company to the Union.

The question of making fresh fixtures and appointing referees, &c., was deferred to an adjourned meeting to be held on Saturday.

ROTHWELL RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

The annual general meeting was held on Saturday evening last, in the Old Band room, there being a good attendance of members; Mr. Fred Hargreaves, presided in the absence of Mr. Hartmann (president) who was unable to be present. The secretary, Mr. A. Nickols, read the annual report, which was as follows:—"It will be remembered that your Committee commenced the season with an adverse balance of nearly £40, and undertook to take over the whole of the Club's liabilities and assets and work the Club under the rules of the Northern Union. This was certainly a great undertaking, and, although your Committee has worked hard in order to pay off the old debts, there are still some outstanding which it is hoped will be paid off early in the coming season. The income for the season amounted to £81 1s 5½d, and the expenditure was £62 8s 9½d, leaving a balance of £18 12s 8d on the year's working, which has been applied in the reduction of old debts. The gate proceeds have been remarkably small, caused largely by the briskness of local industries, and so prevented many from attending the matches. It is, however, hoped that there will be a larger demand for season tickets for the coming season than has heretofore obtained. The team of last season has not, I am sorry to say, kept up its reputation for winning matches. Out of 29 matches played, 6 have been won, 22 lost, and 1 drawn. The number of points scored is 126, against 394 by their opponents. The only Cup Tie match played was against Broughton Rangers, at Broughton, which resulted in a win for Broughton Rangers." The report and balance sheet were adopted. By a unanimous vote Mr. D. S. Hartmann was re-elected president. The election of officers and committee resulted as follows:—corresponding secretary, Mr. A. Nickols; financial secretary, Mr. W. Fox; treasurer, Mr. John Harrison; committee—Messrs. T. Charlesworth, F. Abbishaw, J. Copley, J. White, Hy. Taylor, Wr. Bedford, E. Websdale. W. Nickols, Jos. Harrison, J. Appleyard, E. Williams, W. Hartley, John Lawson, J. W. Smith, and J. Walker. It was agreed that the election of Captain and Vice-Captain be left in the hands of the Committee. Also that the "Miners' Arms" be the club house for the coming season.

Will the Secretaries of Football Clubs kindly forward List of Fixtures, Reports of Matches (both first and second teams), and List of players chosen as early as possible.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending August 19th, 1899, is £262; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £220, thus showing increase of £42. For the 7 weeks ending August 19th, the return is £1852, against £1660 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £192

WIT AND HUMOUR.

The New Cook: "Ah! this is a splendid kitchen, why, there's room here for a whole regiment!"

"I fancy Judson must have paid Craggs all he owes him." "Why?" "Well, didn't you notice that he passed Craggs's baby without kissing it?"

"I fell over the rail," said the sailor, "and the shark came along and grabbed me by the leg." "And what did you do?" "I let him have the leg. I never dispute with a shark."

"I love you dearly, Jack," she said. "You are the light of my life." "I'm sorry," said her father, as he appeared in the doorway, "but I will have to put your light out."

Mother: "That notepaper is certainly very quaint, but are you sure it is fashionable?" Daughter: "Oh, it must be. It's almost impossible to write on it."

"I hear you fought a duel with Parker." "I did." "Weren't you afraid to stand up before a loaded pistol?" "Not with Parker holding it. I'm insured in his company."

He: "Dora, dear, do you think you could consent to be a poor man's wife?" "No, if he had me and still thought himself poor, I would not want to be his wife." He's going to be rich.

Mistress (to new servant): "We have breakfast generally about eight o'clock." New Servant: "Well, mum, if I ain't down to it don't wait."

The plucky gentleman who dined unwisely, and who tried to stop a London fire-engine the other night, under the impression that it was running away, will remain in bed for some time.

"Your mother-in-law accuses you of stealing her trunk. What have you to say?" "Your honour, I simply hid her trunk; I was so afraid she'd leave us." He was given eighteen months' —six for stealing and twelve for lying.

First Clubman: "Henpeck has the most marvellous command of facial expression I ever saw." Second Clubman: "Can't say I've noticed it." First Clubman: "Well, you would have yesterday. His wife gave him a new tie, and he looked grateful."

Miss Gushington (to young widow, whose husband has left a large fortune): "That is the fourteenth mourning costume I have seen you wear in three days, and each lovelier and more becoming than the other." Young widow: "Oh, my dear, I have forty! But such a bother they were to have made. At one time I almost wished that poor, dear Samuel hadn't died!"

Wonderful!—"I was calling on a friend whose children I had not seen for some months," writes a correspondent, "and thought they would have forgotten me. However I found the eldest one remembered me quite well; so I turned to his mother and said, 'Ah, you see, Tommy hasn't forgotten me!' 'No,' she replied. 'It's wonderful, isn't it? But he has such a memory for trifles!'"

In the second act of a certain play the curtain rises on an empty stage; then presently a meek-looking young man with a dust coat over his arm comes on and loudly calls, "Uncle—uncle!" According to the book of the play he should receive no answer, and, after a pause, should proceed with a monologue. One night however a voice was heard from the gallery—"All right! I'm coming in a moment. How much do you want on it?"—amid shouts of laughter from the audience.

Dishing a Bishop.—The presence of Sir Henry Hawkins (now Lord Brampton) at a dinner was always a gurantee of mirth. Once he arrived late at a country house, and it was suggested that he might have stopped on the way to learn the result of a race. A bishop of sporting tastes tried to chaff him, and asked who had won. Sir Henry pretended not to know. "Didn't you buy a paper?" said the bishop. "I didn't think it was necessary," replied Sir Henry, "because I had heard I was to meet you here."

One evening, in Naples, a gentle man was assaulted by three thieves, one of whom, after relieving him of all his money and valuables, demanded his overcoat. "But," objected the gentleman, "I shall die of cold," whereupon the thief forced his victim to put on his own old ragged coat, and all three thieves disappeared in a twinkling, laughing heartily. The plundered man, making a virtue of necessity, plunged his hands into the threadbare pockets to keep them warm, and there, to his stupefaction, found everything of which he had been despoiled!

During an engagement at the Strand Theatre, Jemmy Rogers was seized with a violent attack of lumbago. He called it "back-slumbago." It was so severe that he placed himself, as an outpatient, under Dr. Canton, at Charing Cross Hospital. Strong mustard plasters were prescribed. Feeling no better after three or four applications, Rogers called on the Doctor again. "Did you place the plasters on your spine?" enquired the physician. "Yes," answered Jemmy. "I suppose you found great relief from them?" said the Doctor. "No—I did not," replied Rogers; "I found them a great draw-back!"

"Tip" for Golfers.—At a golf match recently played in the vicinity of Edinburgh a competitor appeared one morning in a new suit of a very decided pattern. He played much below his usual form missing several easy putts at the first holes. Turning to his caddie, he exclaimed despairingly, "What on earth can be the matter with me to-day? I played a great deal better yesterday!" Thus appealed to, the caddie, whose circumstances did not permit of many changes of raiment, looked solemnly into his face and replied, "Ye sud never play gowf in a pair o' new breeks, for ye'll aye be lookin' at them whan ye sud be lookin' at yer ba'."

"I was acting in Frank Burnand's famous comedy *The Colonel*, at York," says Mr. Charles Collette in the *Era Almanack.* "My old friend, Canon—— (now, alas, with the majority!), who was sitting one evening in my dressing-room, expressed a wish to see what the stage looked like from behind the scenes. Between the acts I was showing him about, when he tripped over something and fell. I assisted him to rise, apologising for the semi-darkness which had been the cause of the accident. 'Don't trouble, my dear Charlie,' said the Canon, laughing good-naturedly, 'this is not the first time the Church has been down on the stage.'"

Mr. Asquith once referred to the Government's "pique or temper," a reporter made him say "peacock temper." A speaker at Exeter Hall, replying to an attack, said it was "a double lie in the shape of half a truth"; by the ingenuity of a reporter this appeared as "a double eye in the shape of half a tooth." Sir James Grant, in a speech in the Canadian House of Commons, once referred to a man's thorax; when in print it read, "a man's pickaxe." In setting up a speech of Sir Henry Irving's the compositor made "many journeys in small boats" read "weary journeys in small boots."

Some years ago a sudden panic caused a run on a country bank, which was saved only by the coolness and resource of its head officials. An old lady, who had banked there for fifty years, was amongst those who presented themselves at the bank counter to draw out her large balance and deposit account. "Will you have it in gold or Bank of England notes?" enquired the polite cashier. "Oh, none of your newfangled notes," replied the cautious dame; "I'll have your own notes—they've always been good enough for me!" And she departed with her bag stuffed full of the paper which had been refused by every one else.

Mr. J. L. Toole, who loves a joke, was once advertised, so it is stated, to lecture on China for a charity. The hall was crowded. When the time came the lecturer appeared in evening-dress, with white gloves and a long stick. With the stick he pointed to the wall, on which hung what looked like a large map, one part coloured in pink and the other in blue. "China," said Mr. Toole, "is divided into two parts, China proper and China improper. Of China proper very little is known, of China improper the less known the better." While the audience laughed Mr. Toole slipped out. After waiting for fifteen minutes, the people realised that they had been sold, and stole like Arabs, silently away. But the charity gained five hundred pounds.

CRICKET.

OULTON DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Results up to date.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	D'wn.	Pts
Oulton	14	10	1	3	23
Middleton Park..	14	6	3	5	17
Whitwood	14	7	4	3	17
Altofts W Riding	14	5	5	4	14
Lofthouse	14	4	5	5	13
Rothwell	14	4	6	4	12
Carlton	14	2	6	6	10
Methley	14	1	9	4	6

HENRY HODSON, Woodlesford, Sec.

CARLTON v. METHLEY.

Played at Carlton on Saturday last.

Methley.
C Inman, b S Ely 41
E Pyrah, run out 0
W Westerman, b Smith 26
A Cheesebrough, b H Rinder 29
J Mosby, not out 13
H Grayson, c T Brown b Thackrah 5
J Keightley, b H Rinder 10
Extras 11
Total for 6 wkts 134
Innings declared.

Carlton.
H Rinder, b R Thompson 38
E Ward, b R Thompson 3
T Ward, c Grayson b Pyrah 3
J Speake, c Westerman b Grayson 0
S Ely, b Thompson 1
J Newton, c Thompson b Dickinson 4
W Smith, b Thompson 6
W Holroyd, b Thompson 1
T Brown, not out 1
A Thackrah, c Pyrah b Dickinson 10
Extras 3
Total for 9 wkts 70

Bowling Analysis—Carlton:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
W Smith	13	1	21	1	21.
Ellis Ward	7	0	23	0	.23
S Ely	10	1	30	1	30.
Jas Newton	4	0	14	0	.14
W Holroyd	6	1	9	0	.9
T Ward	3	0	9	0	.9
H Rinder	9	2	11	2	5,1

Bowling Analysis—Methley:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
E Pyrah	8	1	17	1	17.
R Thompson	15.3	4	20	5	4.
H Grayson	4	0	9	1	9.
Dickinson	4	0	21	2	10.1

ROTHWELL v. WHITWOOD.

Played at Whitwood on Saturday last

Whitwood.
F Procter, b H Morgan 17
J Rayner, lbw b W Bedford 12
H Thorpe, b H Morgan 0
A Ward, c Morgan b W Bedford 5
J Morritt, c Spurr b W Bedford 2
W Barrett, b H Morgan 9
J W Jackson, not out 31
J W Tolson, b H Morgan 3
C Baker, b H Morgan 0
H Ripley, c Morgan b W Spurr 0
R Meesham, run out 1
Extras 13
Total 93

Rothwell.
R Whitehead, b Jackson 12
H Dacre, b Jackson 0
T Dobson, junr. c Procter b Jackson 0
W Richardson, c Rayner b Jackson 0
W Spurr, c Procter b Jackson 0
H Morgan, st. Tolson b Jackson 8
W Bedford, c Morritt b Jackson 2
W Fox, b Jackson 10
J W Smith, b Jackson 0
H Brown, not out 4
H Greenwood, b Jackson 1
Extras 6
Total 43

Bowling Analysis—Rothwell:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
H Morgan	15	6	37	5	7.2
W Bedford	12	2	36	3	12.
W Spurr	2	0	7	1	7.

Bowling Analysis—Whitwood:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
Rayner	12	7	14	0	.14
Jackson	11.1	5	23	10	2.3

OULTON v. MIDDLETON PARK.

Played at Oulton on Saturday last

Oulton.
E A Higgins, b Hawden 6
L E Greenwood, b Hawden 8
C Briggs, lbw b Hawden 19
W Smith, c Robertshaw b Hawden 0
G M Abbey, not out 33
H Mitchell, c Taylor b Hawden 3
P C Higgins, st. Fotherby b Taylor 9
O Inman, c Crossland b Hawden 3
T Hurdus, b Robertshaw 2
W Inman, b Savage 7
F Bell, lbw b Savage 0
Extras 2
Total 92

Middleton.
W Taylor, b Greenwood 6
Wainwright, c O Inman b Greenwood 9
J Ramsden, b Greenwood 0
E Hawden, lbw b E A Higgins 14
G Crossland, st Inman b E Higgins 0
A Jackson c and b Greenwood 2
S Caley, b E A Higgins 0
T Robinson, run out 0
E Fotherby, not out 1
J Robertshaw, run out 0
H Savage, st. Inman b E A Higgins 5
Extras 7
Total 44

Bowling Analysis—Middleton Park:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
Hawden	21	3	48	6	8.
H Savage	14	7	22	2	11.
W Taylor	4	1	16	1	16.
J Robertshaw ...	3	0	4	1	4.

Bowling Analysis—Oulton:

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
L E Greenwood..	17	5	26	4	6.5
C Briggs	8	5	6	0	.6
E A Higgins ...	8	5	5	4	1.25

ROTHWELL PARISH CHURCH v WOODLESFORD.

Played at Rothwell on Saturday last.

Rothwell Parish.
J Hargreaves, run out 14
G Kale, b Holmes 8
D Cooper, run out 0
A Tiffany, c Batty b Holmes 4
D Beckwith, run out 1
W Ward, c Hulme b Preston 3
J H Drew, c Wilkinson b Preston 9
P Chapman, c Wormald b Hulme 20
J Atack, c Hulme b Holmes 10
H Lunn, not out 0
A Bedford, b Holmes 0
Extras 13
Total 82

Woodlesford.
H Holmes, c Hargreaves b Chapman 8
J Preston, c Kale b Chapman 0
G Wilkinson, run out 1
J Tiffany, run out 1
W Hulme, b Drew 1
J Pickersgill, c Hargreaves b Drew 6
P Wormald, run out 1
J Hare, c Tiffany b Chapman 0
A Batty, not out 1
G Drew, c Cooper b Drew 0
W Boyes, absent 0
Extras 2
Total 21

Drew took 3 wkts for 6 runs, Chapman 3 wkts for 13.

TO MOTHERS.—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is pleasant to taste; it produces natural quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." Of all Chemists 1s. 1½d per bottle

TIT-BITS.

A CASH TRANSACTION.—"Ma, I made £2 cleaning house yesterday." "Made £2?" "Yes; Henry turned the piano to the wall by mistake, and he gave me £2 if I would leave it that way until autumn."

AS TOMMY EXPLAINED IT.—"Tommy," said the teacher, "is there any difference between the words 'sufficient' and 'enough'?" "Yes'm," replied the youngster. "'Sufficient' is when mother thinks I have eaten enough pie, and 'enough' is when I think I have eaten sufficient."

PERHAPS HE IS STILL COUNTING.—An Irishman at the seaside was watching a steam-dredger at work in the harbour. "Are you coming home, Pat?" shouted a friend who was passing. "No, shure, until I have seen the last of these buckets. I have counted 14,000 of them, and they be still coming up. Begorra, I don't go away till I see the last one."

CERTAINLY!—After a cricket-match at the Oval last week a boy was observed climbing over one of the fences into the roadway. A policeman spotted him, and shouted: "Hi, there! you come back, and go out the same way as you come in." "That's just what I be doing," answered the boy, who speedily disappeared amidst the laughter of the onlookers and the discomfiture of the policeman in question.

NATURALLY.—Brown held in his hand the photograph of a young lady that Jamison had handed him. "Jove! she's a beauty!" he exclaimed. "You bet she is," agreed Jamison. "That girl is nineteen years old, as pretty as a picture, has neither father nor mother, is worth half a million in her own right, and she——" "Well," put in Brown, "what's the conclusion?" To which Jamison cheerily replied, "I am."

HER FRUITLESS SEARCH.—Mrs. Slimdiet: "You are not eating your meat, Mr. Hallroom." New Boarder: "Er—the fact is, Mrs. Slimdiet, my—er—teeth are not very good, and this meat seems a trifle tough to me." Mrs. S.: "Well, that's too bad. Such a time as I do have getting good meat. I have tried every place I can think of." Mr. H.: "Have you tried any of the places near the loin?"

AWKWARD MISTAKE.—A well-known millionaire has a brother who is stone-deaf, while he himself is remarkable for his very prominent nose. One evening, dining at a friend's house, he found himself between two ladies, who talked to him very loudly, much to his annoyance. Finally one of them shouted a commonplace remark, and then said in an ordinary tone to the other: "Did you ever see such a nose in your life?" "Pardon me, ladies," said the wealthy man, "it is my brother who is deaf!"

MISTAKING THE OPERATION.—A very short-sighted old gentleman going into one of our large towns for the first time, and coming from the heart of the country, seeing a man digging, went to him, and said: "My man, for whom diggest thou this long and narrow grave?" But the man took no notice. Going closer, he remarked again: "My man, for whom diggest thou this long and narrow grave?" The man looked up, and said: "Go on, you silly old fossil! I'm laying gaspipes!"

WOULD GET USED TO IT.—At the local barracks of a northern town a newly-joined lieutenant appeared before the commanding officer with a complaint against one of the men. He said: "I wish to bring this man before your notice, sir. I was going round visiting the barrack-rooms, when this man called after me 'Johnny Blanco!'" "Oh," said the commanding officer, with a smile, "is that all? Why, my boy, they call me 'Mary Ann!' Case dismissed."

THE GRANDEST FIGHTERS IN THE WORLD.—During a military review at Aldershot last summer one of the foreign attachés had made himself obnoxious to several staff officers by asking ridiculous and often impertinent questions. At last he caught a tartar. Turning to an old infantry officer, he said: "How is it, colonel, that your bugle-call 'advance' is so very short, while the 'retreat' is just the reverse?" "Because, sir," replied the old veteran, "when a British soldier goes into action it only needs a little note from a bugle to make him advance anywhere, but it needs a whole brass-band to make him retire!"

A THOROUGH SEARCH.—A Welshman who was in London when extensive sewage operations were in progress lost his watch. He reported the matter to Scotland Yard, and the officials said they would leave no stone unturned to find the missing timekeeper. Shortly afterwards Taffy again visited the metropolis, and saw street after street turned up. He was told that in all thirty-six miles of road were in the same condition. He rushed down to Scotland Yard, and exclaimed to the wondering inspector: "It is very good of you to take all that trouble, but if you don't find the watch by Sunday, please don't trouble to break up any more streets."

A PATENT WORM-TIN.—Last week in my rambles along the river I came across a funny old disciple of Izaak Walton, seated on the arm of a tree, rod in hand, and his eyes glued on the float waiting for the wished-for wobble. "Well, Izaak, what are you doing in that dangerous place," I inquired. "Fishin," was all the reply Izaak made. "Fishing you mean?" I suggested. "Yes!" snorted Walton, and closed his lips more tightly. "Why, what have you got in your mouth?" Upon this old Walton emptied the contents of his mouth into the palm of his hand, and coolly replied: "Only worms for bait!"

HE WASN'T HAVING ANY.—A well-know naval dignitary has a beautiful daughter. A young ensign, with no resources but his salary, fell in love with her, and asked the old gentleman for her hand. The father at once taxed him with the fact that he had only his salary—hardly enough to keep him in white gloves and to burnish his brass buttons. "Well, admiral, what you say is true. But when you married you were only a midshipman, with even a smaller salary than mine. How did you get along?" asked the ensign, who believed he had made the most diplomatic of defences. But not so. The crafty old sea-dog thundered forth: "I lived on my father-in-law for the first ten years, but I'll be hanged if you are going to do it!"

NEEDLESS ALARM.—Patient: "No, doctor, there isn't any particular pain; but somehow I feel as if I were going to die." Doctor (who has been called out of bed at two o'clock in the morning): "Let me feel your pulse." (After a moment): "Have you made your will?" Patient (alarmed): "No, but—" Doctor: "Who is your lawyer?" Patient: "Mr. Studds. Why, doctor? Do you think—" Doctor: "Then you had better send for him. Who is your minister?" Patient (still more alarmed): "The Rev. Mr. S—— Am I——" Doctor: "I think he had better be sent for." Patient (badly frightened): "Oh, Doctor, do you really think I am going to die?" Doctor: "No, I don't. There's nothing at all the matter with you; but I hate to be the only man who has been made an idiot of to-night."

THE DARLING!—A good story of Mr. Toole is told by his friend Sir Henry Irving. "One afternoon Toole and I were strolling together at the time we were playing in poor Byron's drama of *Uncle Dick's Darling* at the Gaiety Theatre. We came across a crowd surrounding a prostrate man who had been absorbing not wisely but too well a portion of the contents of a barrel of spirits that had burst, and was flowing down the gutter. Toole saw the situation, and pushed his way through the crowd. 'Hallo, here's a doctor!' they said, and fell back respectfully. I was at his heels as his assistant. Toole felt the man's pulse, and having laid his hands upon the patient's forehead, cheeks, and chin, he placed the drunken fellow's hat over his eyes, with an injunction that the crowd should let him sleep on a while, which indeed was the best advice he could give. We hailed a passing hansom and drove off. Presently we pulled up to reconnoitre, and heard a howl of derision. The crowd had removed the man's cap, to find that his face was adorned with a certain label which Toole carried in his pockets in those days, bearing the words '*Uncle Dick's Darling.*'"

Y.: Do you think Ike ever lies about the fish he catches?" No, I don't, but I think he lies about the fish he doesn't catch."

FARNLEY v. WOODLESFORD.

Played at Farnley on Saturday last

Farnley.
R Hullah, c Hewitt b Bates 7
C Hullah, b Wilkinson 33
S Birkby, c Wilkinson b Hewitt 3
J Mawson, c Bates b Wilkinson 8
D Hullah, b Bates 5
J Comer, b Wilkinson 7
R Wray, c Hewitt b Wilkinson 5
C Haxby, not out 8
J Scott, c Hewitt b Boyes 2
B Croft, not out 11
Extras 5
Total 94

Woodlesford.
G Hewitt, b Haxby 10
Britton, c Scott b Wray 14
Scott, c Haxby b Birkby 1
J R Hewitt, c Haxby b Birkby 5
Burras, run out 5
Bates, c D Hullah b Wray 2
Wilkinson, b D Hullah 4
Croft, b D Hullah 0
Walshaw, not out 2
Whitham, b Wray 3
Boyes, b Wray 0
Extras 3
Total 45

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN v. LEEDS HALF-HOLIDAY.

Played at Leeds on Saturday last

Leeds Half-holiday.
G Chapman, b Gatehouse 22
H Saunderfirth b Stead 6
C W Acocks, b Lunn 1
D A E Hutton, c Stead b R N Lunn 3
J T Boyes, c Thurwell b R N Lunn 4
H Armitage, not out 25
A Wild, c Hampson b Grundwell .. 29
Extras 8
Total for 6 wkts 98
Innings declared.

Rothwell Tradesmen
J Elstob, c and b Acocks 0
H Wormald, b Dawson 10
Grundwell, run out 11
Gatehouse, c Chapman b Dawson 6
J Stead, c Wild b Dawson 3
R N Lunn, c and b Dawson 0
A Denton, run out 4
M Fowler, c Sanderfirth b Chapman 10
H Brown, not out 0
T Hampson not out 2
Extras 4
Total for 8 wkts 50

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET MATCHES.

At Rothwell Haigh—Rothwell P C v Rothwell Haigh
PARISH CHURCH TEAM—P Chapman, (capt), E Moss, J H Drew, A Tiffany, J Atack, J Hargreaves, G Kale, W Ward, A Bedford, D Cooper, H Lunn; Reserves, E Beckwith, S Abbishaw.

WEDNESDAY.

At Rothwell—Rothwell Tradesmen v North Leeds.
ROTHWELL TRADESMEN'S ELEVEN—H Wormald (capt), J Stead, M Fowler, J Walker, Dr James, A Batty, O Wilkinson, J Wilkinson, T Hampson, W Inman, E Milner.

ROTHWELL CRICKET CLUB AVERAGES.

FIRST ELEVEN—BATTING.

	No. of Inngs.	Not Out	Total Runs	Avrg
R Whitehead	6	1	89	17.8
J Walker	11	2	128	14.22
H Clark	3	0	35	11.66
H Morgan	11	1	103	10.3
H Dacre	12	1	107	9.72
J W Chadwick ..	6	2	30	7.5
W E Richardson	10	1	67	7.44
T Dobson, Junr..	12	1	49	4.45
T Dobson, Senr..	2	0	6	3.
Dr. Buck	3	0	8	2.66
H Greenwood....	5	1	10	2.5

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	No. of Runs.	No. of Wkts.	Avrg.
H Morgan	211	34	6.20
J W Chadwick ..	242	26	9.30
Joe Walker	209	18	11.61
W E Richardson..	42	3	14.

SECOND ELEVEN—BATTING.

	No. of Inngs.	Not Out	Total Runs	Avrg
W Spurr	7	3	71	17.75
W Bedford	4	0	38	9.5
W Fox	6	0	55	9.16
R N Lunn	8	0	58	7.25
J W Smith	3	1	13	6.5
A Nickols	2	0	7	3.5
G Turner	4	1	8	2.66
C Ward	3	0	8	2.66
H Brown	7	1	12	2.
A Cripps	2	0	4	2.
J J Lunn	3	0	5	1.66
Jas Lunn	7	0	7	1.
T Parker	4	0	4	1.
J Smith	6	0	6	1.

BOWLING.

	No. of Runs.	No. of Wkts.	Avrg.
R N Lunn	79	16	4.93
W Spurr	80	14	5.71
Jas Lunn	143	25	5 72
W Bedford	46	3	15.33
J W Smith	56	2	28.

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WIT AND HUMOUR.

What roof covers the most noisy tenant?—The roof of the mouth.

Mrs. Smith: "I wish you'd pay a little attention to what I say!" Smith: "I do, my dear—as little as possible!"

She: "Doctor said I must keep my mouth shut when in the cold air." He: "I'll open the window immediately."

Gerald: "I'll bet you a kiss on the result of the next General Election." Geraldine: "Isn't there any election before that?"

Brownleigh, visiting friends in the country: "I don't often get such a good supper." Johnnie, son of the host: "Neither do we."

A thousand people will go to church to see a beautiful girl married, but if it rains on Sunday they "are not well."

"I understand that old Billionayre made his fortune out of a simple invention." "No. Out of a simple inventor."

Sorrows of the Cross-eyed Man.—"May I have the honour of the next waltz with you?" Two ladies (eagerly rising): "With pleasure."

Sally Gay: "Little Mrs. Cuddleton is very much in love with her husband, isn't she?" Dolly Swift: "Yes, indeed! Why, they say she actually likes to hear him snore!"

"What's become of that brother-in-law of yours?" asked the old friend, "he had a bright future before him." "Yes, he had," sighed the other old friend, "but he outran it."

"Mamma, do you know how I get into bed so quick?" "No, my darling. How do you?" "Why, I put one foot on the bed, and then holler out, 'Rats!' and scare myself right in."

"How about the rent of this house of yours, Jones? Doesn't the landlord ask a good deal for it?" Jones: "Yes, he often asks five or six times a month for it."

Scotsman, at the baths: "What's the price o' a bath?" Attendant: "One shilling." Scotsman: "Hech, mon, that's a lot! Can ye no say saxpence and put in less watter?"

Magistrate: "Prisoner, have you any visible means of support?" Prisoner: "Yis, sor, yer honour." To his wife, a laundress: "Bridget, stand up, so that the coort can see yez!"

Not Greedy.—Miss Charlotte (who has £10,000 a year): "Really, Mr. Hunter, someone else has my love." Mr. H.: "Well, that ought to satisfy him—I will be contented with the rest."

Monsieur de France: "You wind up ze clock to make him go?" English Tutor: "Exactly." Monsieur de France: "Zen what for you wind up ze beesiness?—to make it stop?"

NO APOLOGIES.
"Take up the white man's burden,"
Thou faint suburban soul;
Oh, yes, load up the scuttle
And carry in the coal.

A teacher was explaining to a little girl how the trees developed their foliage in the spring-time. "Ah, yes," said the wee lassie—"I understand; they keep their summer clothes in their trunks!"

Mr. Wise: "Johnny, can you tell me why the little hand on my watch goes faster than the big one?" Johnny (after mature reflection): "Papa, isn't it for the same reason that I have to run when I go walking with you?"

"Oh," said a sweet girl, "I have just been reading that two is also an unlucky number, the same as thirteen! I wonder if it is true?" "Two is an unlucky number," remarked a disappointed bachelor, "when it is made one."

"But you are too young," pleaded the anxious mother. "No girl should marry before her mind is fully formed." "Oh," said the gladsome maiden of eighteen summers, "my mind has been made up for more than a week."

Only One!—"Papa," said Tommy Tredway. "Now, Tommy," repled Mr. Tredway, "I shall answer only one more question to-day. So be careful what you ask." "Yes, papa." "Well, go on." "Why don't they bury the Dead Sea?"

Maud: "Major, is it true that once during the war one of the enemy died to save your life?" Major Bluntly: "Yes." Maud: "How noble! How did it happen?" Major Bluntly: "I killed him."

"Oh, John, send for the doctor! Baby has swallowed that counterfeit shilling you gave him!" cried Mrs. Wings. "Nonsense!" replied Wiggs. "I'm not going to send good money after bad!"

Mr. Pinkie (10 p.m.): "My dear, the doctor says a brisk walk before going to bed will ensure sleep to insomnia sufferers like myself." Mrs. Pinkie: "Well, my dear, I will clear the room so that you can walk. You may as well carry the baby with you."

A Highlander, while perusing Sir Walter Scott's "Lady of the Lake," could not identify the glen, everything being so highly coloured. On returning the volume to the owner, he remarked, "Mr. Scott may be a very clever man, but he's a great leear!"

Brace: "Among my dearest treasures is the watch my father carried when he was a young man." Bagley: "Would you mind letting me see it?" Brace: "Certainly not; but it is temporarily in the possession of my—er—father's brother!"

The little ones will keep on at saying things. Six-year-old Mabel is industriously engaged in "cleaning out" a preserve jar which her mother has just emptied. Four-year-old Bobby looks on at her a while, and then blurts out: "I say, sis, don't you wish you could turn it inside out, so's you could lick it?"

The cab had just stopped. Fare (in a hurry): "Driver, your wretched horse didn't go at all!" Driver: "Well, guv'nor, I couldn't whip him, you know; I'm a member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals." Fare: "Indeed! Well, I'm a member of a temperance society; so I can't give you any tip to get drink with."

When the old lady with the ear trumpet called, little Bessie entertained her till the lady of the house was ready to put in an appearance. While telling about her recent presents and the health of her several dolls, Bessie eyed the trumpet curiously, and finally could restrain herself no longer. "Are you too tired to play me a couple of tunes while mamma finishes dressing?"

Inquisitive people sometimes find satisfaction in catechising little boys about their names and affairs. This is how one of these curious bodies recently fared: "Hallo, little boy! What is your name?" "Same as dad's," said the boy. "What's your dad's name?" "Same as mine." "I mean, what do they call you when they call you to breakfast?" "They don't never call me to breakfast." "Why don't they?" "'Cause I alluz git there fust."

Some time ago a man went to visit a friend who was an inmate of a lunatic asylum. After a prolonged chat in a humorous, if not very edifying, vein, the visitor thought it about time to go. "Is that clock right, Jock?" he asked of the inmate. Jock gazed at him for a minute or so in speechless amazement, then, laying his hand compassionately on his shoulder, said: "Man, dae ye think it wid be here if it was right?"

General Joseph E. Johnston, the Confederate commander, now dead, used to relate that in the hottest part of one of the early battles of the American Civil War he felt his coat-tails pulled. Turning about, he recognised a young man who had been employed in his tobocco-factory previously to enlistment. "Why are you not in your place, fighting?" the General demanded angrily. "Why I just wanted to tell you that if you don't mind, I will take my day off to-day!"

Had Done Enough.—"Fellow-countrymen," said the military candidate during a recent election for a local board, "I have fought against the Zulus, have marched over frozen ground till every step has been marked with blood; I have—" His story was going well, when a dried-up-looking voter came to the front. "Did yer say yer fought for Old England?" "Yes," replied the candidate. "And agin the blacks?" "Certainly." "And that your feet bled in marching over frozen ground?" "That they did," cried the exultant candidate. "Then I'll be blessed if you hain't done enough for your country. Go home and rest. I'll vote for the other fellow."

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[illegible] Toole once engaged a man as a comedian whose performance for the first three nights was a complete failure. On the fourth evening the comedian arranged with a crowd to applaud him for a consideration. When the "home-made" applause started he said to Toole: "Don't it go, eh?" "Yes," said Toole, "and so do you at the end of the week!"

QUITE SUFFICIENT.—The grounding of the *Paris* reminds one of a story told of the late Captain James Goodridge, one of the oldest commanders in the employ of the L. and S.-W. Company. Crossing the Channel, a nervous old lady said to him: "I suppose, captain, that you have crossed the Channel so often that you know all the rocks on the coast?" "No, madam," replied the bluff old sailor, "I do not know all the rocks on the coast; but I know where they ain't!"

AT LAST!—Scene: Drawing-room. Young man is asking his fiancée's father for the hand of his daughter, while the latter, in an adjoining room, anxiously awaits her lover's return. Reappearance of young man. His Fiancée (excitedly): "What did he say, George? Oh, I can see by your face that he has treated you unkindly; but never mind, dear, we'll do without his consent and fly together. But what did he really say?" Young Man (with evident reluctance): "He said 'Thank goodness!'"

CLEVER BUT USELESS DEFENCE.—Scene: Garrison town in India. A Tommy was batting and a corporal acting as umpire, when there was an appeal for a clear case of leg-before. "How's that?" asked the bowler. "Out!" said the corporal. "Out!" cried Tommy. "How out?" "Why, leg-before!" said the corporal. Then the Tommy burst into shrill, ironic laughter. "Leg before!" he shouted. "Why, it hit me on the blooming pad!"

EVIDENTLY A BACHELOR.—A few weeks ago I was returning from India with my fifteen-months-old baby-boy, and he, like the general run of youngsters, often got very fretful in the night, more so one night when I was coaxing him with the usual patter, such as "What did the moo-cow say?" "What did the bow-wow say?" "What did pussy say?" when all of a sudden I heard a deep voice from a cabin near shout out: "Why don't you tell the youngster what the beastly animals did say, and let me go to sleep?"

FUN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL.—She was telling one of her sisters all about it, and this is what her father overheard: "And when the little girl that sits between us leans forward, the little boy on the other side of her catches hold of one of her braids, and I catch hold of the other, and we yank her head back. Oh, it's fun!" "So that's the way you acted in school, is it?" interrupted the father. "Oh, well, returned the six-year-old, frankly, "we don't do that in the regular school, you know; only in the Sunday school."

MISLEADING TERMS.—In a country district last week a man had been found drowned in the neighbouring canal, and the jury had great difficulty in determining upon their verdict, as it was not quite clear whether the man had committed suicide or had fallen in the water. After a great deal of useless argument the foreman of the jury suggested that they should give a verdict of felo-de-se (suicide). Mr. B—, the local butcher, did not understand the meaning of this remark, and objected to what appeared to him to be a preposterous decision. "How can we," he exclaimed, "say he fell in the sea, when he was found in the cut (canal) by old Jim Stokes himself?"

AWKWARD.—A good story is told of a well-known bishop who suffers from impaired vision. He recently held a levée. At length a guest approached and said: "How do you do, my lord? My mother wishes to be remembered to you." "Ah," said the bishop, "that is very good of her. And how is the dear old soul? Nothing like a good mother. Be sure and take care of your old mother. Good-morning." The bishop did not in the least know who his visitor was, and said to his footman: "Who was that?" The servant replied: "The gentleman who left your lordship's reception was the Duke of Connaught."

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JONES—Aug. 25th, aged 7 weeks, Isabel Lilian, daughter of Henry Lewis and Mary Ellen Jones, of Rothwell.

POOLE—Aug. 30th, aged 80 years, Martha, wife of John Poole, of Oulton.

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Friday, September 1, 1899.

SURELY nothing more is needed to induce everybody to do his best towards making the Infirmary Demonstration a huge success. May we, however, just give a fillip to the bit of British pluck that is supposed his reside in every Englishman's heart. By to Demonstration, we commemorate the victory of Omdurman, the fall of Khartoum.

Just one year to-morrow, September 2nd., a great battle was fought and won between Sir Herbert Kitchener and the Dervishes; on September 3rd., the city of Omdurman was taken; on September 4th., that unique service by united Christian chaplains was held on the very spot where poor Gordon is said to have fallen.

And so, as the mimic battle proceeds on Monday night, we shall be reminded of those who gained that victory over oppression and vice; we shall think of the holy service of hospital nurses and Ambulance Corps on the field of battle, and in the sick wards and we shall be picturing that quiet scene in distant Khartoum, where our victorious soldiers joined together in prayer and praise to the God of battles, led in their devotions by the ministers of the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, and Wesleyan Churches.

Let everyone feel it his duty to give, to give willingly, to give generously, remembering how much he owes to himself, to his fellows, and to his God.

PRESENTATION TO A LOCAL COLLIERY MANAGER.

Yorkshire workpeople, and especially those engaged in and about coal mines, are not slow to recognise merit, whether it be displayed by their fellows or by those placed in positions of authority over them. It has lately become generally well-known throughout the district that Mr. Walter Hargreaves, eldest son of County Councillor William Hargreaves, of Rothwell Haigh, has severed his connection with Messrs. J. and J. Charlesworth, colliery proprietors, whom he has served as manager of the Robin Hood collieries for the past fourteen years. During that time his abilities as a supervisor of colliery workmen, his knowledge as a mining engineer, and his powers of mediation between masters and men, have been well exercised and at the same time appreciated. The general opinion of those engaged about the colliery, gleaned by an outsider, is that "Mr Walter," as he has been familiarly termed, has been an ideal manager; whilst he has been keen to observe the interests of his masters, and rarely let slip any point of vantage in arguing the many difficult questions that had to be discussed with the miners' representatives, he invariably displayed a commendable sense of justice, and was not slow to acknowledge the men's rights, and, compatible with his position, do the best he could to better their conditions of labour and secure for them what was equitable and just.

It was appreciation of these traits of character, and the good will and high esteem with which their late manager was regarded, that led the workmen of the colliery, so readily and without formal solicitation, to subscribe towards a present, in order to mark the close of his 14 years connection with the colliery, and in some degree denote their appreciation of his management during that term. The presentation took place at Carlton House, Mr. Walter's residence, on Saturday last, the testimonial comprising a beautifully-wrought drawing-room time-piece, with handsome side ornaments, and a gold brooch for Mrs. Hargreaves. On the timepiece, supplied by Messrs. Potts, of Leeds, with the other ornaments, was inscribed:—"Presented to Walter Hargreaves, by the officials, workmen and friends, as a token of their esteem and regard for him on his leaving the Robin Hood collieries, after acting for 14 years as manager of the collieries, and president of the Workmen's Accident Society, August 15th., 1899."

Mr. Geo. Milner has been chairman of the testimonial Committee, Mr. J. Keightley, treasurer, and Mr. G. Binks, secretary.

By invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves, the Committee and a party of friends numbering about fifty, took tea together on the lawn at Carlton House, after which, in the billiard room, the presentation took place.

Mr. G. Milner, on behalf of the subscribers, said that when it became known that Mr. Walter was going to leave them, many of them belonging to the colliery, and to the Accident Club, thought he deserved some little token in acknowledgement of his services. They had always worked very smoothly together, and he had noticed this, that whatever had been before the Board of Management, he had always treated the workmen with due respect, leaned towards their interests if anything, and he was sure none of them had cause to grumble. They might have got a better man to make the presentation, but in asking Mr. Walter to accept the tokens of their regard, he could say that they were given freely, and with unanimous wishes for his future success and well-being. (Applause.)

The following letter was read from Mr. J. Longbotham, who could not be present at the gathering:—

Foster's Buildings,
Haigh Street,
Sheffield.
August 24th., 1899.

Mr. Geo. Binks,
Robin Hood Colliery,
near Wakefield.

Dear Sir,

I beg to thank you for your letter of the 23rd. inst. and am sorry I cannot possibly attend the presentation as I shall be in Whitby on Saturday, but kindly convey to Mr. Walter Hargreaves assurances of my great esteem for him, and my best wishes for his success.

Yours faithfully,
JON. LONGBOTHAM.

Mr. C. Green, of Bright Eyes Row, had also received the following letter from Mr. Parrott, of the Miners' Association, Barnsley:—

Parma House,
Huddersfield Road,
Barnsley.
August 19th., 1899.

Dear Sir,

I am very much obliged to you and your committee for the kind invitation for me to come over on Saturday, 26th inst., to make the presentation to your late manager, Mr. Walter Hargreaves. I very much regret to say that I cannot oblige you as it will interfere very much with certain arrangements that I have already made. You know I have a very high opinion of Mr. Walter Hargreaves not only as a Colliery Manager, but as a clever debater, and I trust he will live long, enjoy good health, and continue to receive the esteem and good wishes of his workmen.

I am,
Faithfully yours,
W. PARROTT.

Mr. C. Green,
21, Bright Eyes Row,
Lofthouse.

Mr. J. Keightley spoke in similar terms as the previous speaker, emphasising the cordiality with which Mr. Walter had always worked in connection with the Mutual Accident Society, and the regard he was held in by all connected with the colliery.

Mr. J. Thackrah said that in connection with the Accident Society, their late chairman had always done more than they expected of him. As manager he was 'cute' and far-seeing, and knowing his fine powers of debate, he (Mr. Thackrah) had felt some trepidation when he had had to meet him, but he had always come away after a tussle with feelings of satisfaction that no undue advantage had been taken. No one was more sorry to lose him than he, for Mr. Walter had proved himself a gentleman as well as a manager. Mr. Parrott called him the Q.C. and thought sometimes that he had missed his calling. He had rare powers of argument, and as a manager was one of the finest in Yorkshire, and he (Mr. Parrott) had met most of them.

In acknowledging the gifts, Mr. Walter Hargreaves said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I am quite sure that no word I can utter would adequately express my feelings at the present moment; it is a matter of the most sincere pleasure to have you all here and to see the old faces I have been in the habit of seeing during the past 14 years. Fourteen years to look back upon does not seem a very long spell; fourteen years to look forward to is a very different thing. I trust that in our various walks in life the next fourteen years may be as pleasantly and as agreeably spent as the last; if it is to me, I have nothing to fear. My management at Robin Hood has been a pleasant one. Of course there have been difficulties to face and overcome; we have had bad times and good times, times of prosperity and times of adversity; we have come through them all very satisfactorily, and at the close are met under a friendly roof. I cannot and I don't intend to enter into any details in any shape or form. The employers we have served under have a reputation such as very few enjoy; it has been a pleasure to me to meet and do business with them, and I only leave them with the purpose of improving my position, as I believe had I chosen I might have stayed on very comfortably the whole of my days. Every man has his ambition, and it has been my ambition to pass from a colliery manager to something above. The greatest wrench to me is parting with you, whom I meet here to-night. I cannot say I never have had trouble; we have met, representatives of masters and representatives of men, and if we could not always agree, then differences have been met in the way all differences have to be met—by combat; but after they have been settled we have always been able to shake hands. I don't know I am leaving a single enemy; I do know I am leaving a great many friends. Although we are separating as workpeople, I trust the friendship may be kept up. I wish to express my deep sense of pleasure on behalf of myself and family for the very handsome gift you have placed in my house to-day, and to compliment the selection committee on the very choice taste displayed in the selection of the presents. We shall treasure them as the most valuable articles in our possession, and trust to live long to have the time pointed out to us by the beautiful time-piece. (Applause).

The ceremony being over, formalities were soon relaxed and the strong and hard-handed workman, who at first entered the room with marked shyness, was soon enjoying a hearty laugh at his comrade's expense, joining in a good swinging chorus, essaying a solo, reciting prose and poetry, and withal thoroughly appreciating the liberal hospitality of their generous host and hostess.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves, during the evening, for their hospitality, many speaking in characteristic terms to the resolution.

The gathering broke up about half-past ten to the strains of "Auld lang syne" and "The National Anthem."

THE LATE MR. HAMMILL.

This week Carlton has seen the last of one of her foremost residents, in the death and funeral of Mr. Joseph Hammill, twine manufacturer, and on Monday last the entire village mourned his loss in sympathy with his family. Mr. Hammill was born of humble parentage at Lofthouse, some 76 years ago, and at the age of 14 lost his father. At this time he was left alone with his widowed mother, and was apprenticed with Mr. James Worth, an old bandspinner in Rothwell. After serving his time, he worked as journeyman, and for a number of years managed the Carlton 'walk' for Messrs. Dodgson, twine makers, of Leeds. In the year 1863 Mr. Hammill commenced for himself in Carlton, and has gradually worked up a thriving business, about 18 years ago building a new place and introducing modern machinery. For a long time he made a special twine for army purposes, and was always to be relied upon for a good article. In 1893, Mr. Hammill retired from business, which is now ably conducted by his only son, Mr. Walter.

The subject of our sketch was not much of a public man, being of a somewhat retiring disposition, but he sat on the Lofthouse and Carlton School Board for the first 3 years of its existence, being vice-chairman for that period.

He was always closely identified with Wesleyan Methodism in Carlton, and for years has been its chief supporter. Not only did he willingly contribute to its funds, but he worked long and earnestly as Sunday School superintendent, steward, and leader, and was also a trustee of Carlton and other chapels. The Rev. Mr. Maltby visited him constantly during his last illness, and he died as he lived, a genuine consistent Christian.

For ten or eleven years, Mr. Hammill has been afflicted with a painful internal disease, and Dr. Jessop has several times had him under his charge. Recently this has caused other troubles, and gradually he has got weaker, until the end came on Saturday morning last.

The funeral took place at Rothwell on Monday afternoon, a number of the influential gentlemen of the district being present, and a large contingent of the Wesleyan congregation. There were several beautiful wreaths, etc., and the service was conducted by the Rev. G. H. Scott, of Lofthouse. Mr. J. S. Copley was the undertaker.

STOURTON WESLEYAN CHAPEL.

The vocalists of the above place of worship are to be complimented on their pluck in undertaking and so successfully rendering such a difficult composition as *Farmer's* "Christ and his soldiers," the interpretation of which attracted a very large congregation on Sunday afternoon last; of course the local choristers enlisted the aid of outside friends to help both in the chorus and in the accompaniments, the augmented choir numbering in all about 70 voices. The brunt of the responsibility in getting up the oratorio rested on the shoulders of the conductor, Mr. T. W. Crossland, of Belle Isle, who at the numerous practices has been most assiduous in bringing up his forces to a very commendable pitch of excellence. The principals were Miss Jessie M. Seanor, (Medallist), soprano; Miss Maggie Amison, contralto; Mr. C. Lawton, tenor; and Mr. J. Haiste, baritone. A very efficient band, under the leadership of Mr. T. E. Parker, played the accompaniments, the instrumentalists including:—Mr. T. E. Parker, Mr. G. W. Jackson, Mr. P. Stuart, first violins; Mr. Vickers and Mr. Best, second violins; Mr. A. Stuart, viola; Mr. Wm. Pollexfer, 'cello; Mr. Lucas, double bass; Mr. W. J. Thrippleton, clarionette; Mr. Howarth and Mr. Lee, cornets; Mr. T. Lear, trombone; and Mr. G. Geldard, drums.

Dr. Woodcock, of Leeds, presided, and gave an interesting address on the value and influence of the divine art, and commended the remark of John Wesley, that the best music should be used in the service of God. The numbers were:—recit, "Suffer little children;" solo and chorus, "Hark! glad sounds," solo by Miss Seanor; carol, "In the fields;" chorus, "O, come all ye faithful;" solo, Mr. Haiste "Bid the Son of God appear;" chorus, "Ride on, Ride on;" chorale, "All the people stood beholding;" chorus, "Cleft are the rocks," followed by the solo, "When I survey the wondrous cross," by Mr. Charles Lawton; solo, "By Jesu's grave," by Miss Amison; solo and chorus, "Jesus Christ is risen to-day," solo by Miss Seanor; solo, "Ou Blessed Redeemer," by Miss Seanor; recit in unison, chorus, "Be thou faithful unto death;" introductory march by the band; solo and chorus, "Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding," solo by Miss Seanor;" bass solo and chorus, "Thou shalt not fear," soloist, Mr. Haste; chorus, "Soldiers of Christ arise;" bass solo and chorus, "Oft in danger, oft in woe," soloist, Mr. Haste; solo and chorus, "When our heads are bowed with woe," soloist, Mr. Haste; solo, "Rock of Ages cleft for me," by Miss Amison; unaccompanied quartette by the principals; chorus, "Jesus lives."

The cantata is the most pretentious we remember the Stourton choir undertaking, and their efforts, with those of the principals, are deserving of high commendation. The chorus was well balanced, cleverly manipulated by the conductor, by whom they had been evidently well-trained. The soloists are all well-known in the district, and in their separate spheres fully upheld their good names Of the band their playing was good and free from fault, with the exception of being a little too heavy in one or two of the solo accompaniments. On the whole the performance was a very excellent one, and greatly delighted the large audience which filled every seat in the pretty chapel.

The day's services were on behalf of the choir and organ fund, the Rev. J. Judge, occupying the pulpit in the morning, and Mr W. Stephenson, of Rothwell, in the evening. The collections for the day amounted to £7. The choir sang an anthem in the evening entitled "The radiant morn," and rendered it very nicely.

WESLEYAN MINISTERS' CHANGES.

Last Sunday, the Rev. J. B. Maltby occupied the rostrum in the Wesleyan Chapel at Rothwell, and preached two most valuable and appropriate sermons. The morning address was entitled "The High and Low Levels," and was based on the 73rd. Psalm, in which the worldly successes of the ungodly and the adversities of the good man, are discussed by the Psalmist, when his steps had well-nigh slipped, until he "went into the sanctuary of God." The illustration of the "Low Level and the High Level bridges," at Newcastle, and the view obtained from each, carried out most successfully the admonition to Christians to look at all things from the higher standpoint. In the evening there was a large congregation, and the reverend gentleman preached from Phillipians 1st. chapter, 27th. verse, or "Parting words." Taking up the idea that the gospel of Christ, so precious and beautiful in itself, is adorned or disgraced according as it is exhibited in everyday life, Mr. Maltby forcibly but lovingly urged his friends to avoid manifesting anything like discordant or distorted pictures of the Christian life, but to "stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel." He expressed the pleasure he had had during the three years he had been in Rothwell, and acknowledged the courtesy and kindness he had received, and would often think of the friends and rejoice in hearing of their welfare. A quartette, "Cast thy bread upon the waters," was nicely rendered during the evening, the service being one not likely to be soon forgotten.

Mr. and Mrs. Maltby have received two or three private presentations, in recognition of their services, and their residence here will leave many pleasant memories. They left Rothwell yesterday, for Pendleton, Manchester, all who knew them wishing them "God speed" in their new sphere of labour.

The Rev. Samuel Arnold, Mrs. Arnold, and their family, arrived yesterday afternoon, and were hospitably entertained to tea by Mr. Seanor, the circuit steward, who afterwards introduced them to their new home. Mr. Arnold's first services are at Rothwell on Sunday next.

OLD FALSE TEETH BOUGHT.

Many ladies and gentlemen have by them old or disused false teeth, which might as well be turned into money. Messrs. R. D. & J. B. Fraser, of Princes Street, Ipswich, (established since 1833), buy old false teeth. If you send your teeth to them they will remit you by return of post the utmost value; or, if preferred, they will make you the best offer, and hold the teeth over for your reply. If reference necessary, apply to Messrs. Bacon & Co., Bankers, Ipswich.

THE LADIES' COLUMN.

FASHION NOTES.

Polka dots are the feature of the new hosiery, and blue and tan stockings are liberally sprinkled with blue, white, or red spots. For evening wear the silk hose have real lace fronts.

Some of the newest shirt blouses are made with a sailor collar pointing down to the belt in front. A dressy effect can be obtained by covering it with lace.

Making hat crowns of flowers is one of the novel effects in millinery, but the latest form of vegetation used for the purpose is moss—not artificial moss, but the real thing.

Fortunately for the women whose styles of beauty are not at all of the same style, fashion is going to be generous in the matter of hats. The narrow-faced and the full-faced, the young, yes, and, for a wonder, even the old, will be allowed much latitude in choice. For those who like it, a gorgeous and riotous display of colour is quite the thing. For the more quietly disposed more subdued tones will prevail, and the milliners this year, and in fact, the custom has been growing for several years, consider the needs of the old. The time was, and not so far back either, when women past fifty had to be old women because their dress made them so in spite of themselves. Now all that is changed. A woman of seventy is allowed to be a beauty if she is one. She may curl and fluff her hair and make a soft wavy Pompadour about her face, and back of that wear a tasteful bonnet, the whole framing and setting off the face and making it attractive in point of age. Of course, the art of the hairdresser is responsible for much of this.

The dresses at the latest fashionable wedding (Mr. "Lulu" Harcourt to Miss Burns): The bride's dress was of rich white satin, with transparent yoke and sleeves of Brussels lace, the bodice being draped and the skirt trimmed with the same valuable fabric, her mother's gift, while a crown of orange blossoms and a veil of beautifully fine lace were worn. Her only ornament was a single row of pearls, and her bouquet was composed entirely of orchids. The bridesmaids' dresses were of white soft satin, veiled with white tulle flecked with silver, and over-veiled with creamy white point d'esprit, having crescent-like designs of beautiful lace let in near the hem, and falling upon a series of dainty frills of white silken muslin edged with narrow ruchings of tulle. The bodices were veiled like the skirts, the outer veiling full and drawn down beneath a waistband. There were transparent sleeves to the elbow and yokes of very beautiful lace, and round the latter a deep collar of finest white lawn with lace designs inserted. Slight and charming relief of colour was afforded in three rosettes of narrow pale mauve velvet ribbon, one coming at the juncture of the collar, another lower down at one side, and the third fastening the waistband at the left side. White hats of alternate strands of crinoline and rice straw were worn with white tulle wound round the crowns and caught up into high, soft bows at one side, through large paste buckles.

UMBRELLAS AND PARASOLS.

How fashions change! Not so long ago it was considered vulgar to have anything but a plain handle to your parasol, umbrella, or en-tout-cas. To be sure, it might be of gold or silver, or some expensive wood; but simplicity was the correct thing. At the present moment, the more weird and uncanny-looking a beast we can mount on our handles the better—uncouth creatures that grin and smirk at you, and when possible made of diamonds.

Flowers are also the fashion, and poppies, roses, and carnations disport themselves gaily on all hands, and really are charmingly pretty.

GOSSIP FOR WOMEN.

Probably no royal personage is more written about than Her Majesty the Queen; but it is a curious fact that there is one side of Her Majesty's character which is not so freely commented upon as it ought to be. From time to time paragraphs appear in the paper telling how the Queen has sent a wreath on the occasion of the death of one of her old servants, but it may not generally be known that Her Majesty takes an absolute personal interest in the welfare of those domestics who have been in her employ but have now got too old for work. I believe I am right in saying that she has a domestics' birthday book, so that those who have reached years which prevent them from continuing their duties may receive recognition from their Royal Mistress's hands. I remember once hearing the late Archbishop of Canterbury say that the Queen had the biggest heart of any woman he ever met, and he singled Her Majesty out as a true living example of what Christians ought to be.

The ladies who came from the States to attend the Women's Congress seem to be most interesting women—Miss Susan B. Anthony, for instance, who is in her eightieth year, and whose vigorous air and youthful looks are a magnificent advertisement of the benefits of continual work upon the human frame. "I am always doing something," she said, "always hard at work. If I had time to sit down and consider myself, I would have been a miserable invalid long ago." This is probably the experience of thousands of women who, though they may occasionally grumble at having to be constantly at work and never enjoying any leisure, must acknowledge that it keeps both mind and body from rusting. It was this lady who first conceived the idea of an International Convention of Women, seventeen years ago, when she was visiting England. The first was held in 1887 at Washington. Miss Anthony declared that she never took part in any anti-man crusade, but in saying so her remarks on the subject were not at all flattering to the great male being.

The great hat question arose at the International Congress of Women. It was at the suffrage meeting presided over by Mrs. May Wright Sewall. Certain delegates wore mountainous hats, which the chairwoman requested should be removed, incidentally remarking that she came from a State in which the men had passed a law obliging women to take off their head-dresses at public gatherings, where a clear view added to the comfort of each person present. Mrs. Sewall expressed her approval of this piece of legislation carried out by poor blundering man, and the offending hats were at once removed.

The craze for foulards has by no means abated. In fact, as the season advances so are more patterns sprung upon the market. They are all of the very softest, satiny order, very different from the hard combination of silk and surah of yore. The most popular colours are a mixture of blue and white, but pink and black, and even mauves, have been in great demand.

When Englishmen are fond of their wives they make companions of them; but this an American rarely does—he hasn't time. So Miss Gertrude Atherton has been telling an interviewer. It would appear, however, that the American woman is not without hope of eventually rivalling the charms of the almighty dollar. She has her clubs, and of these there is what is called a General Federation, at the next biennial meeting of which the experiment of a "husbands' annexe" will be tried. For the purposes of this innovation a committee has been formed, whose duty it will be to "chaperon" the new-comers!

DRESSES AT HENLEY.

One sees all kinds of dressing at Henley. There are those ladies who dress as if they were going to Ascot, with long trailing muslin gowns and smart flowered toques, whilst the ultra-aquatic ladies go about in very short white pique skirts, with sailor hats. All the same, some very pretty dresses were to be seen at Henley. Nobody looked nicer or cooler than Mrs. Langtry and her daughter, who wore white gowns with sailor hats trimmed with large blue bows of ribbon. When the sun's rays became too searching they put up golden-yellow parasols, that looked very pretty on the water.

Three million five hundred thousand steel pens are used throughout the world every day in the week.

POETRY.

A MYSTERY.

Some only know good fortune, some ill luck
Though equal they in talent, tact and pluck
Say not that all on the same footing start
And that by voluntary act they part,
For I have seen it in a hundred cases,
In various stations and with various races.

Some without effort smoothly, grandly rise.
As sparks fly upwards, mounting to the skies;
Prosperity attends whate'er they touch
And all with them is joy, or seemeth such,
While others, bright their intellectual eyes,
Prudent and careful, energetic, wise,
Their heads as clear as yonder water brook,
Their sturdy hearts misfortune never shook,
Yet a dark shadow hovered ever near,
Unseen, unheard, intangible, severe,
Frustrating their best plans and well-laid schemes.
Tainting their lives and all life's flowing streams

Though they be honest, truthful, and indeed
All we may expect in man, they don't succeed.

Why is it thus? Have some a sable line
Which may be felt, but no one can define,
Starting from crib of coward and the brave,
Reaching through life and ending at the grave,
While others have a star whose beaming light
Shines on their pathway through the darkest night,
Making the crooked straight, the doubtful clear,
Leading them forward in their glad career,
With powers celestial but to cheer and bless
Till they attain to ultimate success?

I will not argue, we may not agree;
Let others solve this wondrous mystery.

HINTS TO HOUSEWIVES.

WHEN COOKING AN OLD FOWL
Add a pinch of carbonate of soda to the water to make the bird tender.

TAKE WHITE SPOTS OUT OF FURNITURE
By holding a shovel of coals over the varnished surface which is spotted. Afterwards, while warm, rub with soft flannel.

FOR THE HANDS.
Partially boil a few medium-sized potatoes, remove the skins and use as you would a piece of soap in washing the hands. This will both whiten and soften the hands.

CHILDREN'S CASHMERE CAPES
May be cleaned by rubbing with warmed flour, which should be set in the oven and stirred occasionally till hot through, but not browned. Rub in the flour with a piece of new flannel

WHITEN YOUR PIANO NOTES.
By this method. Take some finely-powdered whiting and apply it with a damp cloth, then polish with a dry one. Let the lid remain open and exposed to the sun and air as much as possible. Rub the spots with lemon-juice before applying the whiting.

RENOVATING LEATHER-CHAIRS.
Wipe the chair cushions with a slightly damped cloth to cleanse them, then rub dry. Beat the white of an egg to a stiff froth and apply it quickly to the leather with a soft rag. This process will do a great deal to brighten your furniture and nourish the leather.

DOMESTIC RECIPES.

YORKSHIRE PUDDING is excellent made thus: Mix a pint of milk with six ounces of flour and two eggs. If four ounces of suet be added to the mixture, a good baking pudding is obtained.

MAKE CAMPHOR BALL.—This preparation is very useful for chapped hands, and should certainly be in readiness by now. Melt together two ounces of lard, two ounces of white wax and half an ounce of powdered camphor.

STEWED CHEESE.—Take four ounces of grated cheese, one gill of new milk, and half an ounce of butter, and stew the whole till dissolved. When this is nearly cold, pour into a small pie-dish, and brown in the oven.

MULLED BEER.—Place a pint of strong ale in a clean saucepan with half a wineglassful of whisky. Stir it over the fire till it creams, flavouring it at the same time with sugar, ginger, and nutmeg. Add a little cold ale to bring it to the right temperature for drinking, and serve.

GINGER CORDIAL.—Procure one pound of brown sugar candy, two ounces of bruised ginger root, and nearly a quart of brandy. First pound the sugar candy very small, and then boil it in a pint of water for a quarter of an hour with the bruised ginger. Remove the ginger root from the syrup, and when all is cold, add the brandy, and bottle for use.

"MAIDS OF HONOUR."—Boil half a pint of milk gently for a quarter of an hour with two tablespoonfuls of fine bread-crumbs, two ounces of butter, a little lemon-peel, and loaf sugar to taste. Then add three well-beaten eggs, and stir until the mixture becomes quite thick. Strain through a sieve. Line a dish, or several patty-pans, with puff paste, half fill with the mixture and bake.

MAKE A BRAWN as follows: Take a pig's head, feet, and tongue which have been previously pickled. Boil them tender with two bay-leaves and a few peppercorns in the water. Remove all the bones. Line the brawn tin with the ears and the skin of the feet and hocks. Cut up the rest of the meat, fat and lean together, and with it fill the tin, sprinkling it freely with powdered allspice and pepper. When the tin is full, put on the cover and place heavy weights on the top. Leave it until cold. Take it out of the tin and serve with a napkin folded neatly round.

CHEAP PUFF-PASTE FOR MINCE-PIES.—Mix half a pound of flour with one teaspoonful of baking-powder and the same quantity of salt; blend well together and then work into a stiff paste with water. Weigh out three ounces of dripping or lard and two ounces of butter. Roll the paste on a floured board. Spread it with lard or butter and fold it three times, i.e., so that it is three times as thick as when open. Flour it well, roll out again and repeat the process, spreading it with lard or butter three times. Lay the paste aside for some time before using—twenty-four hours is not too much—then roll out thin. Bake in a sharp oven.

GERMAN TART.—Six ounces of flour, two ounces of butter, one yolk of egg, half a pound of prunes, one pound of apples, one teaspoonful of mixed spice, a quarter of a pound of sugar, and half a pint of water. Place in a basin the flour, butter, and one ounce of sugar. Rub all well together with the fingers, and drop in the yoke of egg; moisten it with a little cold water. Turn the dough out on a board and knead it lightly together. Cut it in two pieces. With one half line a flat dish, and place in the apples and prunes prepared in the following manner: Boil the remainder of the sugar and water together, add the prunes, and cook slowly till almost tender, then pare, core, and slice the apples, add them, and continue to cook till the apples are nearly tender. When the flat dish has been filled, roll out the remainder of the crust and cover the dish with it. Bake in a moderate oven for half-an-hour. Brush over with white of egg and dust with sugar, then return it to the oven for one minute longer to dry the white of egg.

SCOTCH CURRANT BUN.—Take one and a half breakfastcupfuls of flour, and into a quarter of a pound of butter and half a teaspoonful of baking powder, mix it to a firm paste with water, and roll out into a thin sheet. Grease the inside of a cake pan, and line it neatly with the paste, reserving a piece the size of the pan for the top of the bun; now mix together in a large basin the following ingredients: One pound of flour, half a pound of sugar, two pounds of large blue raisins (stoned), two pounds of currants (well washed in cold water) rubbed and picked, quarter of a pound of orange peel, quarter of a pound of aldmonds, half an ounce of ginger, half an ounce of cinnamon, half an ounce of Jamaica pepper, half a teaspoonful of black pepper, one small teaspoonful of carbonate of soda, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, and a small breakfastcupful of milk, or just as much as barely moistens it all, mix all thoroughly with the hands, and put the mixture into the lined tin; make it flat on the top, wet edges round, and put on the piece of paste reserved for the purpose; prick it all over with a fork, brush over with egg, and put it in the oven for about two and a-half hours; the addition of a quarter of a pound of almonds and one pound additional of currants, makes this a much richer cake, but the recipe given is a good plain bun.

"How do you pronounce the word 'Oleomargarine?'" asked De Betts. "I pronounce it butter or I'd lose my job," answered the hotel waiter.

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.]

A matter of great appreciation as the days, have shortened and as the dark evenings have gradually introduced themselves, has been the earlier lighting of the lamps. This boon has been agitated for by residents for years. It is a pity that the chairman of the Gas Committee could not at the same time have secured an extension of time at the close of the season, which for the time being remains unaltered. Half-a-cake is better than none, however, and with that we must rest content for the present. There must have been a misunderstanding, I think, with the Bell Hill lamplighters on Friday night last, or how was it that one half of the lamps were lighted and the other half not.

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The inspectors under the Shops Hour Act have caused some of our local tradesmen to look round the corners and put their houses—or shops—in order, which, in many cases only meant that a notice as to the hours of employment of young people should be suspended in a conspicuous place. Defaulters have had to suffer. Workshops coming under the Factory Act have lately been more frequently inspected by Her Majesty's representative, but there is still room for more cleanliness in some of the shops where work-people are engaged the week through; some of these establishments to my knowledge have not been whitewashed, according to the Act, for years.

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Grave eyes are turned Transvaalwards over the dispute between "Oom Paul" and the Colonial Office, and the hope is—in all well-balanced quarters—that sage counsels will prevail, and a way be found to settle differences It would, indeed, be an unpardonable sin, at this time of the day, were war to come concerning the matters at issue. But the peril is a close one, and only a display of proper spirit on both sides can stave off calamity.

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The Rennes Court-martial provides us with a new sensation day by day, but the issue is determined, in the eyes of observant Englishmen. Dreyfus is a wronged man, and however he may have been guilty of indiscretion, he has far more than paid the penalty. All the rest is leather and prunello! The herculean endeavours of the General Staff to wipe out their own misdeeds have more than failed; and all the forced evidence that they now adduce is less than convincing. But whether the court-martial will exonerate the ex-prisoner of the Devil's Isle is another matter. I rather fear that Dreyfus's judges will sit in awe of their superiors.

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The change in the weather is hailed with general delight throughout the country. The rain was badly wanted on the land, and if it should interfere with the pleasure of holiday folk they will be glad nevertheless of the general good which it cannot fail to accomplish.

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We are disgusted with the Britishers who were at Boulogne last Sunday because they did not effectually demonstrate against the bull-fighting there. If Boulogne is to be run on British money, the last remnant of Gallic brutality ought to be smothered out of band.

LOFTHOUSE AND CARLTON SCHOOL BOARD.

A monthly meeting of the above Board was held at Carlton, on Friday night last, Mr. G. Armitage (chairman), presiding. There was also present Messrs. Dobson, Horner, Scott, and Ridyard, with the clerk (Mr. Lee)

The Reports on both the Robin Hood and Carlton Schools were to hand, and were of a satisfactory character.

RESIGNATION OF THE CLERK.

Mr. Lee who has served the Board as clerk with efficiency for nearly the whole period of its existence, submitted his resignation, which he had decided to tender on account of his increasing duties in connection with his other business.

Mr. Dobson, in proposing that it be accepted, said the Board would lose a very able clerk, one who had taken an interest in his work, had the business well at his finger ends and was always ready to do what he could to advance the Board's interest.

The Rev. G. H. Scott suitably seconded, and endorsed what had been said of Mr. Lee's abilities and services.

The resolution was carried, and Mr. Lee replied to the remarks made.

The consideration of the attendance and the ordering of school requisites completed the business.

ROBBERIES BY BOYS AT ROTHWELL.

On Tuesday last, P. C. Hardy apprehended at Rothwell, Jos. Blackburn, son of W. Blackburn, of Carlton Lane, and Sam Hammill, son of John Hammill, of Holmes Square, both boys under thirteen years of age, on a charge of breaking into Mr. Abraham Ely's shop, Gillett Lane, and stealing therefrom $2\frac{1}{2}$ dozen cigarettes, $\frac{1}{2}$ a box of loose cigarettes, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ dozen penny tablets of Fry's chocolate, valued altogether at 7s. They had also broken into Mrs. B. Batty's shop on the Marsh, and stolen articles that were in the window. The lads were conveyed to Wakefield the same night as they were apprehended, and on the following day were bailed out by their parents in the sum of 40s each, until to-day when they appear before the magistrates. The parents have arranged with Mrs. Batty to pay for the damage done, so that this charge will not be proceeded with.

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WIT AND HUMOUR.

What roof covers the most noisy tenant?—The roof of the mouth.

Mrs. Smith: "I wish you'd pay a little attention to what I say!" Smith: "I do, my dear—as little as possible!"

She: "Doctor said I must keep my mouth shut when in the cold air." He: "I'll open the window immediately."

Gerald: "I'll bet you a kiss on the result of the next General Election." Geraldine: "Isn't there any election before that?"

Brownleigh, visiting friends in the country: "I don't often get such a good supper." Johnnie, son of the host: "Neither do we."

A thousand people will go to church to see a beautiful girl married, but if it rains on Sunday they "are not well."

"I understand that old Billionayre made his fortune out of a simple invention." "No. Out of a simple inventor."

Sorrows of the Cross-eyed Man.—"May I have the honour of the next waltz with you?" Two ladies (eagerly rising): "With pleasure."

Sally Gay: "Little Mrs. Cuddleton is very much in love with her husband, isn't she?" Dolly Swift: "Yes, indeed! Why, they say she actually likes to hear him snore!"

"What's become of that brother-in-law of yours?" asked the old friend, "he had a bright future before him." "Yes, he had," sighed the other old friend, "but he outran it."

"Mamma, do you know how I get into bed so quick?" "No, my darling. How do you?" "Why, I put one foot on the bed, and then holler out, 'Rats!' and scare myself right in."

"How about the rent of this house of yours, Jones? Doesn't the landlord ask a good deal for it?" Jones: "Yes, he often asks five or six times a month for it."

Scotsman, at the baths: "What's the price o' a bath?" Attendant: "One shilling." Scotsman: "Hech, mon, that's a lot! Can ye no say saxpence and put in less watter?"

Magistrate: "Prisoner, have you any visible means of support?" Prisoner: "Yis, sor, yer honour." To his wife, a laundress: "Bridget, stand up, so that the coort can see yez!"

Not Greedy.—Miss Charlotte (who has £10,000 a year): "Really, Mr. Hunter, someone else has my love." Mr. H.: "Well, that ought to satisfy him—I will be contented with the rest."

Monsieur de France: "You wind up ze clock to make him go?" English Tutor: "Exactly." Monsieur de France: "Zen what for you wind up ze beesiness?—to make it stop?"

NO APOLOGIES.

"Take up the white man's burden,"
Thou faint suburban soul;
Oh, yes, load up the scuttle
And carry in the coal.

A teacher was explaining to a little girl how the trees developed their foliage in the spring-time. "Ah, yes," said the wee lassie—"I understand; they keep their summer clothes in their trunks!"

Mr. Wise: "Johnny, can you tell me why the little hand on my watch goes faster than the big one?" Johnny (after mature reflection): "Papa, isn't it for the same reason that I have to run when I go walking with you?"

"Oh," said a sweet girl, "I have just been reading that two is also an unlucky number, the same as thirteen! I wonder if it is true?" "Two is an unlucky number," remarked a disappointed bachelor, "when it is made one."

"But you are too young," pleaded the anxious mother. "No girl should marry before her mind is fully formed." "Oh," said the gladsome maiden of eighteen summers, "my mind has been made up for more than a week."

Only One!—"Papa," said Tommy Tredway. "Now, Tommy," repled Mr. Tredway, "I shall answer only one more question to-day. So be careful what you ask." "Yes, papa." "Well, go on." "Why don't they bury the Dead Sea?"

Maud: "Major, is it true that once during the war one of the enemy died to save your life?" Major Bluntly: "Yes." Maud: "How noble! How did it happen?" Major Bluntly: "I killed him."

"Oh, John, send for the doctor! Baby has swallowed that counterfeit shilling you gave him!" cried Mrs. Wings. "Nonsense!" replied Wiggs. "I'm not going to send good money after bad!"

Mr. Pinkie (10 p.m.): "My dear, the doctor says a brisk walk before going to bed will ensure sleep to insomnia sufferers like myself." Mrs. Pinkie: "Well, my dear, I will clear the room so that you can walk. You may as well carry the baby with you."

A Highlander, while perusing Sir Walter Scott's "Lady of the Lake," could not identify the glen, everything being so highly coloured. On returning the volume to the owner, he remarked, "Mr. Scott may be a very clever man, but he's a great lear!"

Brace: "Among my dearest treasures is the watch my father carried when he was a young man." Bagley: "Would you mind letting me see it?" Brace: "Certainly not; but it is temporarily in the possession of my—er—father's brother!"

The little ones will keep on at saying things. Six-year-old Mabel is industriously engaged in "cleaning out" a preserve jar which her mother has just emptied. Four-year-old Bobby looks on at her a while, and then blurts out: "I say, sis, don't you wish you could turn it inside out, so's you could lick it?"

The cab had just stopped. Fare (in a hurry): "Driver, your wretched horse didn't go at all!" Driver: "Well, guv'nor, I couldn't whip him, you know; I'm a member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals." Fare: "Indeed! Well, I'm a member of a temperance society; so I can't give you any tip to get drink with."

When the old lady with the ear trumpet called, little Bessie entertained her till the lady of the house was ready to put in an appearance. While telling about her recent presents and the health of her several dolls, Bessie eyed the trumpet curiously, and finally could restrain herself no longer. "Are you too tired to play me a couple of tunes while mamma finishes dressing?"

Inquisitive people sometimes find satisfaction in catechising little boys about their names and affairs. This is how one of these curious bodies recently fared: "Hallo, little boy! What is your name?" "Same as dad's," said the boy. "What's your dad's name?" "Same as mine." "I mean, what do they call you when they call you to breakfast?" "They don't never call me to breakfast." "Why don't they?" "'Cause I ulluz git there fust."

Some time ago a man went to visit a friend who was an inmate of a lunatic asylum. After a prolonged chat in a humorous, if not very edifying, vein, the visitor thought it about time to go. "Is that clock right, Jock?" he asked of the inmate. Jock gazed at him for a minute or so in speechless amazement, then, laying his hand compassionately on his shoulder, said: "Man, dae ye think it wid be here if it was right?"

General Joseph E. Johnston, the Confederate commander, now dead, used to relate that in the hottest part of one of the early battles of the American Civil War he felt his coat-tails pulled. Turning about, he recognised a young man who had been employed in his tobocco-factory previously to enlistment. "Why are you not in your place, fighting?" the General demanded angrily. "Why I just wanted to tell you that if you don't mind, I will take my day off to-day!"

Had Done Enough. — "Fellow-countrymen," said the military candidate during a recent election for a local board, "I have fought against the Zulus, have marched over frozen ground till every step has been marked with blood; I have—" His story was going well, when a dried-up-looking voter came to the front. "Did yer say yer fought for Old England?" "Yes," replied the candidate. "And agin the blacks?" "Certainly." "And that your feet bled in marching over frozen ground?" "That they did," cried the exultant candidate. "Then I'll be blessed if you hain't done enough for your country. Go home and rest. I'll vote for the other fellow."

OULTON DISTRICT LEAGUE.

For the first time during the operations of the local cricket league, the Oulton eleven have this year run out easy winners, with a record of 23 points, there being a tie between Middleton Park and Whitwood for second place with 17 points each. The winners have been favourites with many for months past, and have certainly shown—especially in the batting department—some excellent form. It is a pity that there are signs of a general breaking away from the league by many of the best clubs, and this no doubt affected the interest taken in the match, "winners versus the rest," played at Oulton, on Saturday last, when only one or two of the seven remaining clubs were represented. The Oulton team have won their position in sportsmanlike fashion, and all lovers of the summer pastime will unite with us, we are sure, in offering them our hearty congratulations. The scores at Saturday's match were as follows:—

Rest of League.	
R Marshall, c P Higgins b E Higgins	2
W Westerman, b E A Higgins	0
R Whitehead, b Murtland	6
H Morgan, c Briggs b E A Higgins	0
J Keightley, b Murtland	0
G Fowler, b E A Higgins	0
H Brown, b Murtland	0
T Dobson, c Abbey b Murtland	1
Marsden, b E A Higgins	1
G Inman, b E A Higgins	13
W Bedford, not out	5
Extras	5
Total	33

Oulton.	
E A Higgins, b Bedford	19
H Mitchell, b Bedford	2
P C Higgins, c Whitehead b Bedford	6
W Inman, c Fowler b Keighley	30
W Smith, b Morgan	14
G M Abbey, c Morgan b Bedford	0
C Briggs, not out	0
L Lockwood, b Morgan	0
Extras	7
Total for 7 wickets	78

Higgins took 6 wkts for 14 runs, Murtland 4 for 14, Bedford 4 for 33, Morgan 2 for 23, and Keighley 1 for 15.

T. PARKER'S TEAM v. ROTHWELL PARISH CHURCH.

Played at Rothwell on Saturday last

T Parker's Team.	
C Fieldhouse, b A Tiffany	11
C Fox, b Drew	2
A Gibson, c Kale b A Tiffany	0
T Parker, c Kale b A Tiffany	13
E Fox, c Drew b A Tiffany	0
A Lunn, not out	8
T Ely, run out	5
S Faulkiner, b Kale	0
S Abbishaw, b Kale	0
Extras	2
Total for 8 wkts	41

Rothwell Parish.	
J Atack, c and b Gibson	0
W Ward, c Gibson b E Fox	1
J Hargreaves, c Gibson, b F Fox	3
A Bedford, c E Fox b A Gibson	0
A Tiffany, c C Fox b A Gibson	0
J Drew, b A Gibson	19
G Kale, b A Lunn	20
M Naylor, c Parker b A Gibson	7
D Cooper, b A Gibson	0
H Lunn, c E Fox b C Fox	14
J Kale, not out	2
Extras	18
Total	84

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN v. NORTH LEEDS.

Played at Rothwell on Wednesday last

North Leeds.	
Lamb, c Dacre b Walker	3
Crawn, b Wilkinson	18
Day, b Milner	1
Stabler, b Walker	4
Wade, b Hankinson	7
Grayshun, b Hankinson	6
Nelson, c Hampson b Hankinson	1
Clayton, run out	0
Hebden, b Walker	0
Gaines, b Walker	1
Friend, not out	1
Extras	21
Total	63

Rothwell Tradesmen	
J Stead, c Wade b Stabler	4
J Walker, b Stabler	16
E Milner, b Stabler	0
H Dacre, b Stabler	0
Hankinson, b Wade	0
O Wilkinson, not out	27
H Wormald, b Stabler	10
J Wilkinson, not out	8
Extras	3
Total for 6 wkts	68

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET MATCHES.

At Rothwell—Rothwell P C v Rothwell Haigh.

PARISH CHURCH TEAM—P Chapman, (capt), J H Drew, A Tiffany, G Kale, J Hargreaves, A Bedford, J Atack, W Ward, M. Naylor, E Beckwith, S Abbishaw; Reserves, E Moss, H Lunn.

ROTHWELL RUGBY F. C.

LIST OF FIXTURES—1899-1900.

Date		Where Pld		Home Score G T P	V Score G T P
Sept	9	Normanton	home		
	16	Alverthorpe	away		
	23	Goole	home		
	30	Pontefract	away		
Oct	7	York	home		
	14	Outwood	home		
	21	Ossett	away		
	28	Featherstone	home		
Nov	4	Kinsley	away		
	11	xHeckmondwike	a		
	18	xFairburn	away		
	25	York	away		
Dec	2	xHeckmondwike	h		
	9	Goole	away		
	16	Pontefract	home		
	23	Normanton	away		
	26	xKirkstall	away		
	30	Eastmoor	home		
Jan	6	Outwood	away		
	13	Ossett	home		
	20	Eastmoor	away		
	27	Alverthorpe	home		
Feb	3	Kinsley	home		
	10	xFairburn	away		
	17	Featherstone	away		
Apr	16	xKirkstall	home		

All Competition Matches except those marked x,

Will the Secretaries of Football Clubs kindly forward List of Fixtures, Reports of Matches (both first and second teams), and List of players chosen as early as possible.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending August 26th, 1899, is £248; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £208, thus showing increase of £40. For the 8 weeks ending August 26th, the return is £2100, against £1868 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £232.

WEST YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUES.

SEPTEMBER
2 Leeds Roseville v Leeds Belle Vue
2 Dewsbury v Ossett
9 Menston v Roundhay
9 Rothwell W R v Purston United
9 Normanton Dodworth (A) v Woodlesford
16 Rothwell White Rose v Ferrybridge
16 Roundhay v Oulton
16 Oulton (A) v Roundhay (A)
16 Altofts v Featherstone
16 Purston United v Hunslet N C
16 Ossett v Oulton St John's
23 Normanton Dodsworth v Roundhay
23 Ferrybridge v Normanton Dodworth (A)
23 Oulton v Dewsbury
23 Leeds Roseville v Menston
23 Featherstone v Rothwell
23 Woodlesford v Purston United
23 Hunslet N C v Otley
30 Oulton v Dodworth
30 Dewsbury v Featherstone
30 Beeston Hill P C v Menston
30 Ferrybridge v Woodlesford
30 Purston United v Roundhay
30 Hunslet N C v Rothwell W R (A)
30 Rothwell W R v Ossett

OCTOBER
7 Normanton Dodworth v Oulton
7 Altofts (A) v Normanton Dodworth (A)
7 Otley v Beeston Hill P C
7 Beeston Hill P C (A) v Otley (A)
7 Roundhay v Ferrybridge
7 Featherstone v Ossett
7 Woodlesford v Hunslet N C
7 Leeds Belle Vue v Leeds Roseville
14 Ossett v Normanton Dodworth
14 Normanton Dodworth (A) v Roundhay
14 Ferrybridge v Rothwell W R
14 Purston United v Woodlesford
14 Hunslet N C v Altofts (A)
14 Leeds Roseville v Beeston Hill P C
21 Normanton Dodworth v Dewsbury
21 Woodlesford v Roundhay
21 Menston v Hunslet N C
21 Rothwell W R v Oulton St John's
21 Altofts v Ossett
28 Leeds Roseville v Beeston Hill P C
28 Roundhay v Rothwell White Rose
28 Oulton v Featherstone
28 Dewsbury v Ossett

NOVEMBER
4 First Round Hospital Cup Competition
11 First Round West Yorkshire Cup Competition
11 Purston United v Rothwell W R
18 Altofts v Normanton Dodworth
18 Normanton Dodworth (A) v Altofts (A)
18 Purston United v Ferrybridge
18 Rothwell v Dewsbury
18 Otley v Menston
18 Menston (A) v Otley (A)
18 Roundhay v Hunslet N C
18 Hunslet v Featherstone
18 Woodlesford v Rothwell W R (A)
25 Second Round Hospital Cup Competition
25 Purston v Normanton Dodworth (A)

DECEMBER
2 Second Round West Yorkshire Cup Competition
2 Normanton Dodworth v Ferrybridge
2 Yorkshire Cycle Club v Featherstone
9 Featherstone v Normanton Dodworth
9 Altofts v Dewsbury
9 Menston v Beeston Hill P C
9 Ferrybridge v Hunslet N C
9 Roundhay v Purston United
9 Oulton v Ossett
9 Normanton Dodworth (A) v Oulton (A)
9 Otley v Leeds Roseville
16 Oulton S J v Ferrybridge
16 Third Round Hospital Cup Competition
16 Ossett v Dewsbury
23 Dewsbury v Normanton Dodworth
23 Ferrybridge v Roundhay
23 Hunslet N C v Purston United
23 Altofts v Oulton St John's
23 Oulton S J (A) v Altofts (A)
25 Rothwell W R (A) v Woodlesford
26 Ferrybridge v Purston United
26 Otley v Hunslet N C
26 Woodlesford v Oulton S J
26 Oulton S J (A) v Normanton Dodworth (A)
30 Normanton Dodworth v Rothwell
30 Rothwell (A) v Normanton Dodworth (A)
30 Dewsbury v Oulton S J
30 Beeston Hill P C v Otley
30 Otley (A) v Beeston Hill P C (A)
30 Roundhay v Altofts (A)
30 Featherstone v Hunslet

JANUARY
1 Kirbymoorside v Featherstone
6 Normanton Dodworth v Featherstone
6 Hunslet N C v Normanton Dodsworth (A)
6 Woodlesford v Ferrybridge
6 Oulton S J v Altofts
6 Altofts (A) v Oulton S J (A)
6 Leeds Roseville v Otley
13 Third Round West Yorkshire Cup Competition
13 Normanton Dodworth (A) v Purston United
13 Featherstone v Yorkshire Cycle Club
20 Semi-final Hospital Cup Competition
20 Normanton Dodworth (A) v Ferrybridge
20 Rothwell W R v Featherstone
27 Dewsbury v Rothwell
27 Oulton S J v Roundhay
27 Featherstone v Altofts
27 Hunslet N C v Woodlesford

FEBRUARY
3 Ferrybridge v Altofts
3 Featherstone v Oulton S J
3 Rothwell (A) v Hunslet N C
3 Ossett v Rothwell W R
3 Final Hospital Competition
3 Roundhay v Normanton Dodworth (A)
10 Normanton Dodworth v Rothwell
10 Rothwell (A) v Normanton Dodworth
10 Dewsbury v Altofts
10 Menston v Otley
10 Otley (A) v Menston (A)
10 Altofts (A) v Roundhay
17 Hunslet N C v Ferrybridge
17 Featherstone v Yorkshire Cycle Club
17 Semi-final West Yorkshire Cup Competition
17 Featherstone v Dewsbury
24 Normanton Dodworth v Oulton S J
24 Woodlesford v Normanton Dodworth (A)
24 Roundhay v Otley
24 Otley (A) v Roundhay (A)
24 Normanton Dodworth (A) v Hunslet N C

MARCH
3 Final West Yorkshire Cup Competition
3 Altofts v Ferrybridge
3 Hunslet N C v Menston
3 Rothwell W R v Roundhay
3 Yorkshire Cycle Club v Featherstone
10 Menston v Leeds Roseville
10 Roundhay v Woodlesford
10 Ossett v Featherstone
10 Ferrybridge v Oulton S J
17 Hunslet N C v Roundhay
17 Oulton S J v Woodlesford
17 Normanton Dodworth (A) v Ossett
24 Roundhay v Normanton Dodworth
24 Normanton Dodworth v Hunslet N C
24 Altofts (A) v Woodlesford
24 Ossett v Altofts
31 Roundhay v Menston

APRIL
7 Ferrybridge v Normanton Dodworth
7 Otley v Roundhay
7 Roundhay (A) v Otley (A)

The matches are played on the ground of the first-named club in each instance.

"You know, Baby," said Grandpa to a little child who would not say grace after dinner—"you know, Baby, if you don't say grace, I can't get up from the table."

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ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHOIR TRIP.

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ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE CHAPEL.

On Sunday night last, a large congregation assembled in the Rothwell Primitive Chapel, to hear the farewell sermon of Mr. Arthur Naylor, a young local preacher, who has been an active worker amongst the Primitive Methodists of Rothwell, for a number of years, and who is now leaving them to fulfil an appointment at Swaffham, as hired local preacher. Since Mr. Naylor came on the plan, he has shown marked ability as a preacher, and at the last Quarterly Meeting of the Rothwell Circuit officials, was heartily recommended to the work he is now taking up. Mr. Naylor was attentively listened to on the occasion of his farewell sermon, by many of his young friends and working colleagues, and will be followed to his new sphere of usefulness by many hearty wishes for his future success and advancement.

WOODLESFORD WESLEYANS.

The Wesleyans at Woodlesford have lately had their little chapel painted, cleaned, and thoroughly renovated. On Sunday, the re-opening services were held, when sermons were preached morning and evening by Mr. McAdoo, of Sharleston. In the afternoon a popular service was held, the chapel being almost full. An excellent address on "Harvest," was delivered by Mr. Denton. The soloists were Miss Whiteley and Miss Firth, and both acquitted themselves well; Mr. J. Oakley gave violin solos in his usual high-class style and greatly pleased his hearers. Mr. J. Wheeler was the accompanist. Collections were taken at all the services to defray the expenses of the renovation.

ROBIN HOOD P.S.A.

The usual service took place on Sunday afternoon. Ex-Alderman B. G. Baker presided, and also occupied the pulpit at the evening service. Miss Hoadley, a blind young lady from Hunslet, rendered solos both in the afternoon and evening. The Rev. S. F. Waterhouse, of the Leeds South Circuit, paid his first visit to the Robin Hood P.S.A. and gave a capital address on "Blunders and Blunderers," pointing out in a marked and forceful manner the great difference between blunder and sin. The society will not hold its meeting next Sunday on account of the local effort for charities, at Rothwell.

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THORP—Sept. 6th, aged 5 years, Ernest Arthur, son of Tom Thorp, Rothwell.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley

Friday, September 8, 1899.

ROTHWELL INFIRMARY DEMONSTRATION & FETE.

Judging from what one has seen during the past week, there is still deep-rooted sympathy with the medical charities whose headquarters are found in the adjoining city, and especially with the work carried on at the far-famed philanthropic institution known as the Leeds Infirmary. For years Rothwell people have benefitted at the hands of the skilled specialists composing the Infirmary staff, and for years, too, voluntary and very generous contributions have been sent through the medium of the local Infirmary Committee by the Rothwell workpeople, and public generally. Yearly collections are made at the collieries and other places of employment, collection boxes are ready the year through to receive contributions at all the local licensed houses, offertories are taken once a year at all the places of worship in the town, but the bulk of the district's financial aid is obtained at what has become known for many miles around as the Infirmary 'Demonstration and Fete.' For years this has run to a three days' programme, involving a tremendous amount of work on the part of the willing workers on the Committee, and attracting such a crowd of sightseers to our little town, as has never been equalled by any other public function in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. The committee has been exceptionally fortunate during recent years in experiencing favourable atmospheric conditions, such being all important, as the whole proceedings are down for the open air. This year's demonstration commenced last Saturday soon after noon; the morning was anything but promising, the weather glass low, and much anxiety was felt lest there should be a general break in the weather at such an inopportune time. Happily at noon there was a change for the better, and ideal weather prevailed, not only for the Saturday afternoon, but also for the two subsequent days of the celebration.

The proceedings were on similar lines to several previous years, Saturday's attraction being a cycle and horse and trades representation procession, for which substantial prizes were offered by the Committee and a number of local tradespeople. The competitors assembled at the Council Offices, and, marshalled by Messrs. J. Varley, John Smith, and J. T Pears, started with commendable punctuality on their long parade, headed by the Rothwell Old Band. The route taken was down the Marsh, up Commercial Street, along Church Street, Wood Lane to Jaw Bones, Robin Hood, Lofthouse, Ouzlewell Green, Carlton, Melbourne, and back to Springhead Park, where judging took place by Mr. W. Hargreaves, president, and Mr. H. P. Newsome, the following being declared prize-winners:—Best comic costume 1st prize, given by Mr. S. Armitage, value 7s 6d, Mr. B. Stubbs; 2nd prize, given by Mr. Elstob, value 5s, Mr. S. Cull. Best turn out horse and trap not decorated. 1st prize, given by Messrs. J. Batty & Sons, value 10s, Mr. Herbert Sheldon; 2nd prize, given by Mr. J. Dobson, value 5s, Mr. R. Fox. Best character on horseback, 1st prize, given by Mr. T. Shearman, value 7s, Master R. Turner; 2nd prize, given by Mr. Blackburn, value 3s 6d, Master W. Brown. Best decorated horse and trap, no first prize awarded; 2nd prize, given by Mr. M. Sheldon value 7s 6d, Mr. Burley, Carlton. Best decorated horse and vehicle for trade purposes, 1st prize, given by Mr. H. Wormald, value 15s, Messrs. Holt & Denton, grocers, who carried off the prize for the third year in succession; 2nd prize, given by Mr. T. W. Bennett, value 7s 6d, Mr. W. Smith, furniture dealer; third prize, given by Mr. W. Cawdell, value 5s, Mr. Morley Hopton, shoeing smith. Best comic band, Rothwell 'Melik' crew. Special prizes—Best lady impersonator, Mr. T. Ward. John Bull on a bicycle, Master E. Bateman. Historical characters, Mr. Abel Batty and Mr. Ernest Wright. Girls in neatest costume, Miss Juliet Newsome and Miss Ethel Wright. Best collecting box on route, silver medal, Mr. Walter Lunn, with a box containing £2 14s 0d; this is the second year Mr Lunn has secured this award. Donkeys in procession, first prize, new bridle, given by Mr. Marshall, value 15s, Master A Taylor; 2nd prize, whip, given by Mr. H. Edwards, value 5s, Master J. Newton. Only two of the sports events were decided, Mr. Barber taking 1st prize, given by subscribers, value 15s for combination bicycle race, and Mr. English, 2nd prize, given by Mr. S. Batty, value 5s. The 1st prize for bicycle obstacle race, given by Messrs. C. Ward & Sons, value 15s, was taken by Mr. Gregson, and the 2nd prize, given by Mr. W. Smith, value 5s 6d, by Mr. S. Cull.

The Rothwell Temperance Band played a choice selection of dance music for the gala which followed, dancing being kept up until dark.

On Sunday, there was a very big procession of Sunday School scholars, and officials, and representatives of public bodies, who paraded the streets prior to an open-air concert given in the grounds of Springhead Park by the Rothwell Bands and a combined glee party. The processionists met at the Council Offices at two o'clock, and headed by the Rothwell Old Band, Mr. William Hargreaves, C.C., (Committee's president), and representatives of Rothwell District Council and the School Board, started on the parade of the principal streets. Joining in the procession were the Rothwell Primitive Sunday School, the Spiritualists, Church and Wesleyan Sunday Schools. The Rothwell Temperance Band also played midway in the procession, which would reach to nearly half a mile in length. Large crowds of onlookers lined the sides of the streets, and afterwards helped to swell the big concourse of people who found pleasant vantage ground on the hill sides around the platform. The little park is pre-eminently suitable for such a gathering, is most picturesquely situated, and there is no wonder that on such a beautiful afternoon so many people from the out-districts should find their way to participate in the programme of music rendered amongst such sylvan scenes.

Members of the Rothwell Old Band appeared first, and gave a very enjoyable rendering of the selection "Donnizetti," under the baton of their leader, Mr. S. Fowler. The Glee Party included singers from North and South Leeds, Morley, Outwood, and the local Glee Union, and was conducted by Mr. Walter Lambert. These made a combined chorus that could be heard with ease in every part of the park, and their efforts were very much appreciated and eulogised. Their first effort was the well-known and very harmonious glee "Here's life and health to England's Queen," followed by another composition almost equally well in favour, "Comrades in Arms."

Mr. W. Hargreaves, the president, then delivered a short address, in which he reminded the Rothwell people that they had a great deal to be thankful for in the benefits that had been derived by the inhabitants through the good offices of the Institution in whose interest they were that afternoon assembled. The Infirmary buildings and the annual working expenses of the Institution cost a great amount of money, and with its increasing scope of usefulness and capacity for dealing with the sick and afflicted, there was increasing need for more liberal and general financial support, towards which he trusted the Rothwell people would contribute their quota. This was the 132nd anniversary of the Infirmary, which had cost £418,471 15s 0d. The cost of in-patients in 1850 was £1 14s 4d per head, and in 1898, £3 9s 3½d. Out-patients cost respectively 3s 1d and 1s 8½d. In 1850, the cost of maintenance was £3,360 2s 4d, and in 1898, £30,349 9s 8d. From Rothwell and district in 1898, the number of out-patients benefitted was 183, and the number of in-patients 24. Rothwell sent about £270, including £150 proceeds of last year's demonstration and fete. There were those who gave grudgingly, but these were happily few, and he was glad to know that for its size, Rothwell did as well as any village in Yorkshire in subscribing towards the funds. All previous records had been beaten on the previous day (Saturday), and he trusted with fine weather on the Monday, when there would again be a big show, that the total receipts might be in advance of all previous years. (Applause)

The glee party then continued the concert, by singing "Are the white hours for ever fled," "Child of the Sun," and "Gently sighs the evening breeze." The Rothwell Temperance Band concluded the musical programme with the selection "Eventide," by *Rimmer*, which was smartly rendered under the baton of Mr. Barthram.

A vote of thanks to the singers and instrumentalists, proposed by the Rev. W. B. Pierson, seconded by the Rev. J. A. Alderson, and carried with applause, was acknowledged by Mr. W. Lambert, and brought the proceedings to a close.

For the big fete-day on the Monday, the Committee had provided a continuous programme from three o'clock to half-past nine, and crowds flocked to the park from the opening of the gates, right away up to eight o'clock, when the big attraction—the Battle of Omdurman—commenced. During the afternoon, there was a very big crowd to witness the variety performance, whilst at night the sea of faces on the hill side was a rare spectacle to look upon, it being estimated that there were about ten thousand people present. The Rothwell Old Band opened the programme with a selection, and also provided the music during the afternoon; the Rothwell and Stourton Board School children went through various pretty drills; Percival Brothers gave a short entertainment as comic clowns; Professor Leonard and his performing dogs were loudly applauded, especially the dog "Minnie" for the selection of numbers strewn on the platform called by members of the audience, correct indication of the day of the month, the time of day, &c. At four o'clock, there was a flight of over 1,000 homing pigeons from a large pen. Mr. Parker's party gave exhibitions of boxing; Liello, the daring trapeze performer, did clever feats on his elevated bar; and Du Flou showed a number of amusing conjuring tricks practised by the old school. The most skilful performance of the afternoon, however, was that by Mdlle. Felix, the Mexican ball walker and juggler; her feats were most complex and skilful, and she earned frequent applause from a highly delighted audience. The descent of a number of steps without mishap, balanced on the sphere, was a clever finale to a long and greatly appreciated exhibition. In the evening, these artistes appeared in similar feats, and occupied the platform until time for commencement of the Battle of Omdurman, the big draw of the evening. At dusk, the grounds and house were illuminated with thousands of coloured lights and never looked prettier. Mr. T. Barthram was the musical director for the battle scene, and his band acted as the pivot stand. The following other bands took part:—2nd W.Y.R.E. Bugle Band, Rothwell Old, Oulton, Stanley, Methley, and Carlton Temperance. Preceding the commencement of hostilities, which happily was to time, the pivot band played the overture "Fall of Khartoum"; then the first smell of battle was scented by the exchange of shots by scouts, the following being the remaining synopsis of the battle:—The alarm—Drumming in the Dervishes' camp—the advance of the Anglo-Egyptian troops—the Dervishes attack—Howitzer batteries and gun boat open fire—the first repulse of the Dervishes—the second advance of the English and Egyptian troops—the attack on MacDonald's brigade—the Dervishes defeated—flight of the Khalifa—the triumphal march through Omdurman—the Mahdi's tomb destroyed—service to the memory of Gordon—the grand review—the Soudan reconquered and Gordon avenged. The burning of coloured fire, the working of the powerful search light, and the illumination of the grounds gave a splendid effect to the principal scenes, whilst the military music of the bands, the heavy thuds of the battery cannon and the rattle of the musketry suggested most vividly what must have been the experience of our brave British and Egyptian troops in the wilds of the Soudan just twelve months ago. The directors of operations were Messrs. R. R. Jones, W. W. Harrison and J. Stead. The battle was followed by a brilliant display of fireworks by Messrs. Pain & Sons, of London, which included some very pretty and effective designs. "Success to the Rothwell Demonstration and Fete" in changing colours, the figure of a Soudanese warrior, spear in hand, and a monkey on the horizontal bar were amongst the most important of the set pieces.

The playing of the National Anthem concluded a most successful programme, and terminated what we believe will be the most unique demonstration, so far as finances go, ever promoted by the Rothwell Committee. Mr. W. W. Harrison and Mr. J. Stead have again acted as secretaries; Mr. J. Hargreaves, treasurer, and to these, with the numerous Committee and workers, are due public thanks for again providing such mammoth attractions; the kindness, too, of Mr. H. S. Atkinson and Mr. Nickols in again throwing open the beautiful grounds of "Springhead," is an action which deserves liberal and unstinted thanks.

The receipts on Saturday were £13 13s 1d, Sunday £22 12s 0½d, and Monday &151 16s 8d, other items £12 0s 0d, making a grand total of £200 1s 9½d.

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HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A fortnightly meeting of the above Board was held at the temporary Board room, Whitehouse Street, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon, Dr. Hawkyard (chairman) presiding. There were also in attendance Mr. Fryer (vice-chairman), Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs Woodcock, Rev. A. J. Irvin, Rev. M. J. Dillon, Messrs. Seddon, Houghton, Robb, Banks, Edwards, Bamforth, Farrer, Knight, and the clerk (Mr. Mee).

VISITING COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Visiting Committee, Mesdames Dickenson and Woodcock reported upon their visit to the Workhouse during the past fortnight They stated that the Nurses did not think the allowance of fruit sufficient; that they found six different kinds of plates in nurses' room, there are no knives or forks for officers, and a new table cloth is required; that the SuperintendentNurse's room is unfit for habitation as a sleeping room and that in the male lock ward they found the carpet filthy, the bedding only fit to be burnt and the walls wet and in need of attention; resolved that the Master be instructed to enter all utensils, &c., required in his requisition book so that they may be obtained. It is proposed by Mr. Fryer, that the Guardians be recommended to make an allowance of one shilling per head per week for fruit as an addition to the officers' dietary; seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously. It is proposed by Mrs. Woodcock, that the Committee visit and inspect the other matters referred to in the report; seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and carried unanimously. After such inspection, it is proposed by Mr. Fryer, that the Guardians be recommended to convert the surgery into a bed-room for the Superintendent Nurse, and to make a surgery of the corridor leading to the garden; but that as a preliminary step the Medical Officer be asked if he entertains any objection; seconded by Mrs. Woodcock, and carried unanimously. The Committee did not see anything to find fault with in the lock ward. Mrs. Woodcock stated that the sub-Committee were not in a position to report as to assistance for cook.

A letter was received from the Ladies' Committee giving details of two complaints to which their last report referred, and suggesting a meeting between the two committees to talk matters over. It is proposed by Mr. Robb, that the suggestion be agreed to; seconded by Mr. Seddon, and carried with one dissentient (Mr. Fryer); resolved that the Ladies' Committee be received at the next meeting at five o'clock.

A letter was received from Messrs. John Hadden & Co., returning cheque for subscription to the Free Literary Society, and stating that the Society has been discontinued. A letter was received from the Orient Steam Fishing Co., Ltd., Grimsby, offering to take suitable lads as apprentices; resolved that it lie on the table.

The Ladies Committee reported everything clean and comfortable.

The minutes were confirmed.

CHILDREN'S HOMES.

At a meeting of the Children's Homes Committee, a report was considered of children chargeable to the Union, these including orphans, deserted children, children of parents in the workhouse, &c. It was decided that until they are 18 years of age, the rights of parents be exercised by the Guardians.

HALF-YEARLY ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.

The following estimate of expenditure for the half-year ending Lady Day, 1900, was submitted to the Guardians. The items are as follows:—

COMMON CHARGES.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Out-door Relief	2500	0	0
In-maintenance	2028	0	0
Lunatics in Asylum	1266	0	0
Vaccination Expenses	210	0	0
Registration Expenses	120	0	0
Loans, Instalment & Interest	543	18	9
Incidental Expenses	400	0	0
Salaries, Rations & Superannuations	1300	0	0
	£8367	18	9

CREDIT.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dividend on Consols	10	2	0			
Agricultural Rates Grant	5	12	4			
Supn. Contributions	35	17	8			
Collectors' Receipts	350	0	0			
County Council Grants (proportion)	1120	0	0			
Agricultural Rates Grt	141	15	10			
Other items	75	0	0	1717	15	10
Total				£6650	2	11

SEPARATE CHARGES.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Salaries, Rations & Superannuations	241	8	6
County Rate	1369	17	3
School Attendance Committee Expns	5	0	0
	£1616	5	9
CREDIT.			
Superannuation Contributions	20	12	0
Total	£1595	13	9

This total of £8,245 16s 8d was less than the amount required in the corresponding half-year, the figure then being £8,699 16s 11d. In 1898, half-year ending Lady Day, the amount was £8,121 11s 3d.

Mr. Banks proposed the confirmation of the estimate.

Mr. Robb said they were getting a good balance at the bank. Seeing that the officers at the Workhouse cost 10s 6d per head, and the officers at the Homes only 9s 6d, it could not but be expected that the officers at the Homes should have an increased allowance, and the Homes Committee he had no doubt would see that their officers were placed on the same basis as those at the Workhouse. This would permanently increase the expenditure, but at present the balance at the bank would meet the demands.

The estimate was then adopted.

NEW BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.

The seal of the Board was attached to Mr. Simpkiss' contract for the office alterations. The Committee had approved of the New Workhouse plans, which were ordered to be forwarded to the Local Government Board. The exact cost has not yet been estimated, but as some time elapses in negotiating a loan, it was decided to apply for a first loan of £50,000 in order to be in a position to go on with the work as soon as the plans are approved and contracts let.

RELATIVE POOR LAW EXPENDITURE.

Tables of the cost of pauperism had been received from Mr. Kennedy, the Local Government Board inspector, from which it appears that in the Leeds Unions the rates in the pound on the assessable value were as follows:—Hunslet 8.1d., Bramley 6.4d., Holbeck 7.1d., Leeds 6.5d.; and that the rate per head of population was—Hunslet 2s. 5d., Bramley 2s., Holbeck 2s. 5d., and Leeds 2s 7d.

The Clerk said that in Hunslet they had a dense population in proportion to rateable value.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Finance Committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to £353 1s 1d.

The Clerk reported that the contribution from Thorpe Stapleton of £13 due on May 1st last had not yet been paid. The matter was left in the clerk's hands.

In proposing an advance of the tailor's wages, Mr. Houghton said he was an excellent workman, a handy man and nothing came wrong to him in the way of work he had to do. Mr. Banks seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Banks reported on a visit to the Royal Albert Asylum, but could not speak favourably of the two cases sent by the Hunslet Board.

As the present Workhouse Master and Matron could not stay on longer than the 18th September, it was agreed that Mr. Mee, the clerk, be appointed acting master until the newly appointed officials can take up their duties.

The Local Goverment Board approved of a subscription of £5 5s 0d to Dr. Barnardo's Homes. It was agreed to support a proposal of the Guisborough Union to make it compulsory on Boards of Guardians to pay non-resident poor the relief which the Board concerned considered ought to be paid.

The Wigan Union asked the Board to support a memorial to the Local Government Board, calling attention to the uncertainty of the law with regard the giving of securities of Assistant Overseers appointed by Urban District Councils and asking that such should be altered and made more definite. An Urban District Council may require security but so far as Boards of Guardians were concerned it was obligatory to do so. The Guardians have no control over assistant overseers appointed by District Councils and in the case of such assistant overseers becoming defaulters there might be some legal difficulty in securing money from bondsmen.

The circular was ordered to lie on the table.

MARRIAGE OF MISS MIDGLEY.

On Wednesday, there was a fashionable gathering at St. Peter's Church, Harrogate, to witness the marriage of Miss Maria Hilda Midgley, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Midgley, of Leeds, and adopted daughter of Mrs. Thomas Hargreaves, of Queen's Road, Harrogate, with Mr. George Melville-Moffatt, timber merchant, Gloucester, eldest son of the late Mr. Joseph Moffatt, of Gloucester. Rev. L. E. W. Foote (vicar) officiated, and the service was fully choral.

The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. Thomas Hargreaves, a late chairman of the Rothwell District Council, wore a handsome gown of rich ivory satin duchesse, the bodice had a transparent yoke of real Bruges lace, with transparent *sleeves* of tucked Mousseline crepe, the skirt and bodice being draped with the same material, and was caught with sprays of orange blossom. She also wore a tulle veil over a wreath of orange blossom.

The bridesmaids were Miss Louie Hargreaves (cousin of the bride), Miss Goodson, Miss Moffatt, and Miss May Moffatt (sisters of the bridegroom), who were attired in most becoming frocks of crepe de chine, two in Viennese rose, and two in pale pondre blue.

Mr. H. B. Guest, of Gloucester, was the best man. At the conclusion of the ceremony Mr. C. L. Naylor, M.A., Mus. Bac, Cantab, played Mendelssohn's wedding march. A large marquee was erected at the residence of the bride's uncle and aunt, where a reception was held. The ladies carried showy bouquets of choice flowers. The honeymoon is to be spent in the Channel Islands.

AN EXHUMATION AT LOFTHOUSE.

Very considerable local interest centred in the inquest held by Major Taylor, at Lofthouse, on Monday, into the circumstances attending the death of Joseph Colley, aged 63, engine tenter, of Prospect Place, Lofthouse, whose death was registered on a medical certificate at Ardsley on August 26. As there were suspicious circumstances attaching to the case, it was reported to the Coroner, who ordered the body to be exhumed. This was done, and a post-mortem examination made.

The man, it appeared, had an attack of pleurisy twelve months ago, from which he recovered. On Saturday, August 5th, he returned home from a walk about ten o'clock p.m., but did not go to bed, remaining in his chair all night. It was supposed that about 5.30 next morning he went for a walk, for four hours later he was found in a cornfield by William Wadkin, a farm servant, who stated that he had fallen down a railway embankment fifty yards from his home. He had crawled up the embankment when discovered and was in much bodily pain. Wadkin, with the help of a passing tramp, conveyed the unfortunate man home, and upon medical examination three of his ribs were found broken.

As a result of the post-mortem examination made on Monday by Dr. James Milne Hermon, of Wakefield, the medical gentleman expressed the opinion that the cause of death was pleurisy set up by accident.

A verdict in accordance with this evidence was found.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk—Sold only in packets and pound tins, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & Co., Ltd., Homoeopathic Chemists, London."

SHORT STORY.

THE PRIVATE DETECTIVE.

"Ah, Dr. Dotson! You are just in time. I may need your assistance!"

Forelock Tomes put away his Jew's harp and lighted a cheroot as I entered the second floor front bedroom which we occupied.

"Another mystery?" I asked, for I had become accustomed to the lightning changes in his moods.

"My dear Dotson, please do not use that word. In this day of advanced science and logical reasoning there are no mysteries. The word is fast becoming obsolete. It will not appear in the next edition of the One Hundred Years Dictionary."

"I beg pardon. I mean, you have a new case on hand?" I replied.

"Precisely; and if I am not mistaken, and I never am, it is going to be an interesting one before we reach the end."

Forelock Tomes puffed away at his cheroot for several seconds, while he studied the movements of a fly crawling across the ceiling. I leant against the folding bed and waited for him to proceed.

"There was a caller to see me this morning during my absence. This much I learnt from the servant. Here I have an index to the character of the man and a pretty clear history of his trouble."

As Tomes spoke he picked up an umbrella.

Without heeding the deviation from the main subject, I asked Tomes how he had learnt so much of his caller.

"Oh, in a perfectly natural way," he replied. "You see, the fellow was somewhat nervous and embarrassed. That, added to a natural carelessness and absent-mindedness, caused him to bring his umbrella upstairs instead of leaving it in the rack below. His nervousness increased as he reached my door, and he put it down in the hall. Of course, he forgot it when he went away. I picked it up, and as a result of my examination of the article I expect to be able to surprise him when he returns."

"But what can you find out about a man by looking at his umbrella?" I asked, in surprise.

"Everything!" replied Tomes, with emphasis. "He bought it, which is something in his favour. I know that, because there is no name inside. When a man borrows an umbrella he always takes a good one, which is sure to have the former owner's name stamped on the lining or handle. My caller purchased this at a bargain sale for ten shillings, marked down from a pound. That I learn from the fragment of the tag which I found caught in one of the ribs. It is an expensive one for him, as he is a clerk in a dry goods warehouse, with the promise of an increase next year; but he is something of a fop, with a fancy for costly articles. That he is a clerk is clear to a novice like yourself. See, the folds are carefully adjusted and smoothed down on the outside, and the loop is buttoned. The owner is accustomed to folding cloth, smoothing down the creases, and securing the cords that hold the bolts of goods in shape.

"The man is young, about 22, I should say; he is slender, and ought to weigh about 143 pounds. With my glass I have traced the faint marks left by his fingers where he held the umbrella, and by careful measurement have ascertained that he wears a number 6½ glove. With a hand of that size he ought to measure about 5ft. 8½in. in his stockings. He is in love with a woman who works in a candy store and paints her face. Last night he met her by appointment. He kissed her once on the lips and once on the cheek. Then they were interrupted, and he left in a hurry. The woman is a blonde, and has encouraged his advances.

"The man is in trouble on account of this woman, and that is why he came to consult me. The nature of his trouble is not exactly clear, but my impression is that the young man has a rival who is jealous."

"Great heavens, Tomes!" I exclaimed, "you do not mean to tell me you have learnt all this about a man you never saw, simply by looking at his umbrella?"

"Precisely. It is very simple to one who observes. To a person of a low order of intelligence this would be only an umbrella, slightly shop worn and used a short time, nothing more; but when we come to examine it with care we find certain well-defined marks on the cloth, traces of two distinct foreign substances adhering to the handle, which, combined with my infallible theories, lead directly to certain facts, and then you have all the really essential points in a drama of real life, which, let us hope, will not end in a tragedy."

"Wonderful!" I exclaimed; "but tell me how you ascertained the owner of this umbrella kissed a woman who works in a candy shop and paints her face, and then left her in a hurry."

"That was the least puzzling feature of the case. Take my glass and look at the handle. You will see outlined there in two colours the imprint of a man's lips. After parting with the woman this fellow was nervous and excited, and, unable to borrow a cigarette, he bit the handle of his umbrella. The lighter colour is paint. It is a very light shade of red, used only by blonde women. The darker colour, you will observe, is made by a slightly adhesive substance. That is candy—caramels, I make it out. The presence of those two substances prove beyond the possibility of a mistake that he had kissed the woman first on the cheek. She did not resent that, then he kissed her lips; which left traces of paint and caramels on his own mouth.

"I know that they were interrupted and that the young man departed in a hurry because the imprint of his lips on the handle was made within a few moments of the time of the kissing. But further evidence of his haste and excitement is found here, where he crumpled one of the folds in the cover by clenching his hand over it."

Tomes arose, walked over to the window and looked out. I stood watching him in silent admiration, when suddenly a smile of satisfaction broke over his face.

"Here comes my man, half an hour earlier than I expected him. His case must be serious."

I went to the window, and, looking out, saw a slender young man walking rapidly across the street, and glancing anxiously up at our room. In a few moments there was a sharp ring of the hall bell, followed by steps on the stairs and a knock at the door of our room.

"Come in!" called Tomes, putting the tell-tale umbrella under the table.

The young man entered with a businesslike air, and putting his hand in the inside pocket of his coat, drew forth some papers.

"Never mind the letters in the case for the present," said Tomes, motioning his visitor to a seat.

"I'm from Suitem, the tailor; was here this morning. He says if you don't pay that bill he'll bring suit to-morrow."

I handed Tomes a fresh cheroot as the collector thrust forward a bill, and reaching down I picked up the umbrella and put it out of sight in a corner of the room.

Tomes looked at the bill, looked at me, and walked back to the window. Then he made remarks, and the young man of business-like aspect assumed a pained and deprecatory air. Language which appears in books and newspapers only in the form of a blank did not suit his moral feelings. In an interval of painful silence I moved to Tomes, and laid my hand affectionately on his shoulder.

"If it is a fiver you need, old man," said I, "only say so. And as for the other, don't be disturbed. We must all make mistakes." This I said to soothe him.

"I am not disturbed—I am not mistaken," replied the great detective. "Hark at those steps! He is coming! Hush!"

Just then there was a second knock at the door and a moment later Jennie, the maid, looked in.

"If you please, Mr. Tomes," she said, "the old gentleman on the top floor back says I'm to ask if you found his umbrella. He dropped it in the hall this morning."

[THE END.]

THE NEW WESLEYAN MINISTER.

The first Sunday in September sees over a third of the ministers in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, standing before new congregations, and amid entirely new surroundings. This year has been the time for the triennial change at Rothwell. Like the royal tradition "The King is dead; long live the King," there is practically no interval when any circuit in Methodism is without a pastor; the tears of parting are still wet on the cheek, when the smile of welcome bursts forth; the departing family at dinner is replaced by the incoming family at tea. And so, while the kindly memory of the Rev. J. B. Maltby will long remain green and fragrant, the welcome accorded to the Rev. Samuel Arnold has been hearty and trustful.

Mr. Arnold's first public appearance was on Sunday morning, when he conducted a very enjoyable and helpful service, his text being John xxi, 15, "Lovest Thou me?" and Peter's reply. In the afternoon Mr. Arnold visited the school, and took his place at the head of the Sunday School in the Infirmary Demonstration procession. In the evening there was a large congregation, and a most effective and excellent sermon was preached on "The young ruler's lack," Mark x, 17. During the service, Mrs. W. Stephenson sang two solos with much taste and pathos, "The Chord of Love," and "Only a beam of sunshine."

On Tuesday, a public tea and reception meeting were held, when an opportunity was afforded of becoming acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, and also with the Rev. W. Salisbury (the young minister newly appointed to the Normanton end of the circuit) and his wife. The attendance at tea was not so large as it would have been had not the Demonstration taken place the day before. The cost of the tea was defrayed by subscriptions, of which the following is a list:—Mr. J. R. Seanor £1, Mrs. Armitage, Mrs. Jas. Hargreaves, Mrs. Walter Hargreaves, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. J. S. Copley, Mr. J. Morton, Mrs. T. Young, Mrs. G. W. Batty, Mrs. J. Abbishaw, Mrs. C. Ward, Mrs. A. Ward, Mrs. J. Idle, Mrs. A. W. Seanor, Mrs. J. Wade, Mrs. J. Shurmer, Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. J. Butterick, 5s., Mrs. W. Denton, Mrs. J. Varley, Mrs. D. Tilley, Mrs. S. Morton, Mrs. W. Cawdell, Miss M. L. Hargreaves, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. W. Foster, 2s 6d, Mrs. E. Hampson, Mr. T. Kale, Mrs. F. Hargreaves, Mrs. F. Stead, Mr. and Mrs. Crossley, 2s., Mr. S. Armitage, Mrs. A. Varley, Mrs. H Armitage, Mrs. J. Ellis, 1s 6d., Mrs. S. Sidebottom, Mrs. J. Blackburn, Mrs. John Wright, Mrs. E. Rowley, Mrs. J. H. Rawling, Mrs. G. Holt, Mrs. T. Denton, Mrs J. Goodall, Mrs. J. Hopton, Mrs. A. Barraclough, Mrs. J. Turner, Mrs. J. Sheldon, Mrs. W. Varley, Mrs. R. Naylor, Mrs Joshua Lunn, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. W. Lee, Mrs. G. W. Hainsworth, Mrs. Flowers, Mrs. Scholey, Mrs. Joseph Gibson, 1s., Mrs. C. Turner, 6d.

The public meeting commenced in the chapel at half past six, when, after devotional exercises, the circuit steward, Mr. J. R. Seanor, J.P, took the chair.

Mr. Seanor referred to the fact that the duty of presiding at a meeting like that, only came to a circuit steward once during his term of office. He referred to the excellent services of the previous Sunday, and he felt very much pleasure in extending to the Rev. Samuel Arnold and Mrs. Arnold, and to the Rev. Wm. Salisbury and Mrs. Salisbury, on behalf of the circuit, a very cordial welcome; and he was sure he might promise them all the brotherly help and practical sympathy possible in forwarding the work of the circuit. Many changes had taken place since a similar meeting was held to welcome Mr. Maltby and Mr. Tyreman, with their wives, and they had had both joys and sorrows, difficulties and successes. He paid a warm tribute to both former ministers, specially mentioning the almost ideal character of Mr. Maltby for kind, loving, earnest service, and the scholarly ability of Mr. Tyreman. After explaining the financial position of the circuit, which, owing to painting and repairs at both houses, etc., shews nearly £50 on the wrong side, he hoped, by the meetings at Rothwell and at Normanton, to wipe out any trouble on that score, urging all to do their best.

Mr. A. Ward, Society steward, read the list of subscribers, (as above), thanking the ladies who had collected the sums, (Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. A. W. Seanor, and Mrs. Batty), and cordially joined in expressing his pleasure in meeting their new ministers, who had made so good an impression at their first services.

Councillor J. Hargreaves, as an ex-circuit steward, heartily acknowledged his pleasure in adding to what had already been said both as regards Mr. Maltby, (than whom a more kindly man he had never met), and Mr. Tyreman. He also welcomed their new ministers and their wives, and trusted they would be very happy and successful. He very earnestly emphasized Mr. Seanor's remarks as regards the circuit debt, and trusted many others would subscribe towards its clearance.

Mr. McAdoo, of Normanton, circuit steward, after warmly concurring in the kindly words of welcome, urged on all the need for a truly spiritual active life, as the best means of extending God's Kingdom, and making the world better. He prayed that God's blessing might rest on both their ministers very richly.

The Rev. S. Arnold, in responding to these words of welcome, said he felt almost an object of sympathy. He stood there with very mingled feelings; he had scarcely got away from Loughborough yet; he had left there many happy memories and a successful sphere of toil. Notwithstanding the hearty greetings they had offered, he felt he was still undergoing the weaning process, and he would be better by-and-bye. They had got a magnificent man at the head of the circuit, and he should never forget Mr. Seanor's great kindness and consideration. He felt much helped by a message he had brought from the G.O.M. of this circuit (Mr. Clark) who earnestly prayed for the success of their efforts. They must certainly wipe off this debt at once, and then they could join in the Leeds District effort for the addition of 1,000 souls to their church during the present year. He was delighted with the chapel, which he characterised as one of the cosiest, home-like sanctuaries he had ever seen, when they got their new school, class-rooms, etc., they would have a splendid block of buildings. He was also gratified with the close attention and reverent behaviour of the congregation, although he would like to have the chapel properly filled. Their references to Mr. Maltby were very gratifying to him, and he was glad to see how they loved their old ministers. He promised, however, that he was not going to please everybody, but if they had any fault to complain of, would they tell him of it, and not tell everybody else first. He asked them not to croak, but to help in every way possible.

The Rev. W. Salisbury, after speaking of his former circuit, expressed his pleasure in finding himself settled where he had been invited, and where he believed God intended him to labour. He maintained their rights as a church to take a foremost place in Christendom, and also upheld their position as preachers of the gospel, and to administer the sacraments, as much as the Archbishop of Canterbury. He trusted the year would be a very successful one in all parts of the circuit, and very sincerely reciprocated the hearty manner in which they had received both Mrs. Salisbury and himself.

After a vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen, who had in any way assisted in the proceedings, the benediction was pronounced. Sunday's collections amounted to £2 15s, subscriptions to tea £8 2s 6d, Tuesday's collections £6 19s, making a total of £17 16s 6.

A similar meeting was held at Normanton, on Wednesday. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. S. Arnold, Rev. W. Salisbury, Rev. Mr. Bennett (Primitive), Rev. Mr. Lees (Congregational), Mr. J. R. Seanor and Mr. D. McAdoo (Circuit Stewards), Mr. Clark (Society Steward), and Mr. Garratt. The result of the effort amounted to £10. A vote of thanks to all who had helped in this satisfactory result was proposed by the chairman (Mr. McAdoo), seconded by Mr. Lees (schoolmaster), and heartily carried.

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

RUGBY.

At Rothwell—Normanton v Rothwell.

ROTHWELL TEAM—Full back, B Cromack; three-quarter backs, J Fieldhouse, J Hoult (capt), O Taylor B Kelly; half-backs, B Morrell, F Robinson; forwards, J Ward, E Williams, E Godley, W Speight, A Gillings, J Bennett, Webster, J Parkinson, E Ambler, W Shaw, C Blackburn, Dews.

ASSOCIATION.

At Rothwell—Purston United v Rothwell White Rose A (Junior League).

WHITE ROSE 'A' TEAM—Goal, A Cripps; backs, S Baber, J Beckwith; half-backs, C Fox, A Field, G Tiffany; forwards, J Smith, C Ward, T Bridges, A Cromack, H Illingworth.

OULTON v. GARFORTH.
Played at Garforth on Saturday last

Garforth.	
W Tate, b E A Higgins	0
A Longfellow, c and b E A Higgins	22
Pickering, c P Higgins b E Higgins	3
G Reed, b E A Higgins	0
T P Fawcett, b C Briggs	0
F Sibary, b C Briggs	2
W Goodall, b E A Higgins	0
R Tate, not out	2
A Reed, run out	6
J B Bailie, lbw b E A Higgins	0
B Breed, c G Abbey b E A Higgins	0
Extras	8
Total	43

Oulton.	
C Briggs, b G Reed	18
E A Higgins, b G Reed	7
J Jeffrey, b A Reed	10
F Killingbeck, b Fawcett	1
G M Abbey, c Fawcett b Pickering	40
P C Higgins, b A Reed	0
G Burnell, c W Tate b Pickering	5
O Inman, b R Tate	5
J Morley, not out	8
G Inman, b R Tate	4
A Cain, c Goodall b R Tate	0
Extras	9
Total	107

E A Higgins took 7 wickets for 19 runs.

ROTHWELL PARISH CHURCH v. WOOD LANE JUNIORS.
Played at Rothwell on Saturday last

Rothwell Parish.	
W Ward, c T Horbury b S Harriman	5
E Beckwith, c and b S Harriman	2
A Bedford, b A Naylor	8
M Naylor, c H Horbury b T Horbury	1
P Chapman, b S Harriman	1
E Moss, b A Naylor	0
J H Drew, b A Naylor	2
G Kale, b T Horbury	7
J Hargreaves, st. Taylor b A Naylor	2
D Cooper, not out	2
J Kale, c A Naylor b T Horbury	1
Extras	7
Total	38

Wood Lane.	
T Horbury, b E Moss	0
J Taylor, c and b Moss	5
S Harriman c Chapman b Drew	5
J Elsworth, c Ward b Drew	1
A Naylor, c Drew b Moss	6
J T Priestley, c Hargreaves b Drew	2
H Horbury, run out	1
J Kitchen, c D Cooper b Drew	1
W Lupton, b Chapman	4
A Lunn, c and b Moss	1
I Naylor, not out	0
Extras	2
Total	28

THE LEEDS INDEPENDENT LABOUR PARTY.

With the avowed object of arousing a greater interest in the poor, Mr. Arthur Shaw, a prominent member of the Independent Labour Party, on Monday night, on Woodhouse Moor, recounted his experience as a Guardian of the Hunslet Union. The lecturer, who was formally introduced by Mr. C. H. Wilson, dealt with the subject in a non-controversial spirit, and consequently had the quiet attention of a large audience. His remarks were aptly illustrated by a series of slides showing the various phases of life in the Hunslet Workhouse and at the Children's Homes at Rothwell Haigh.

OLD FALSE TEETH BOUGHT.

Many ladies and gentlemen have by them old or disused false teeth, which might as well be turned into money. Messrs. R. D. & J. B. Fraser, of Princes Street, Ipswich, (established since 1833), buy old false teeth. If you send your teeth to them they will remit you by return of post the utmost value; or, if preferred, they will make you the best offer, and hold the teeth over for your reply. If reference necessary, apply to Messrs. Bacon & Co., Bankers, Ipswich.

TO MOTHERS.—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is pleasant to taste; it produces natural quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." Of all Chemists, 1s. 1½d per bottle

LITERARY EXTRACTS.

LUCK.—Our outward fortune, lucky or what is called unlucky, we cannot command; but we *can* command our own behaviour under it, and we do either wisely or unwisely; and *that*, in real truth, makes *all* the difference—and does in reality stamp us as either "lucky" or else "unlucky." For there is nobody but he that acts foolishly and *wrong* that can, in the end, be called "unlucky"; he that acts wisely and *right* is, before all mortals, to be accounted "lucky"; he and no other than he.—CARLYLE.

HEALTH.—Who is he that values health at the rate it is worth? Not he that hath it; he reckons it among the ordinary enjoyments, and takes as little notice of it, or less regards it, than his long worn clothes; perhaps more careful of his garments, remembering their price; but thinks his health costs him nothing, and coming to him at so easy a rate, values it accordingly, and hath little regard to keep it; is never truly sensible of what he enjoyed until he finds the want of it by sickness; then health, above all things, is earnestly desired and wished for.

SIMPLY CALCULATED.—For finding the average number of years which persons of any age may expect to live there is a very simple rule. If the present age be deducted from eighty, two-thirds of the remainder is the answer required. The result is not absolutely accurate, but it is near enough. For instance, a man aged 20 might, by this rule, expect to live forty years longer, which is just what the latest actuarial tables give. At 40 the expectation of life works out at nearly twenty-seven years, while the tables give it as more than twenty-five years. At 60 the above rule allows just over thirteen years, and the table shows a little less.

SERIOUSLY MEANT.—Everybody knows that great actors and singers of both sexes receive bushels of love letters yearly. Many, as may be imagined, are ridiculous in the extreme, however seriously meant by the writers. A beautiful English singer had recently to ignore a most tempting proposal. Her unknown wooer was a hairdresser's assistant in Camden Town, who laid himself and an income of "thirty-five shillings a week (including tips)" unconditionally at the feet of his adored one. He was a member of a church choir, and looked forward confidently to the day when, emancipated from scissors and razor, "their voices might blend on the same platform, and life be one sweet song." He is still plying the scissors.

IN POINT OF STRENGTH.—A grizzly bear can give points to any other carnivorous animal in point of strength. A grizzly bear weighing just four hundredweight has been watched carrying a heifer of more than two-thirds its own weight for two miles up the most steep and rugged mountain side, and this without pausing for one instant for rest. The grizzly bear is the largest and most powerful of all the bear tribe, but his cousin, the cinnamon bear, runs him very close; and the big white polar bear, though not really so dangerous a customer, is capable of performing the most extraordinary feats of strength. A polar bear has been seen to move with his paws a boulder six men had with difficulty put in position to guard a cache of provisions.

PRIMITIVE LIGHTING IN SCOTLAND.—The torches used had many kinds of holders, which were made of iron or wood. In some cases the wood formed a stout staff sunk in a stone base. The top of the staff was cleft, and in this was put the burning pine. Iron holders were made as stands and brackets; the latter were often fixed to a bar in the fire-place, from which the kindled wood, or "cannel wood" in the Aberdeenshire dialect, could easily be renewed, the hearth receiving the falling ashes. In Aberdeenshire these torch stands are often called "peermen," probably from the fact that the burning branch was frequently held by the poor, but ever welcome, wayfarer. These wanderers were always the most acceptable of guests to the lonely crofter. He in turn felt himself amply repaid for the food and shelter he supplied by the news and gossip brought by such travellers.

MAN NOT ALWAYS A FLESH-EATING ANIMAL.—Primitive man originally subsisted on a diet consisting purely of fruits and roots; but though fructiferous by instinct and by reason of the conformation of his digestive organs and dental system, in which respect he is nearly allied to the apes, which are all fruit-eating animals in their natural state, he soon became omnivorous from necessity, and his stomach readily adapted itself to every kind of food. If the Darwinian theory be accepted, and the descent of man from simian ancestors be granted, we have further argument in support of the fact that flesh-eating was the outcome of civilisation and climatic necessity rather than of natural craving. Exposed at the epoch of the great extension of the glaciers, which at one time covered all our mountains, to the hardships of an inclement climate, man required something more nourishing and heat-supplying than the vegetable diet which sufficed for him in a higher temperature; and in the palaeolithic age we find him not only destroying animal life, but provided with and utilising the means of cooking the victims of his rough-hewn knife and spear.

MR. GLADSTONE'S LOVE OF BEAUTY.—His love of beauty was, of course, one of his most conspicuous characteristics, and beauty, in its highest form of human nature, made a powerful appeal to his sympathies. In women the gift which specially attracted him was what, for want of a better word, one must call womanliness; and he had his list of the handsomest men he had ever known as exact and complete as his list of the greatest preachers or the most gifted speakers. When his interest in a man or woman was aroused he had a keen eye, not only for general effect, but for details. He greatly disliked beards and moustaches, not only or chiefly because they impeded utterance, but because they concealed one of the most characteristic features of the human face, and also because they harboured the fumes of tobacco. "Surely——must smoke very bad cigars," he once said of a colleague; "his beard is absolutely an offence." Of another: "——has a great many merits, but not the merit of looking young for his years." After he had addressed the Union at Oxford in 1890, he was asked if he had noticed any special difference between the undergraduates of the present day and those of his youth. He replied instantly, "Yes—their dress. I was told that I had in my audience many of the wealthiest and best-connected men in the University, and there wasn't one of them whom I couldn't have dressed from top to toe for five pounds."—*Life of W. E. Gladstone.*

PUSS. — The bent of the cat's mind was pleasantly defined a few years ago by a writer in the *London Spectator*, who said there could be no doubt as to the view puss took of the philosophy of nature and life. She is quite satisfied that the world and everything in it was made and exists for cats. This appears in all that well-bred and cared-for cats do, and in every accent and tone of their voice. Puss possesses herself with the air of a proprietor of the best place and the best food; expects to be waited upon; demands a share of every dish; and looks upon us as at once her Providence and her servant. Cats are not demonstrative like dogs, and do not submit to training like the horse. The dog has been credited with unbounded affections, and the horse with almost human sagacity; but the cat still suffers under the bad character that Buffon—who cannot have been acquainted with any reputable specimens of the race—gave her. She is said to be selfish, spiteful, cruel, crafty, treacherous, loving places and not persons, and in every way unworthy of fellowship in the household. J G. Wood answers these accusations by saying that the cats with which he has been most familiar "have been as docile, tractable, and good tempered as any dog could be, and displayed an amount of intellectual power which would be equalled by very few dogs, and surpassed by none." To all persons who have given their confidence to puss and received hers in return, they need no answer.

New Orleans forbids high hats in its theatres, and puts an official time-limit to the wearing of straw hats.

WIT AND HUMOUR.

The New Cook: "Ah! this is a splendid kitchen, why, there's room here for a whole regiment!"

"I fancy Judson must have paid Craggs all he owes him." "Why?" "Well, didn't you notice that he passed Craggs's baby without kissing it?"

"I fell over the rail," said the sailor, "and the shark came along and grabbed me by the leg." "And what did you do?" "I let him have the leg. I never dispute with a shark."

"I love you dearly, Jack," she said. "You are the light of my life." "I'm sorry," said her father, as he appeared in the doorway, "but I will have to put your light out."

Mother: "That notepaper is certainly very quaint, but are you sure it is fashionable?" Daughter: "Oh, it must be. It's almost impossible to write on it."

"I hear you fought a duel with Parker." "I did." "Weren't you afraid to stand up before a loaded pistol?" "Not with Parker holding it. I'm insured in his company."

He: "Dora, dear, do you think you could consent to be a poor man's wife?" "No, if he had me and still thought himself poor, I would not want to be his wife." He's going to be rich.

Mistress (to new servant): "We have breakfast generally about eight o'clock." New Servant: "Well, mum, if I ain't down to it don't wait."

The plucky gentleman who dined unwisely, and who tried to stop a London fire-engine the other night, under the impression that it was running away, will remain in bed for some time.

"Your mother-in-law accuses you of stealing her trunk. What have you to say?" "Your honour, I simply hid her trunk; I was so afraid she'd leave us." He was given eighteen months' —six for stealing and twelve for lying.

First Clubman: "Henpeck has the most marvellous command of facial expression I ever saw." Second Clubman: "Can't say I've noticed it." First Clubman: "Well, you would have yesterday. His wife gave him a new tie, and he looked grateful."

Miss Gushington (to young widow, whose husband has left a large fortune): "That is the fourteenth mourning costume I have seen you wear in three days, and each lovelier and more becoming than the other." Young widow: "Oh, my dear, I have forty! But such a bother they were to have made, At one time I almost wished that poor, dear Samuel hadn't died!"

Wonderful!—"I was calling on a friend whose children I had not seen for some months," writes a correspondent, "and thought they would have forgotten me. However I found the eldest one remembered me quite well; so I turned to his mother and said, 'Ah, you see, Tommy hasn't forgotten me!' 'No,' she replied. 'It's wonderful, isn't it? But he has such a memory for trifles!'"

In the second act of a certain play the curtain rises on an empty stage; then presently a meek-looking young man with a dust coat over his arm comes on and loudly calls, "Uncle—uncle!" According to the book of the play he should receive no answer, and, after a pause, should proceed with a monologue. One night however a voice was heard from the gallery—"All right! I'm coming in a moment. How much do you want on it?"—amid shouts of laughter from the audience.

Dishing a Bishop.—The presence of Sir Henry Hawkins (now Lord Brampton) at a dinner was always a gurantee of mirth. Once he arrived late at a country house, and it was suggested that he might have stopped on the way to learn the result of a race. A bishop of sporting tastes tried to chaff him, and asked who had won. Sir Henry pretended not to know. "Didn't you buy a paper?" said the bishop. "I didn't think it was necessary," replied Sir Henry, "because I had heard I was to meet you here."

One evening, in Naples, a gentle man was assaulted by three thieves, one of whom, after relieving him of all his money and valuables, demanded his overcoat. "But," objected the gentleman, "I shall die of cold," whereupon the thief forced his victim to put on his own old ragged coat, and all three thieves disappeared in a twinkling, laughing heartily. The plundered man, making a virtue of necessity, plunged his hands into the threadbare pockets to keep them warm, and there, to his stupefaction, found everything of which he had been despoiled!

During an engagement at the Strand Theatre, Jemmy Rogers was seized with a violent attack of lumbago. He called it "back-slumbago." It was so severe that he placed himself, as an out-patient, under Dr. Canton, at Charing Cross Hospital. Strong mustard plasters were prescribed. Feeling no better after three or four applications, Rogers called on the Doctor again. "Did you place the plasters on your spine?" enquired the physician. "Yes," answered Jemmy. "I suppose you found great relief from them?" said the Doctor. "No—I did not," replied Rogers; "I found them a great drawback!"

"Tip" for Golfers.—At a golf match recently played in the vicinity of Edinburgh a competitor appeared one morning in a new suit of a very decided pattern. He played much below his usual form missing several easy putts at the first holes. Turning to his caddie, he exclaimed despairingly, "What on earth can be the matter with me to-day? I played a great deal better yesterday!" Thus appealed to, the caddie, whose circumstances did not permit of many changes of raiment, looked solemnly into his face and replied, "Ye sud never play gowf in a pair o' new breeks, for ye'll aye be lookin' at them whan ye sud be lookin' at yer ba'."

"I was acting in Frank Burnand's famous comedy *The Colonel*, at York," says Mr. Charles Collette in the *Era Almanack*. "My old friend, Canon—— (now, alas, with the majority!), who was sitting one evening in my dressing-room, expressed a wish to see what the stage looked like from behind the scenes. Between the acts I was showing him about, when he tripped over something and fell. I assisted him to rise, apologising for the semi-darkness which had been the cause of the accident. 'Don't trouble, my dear Charlie,' said the Canon, laughing good-naturedly, 'this is not the first time the Church has been down on the stage.'"

Mr. Asquith once referred to the Government's "pique or temper," a reporter made him say "peacock temper." A speaker at Exeter Hall, replying to an attack, said it was "a double lie in the shape of half a truth"; by the ingenuity of a reporter this appeared as "a double eye in the shape of half a tooth." Sir James Grant, in a speech in the Canadian House of Commons, once referred to a man's thorax; when in print it read, "a man's pickaxe." In setting up a speech of Sir Henry Irving's the compositor made "many journeys in small boats" read "weary journeys in small boots."

Some years ago a sudden panic caused a run on a country bank, which was saved only by the coolness and resource of its head officials. An old lady, who had banked there for fifty years, was amongst those who presented themselves at the bank counter to draw out her large balance and deposit account. "Will you have it in gold or Bank of England notes?" enquired the polite cashier. "Oh, none of your new-fangled notes," replied the cautious dame; "I'll have your own notes—they've always been good enough for me!" And she departed with her bag stuffed full of the paper which had been refused by every one else.

Mr. J. L. Toole, who loves a joke, was once advertised, so it is stated, to lecture on China for a charity. The hall was crowded. When the time came the lecturer appeared in evening-dress, with white gloves and a long stick. With the stick he pointed to the wall, on which hung what looked like a large map, one part coloured in pink and the other in blue. "China," said Mr. Toole, "is divided into two parts, China proper and China improper. Of China proper very little is known, of China improper the less known the better." While the audience laughed Mr. Toole slipped out. After waiting for fifteen minutes, the people realised that they had been sold, and stole like Arabs, silently away. But the charity gained five hundred pounds.

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PRESENTATION TO MR. ARTHUR NAYLOR.

In connection with the Rothwell Christian Endeavour a very pleasant and pleasing social gathering took place last night, when the members and a number of friends met together, in order to bid farewell to Mr. A. Naylor, one of their members, who is leaving Rothwell to fill a position as hired local preacher at Swaffham. The Rev. J A Alderson, on behalf of his (Mr. Naylor's) fellow workers at the colliery where he has been employed, presented him with a suitably inscribed writing desk. The Christian Endeavour Society gave him several well-bound and useful books, other friends with a travelling trunk &c. Mr. Naylor suitably acknowledged the presents.

PROPOSED CHORAL SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times.

Sir,

Our little town possesses an abundance of instrumental and vocal talent and a desire has been expressed in several quarters that a Choral Society should be organised in order that one or more of the oratorial works should be given in the Autumn and Spring. The General Committee of the Mechanics' Institute in order to test the feeling in the town, have decided to invite all persons possessing musical ability and desirous of joining a society, if formed, to meet in the Social Room of the Mechanics' Institute, on Thursday evening next, September 14th, at 8 p.m., when, under the presidency of the Vicar, a scheme will be suggested. It is hoped that the members of the Orchestral Band, the Harmonic Society, and the various choirs of the town, together with all persons interested in the development of local musical talent will put in an appearance. Should the meeting be sufficiently representative to warrant the Committee in proceeding, the appointment of secretary, treasurer, and Choral Committee will be dealt with forthwith. In the meantime any helpful suggestions will be gladly received by the Rev. J. A. Alderson, Secretary of the Technical Instruction Committee, or by Yours faithfully,

Rothwell, S. MORTON.
September 8th., 1899. Secretary of the Institute.

LOFTHOUSE CRICKET CLUB SPORTS.

The latest outcome of the energy and desire on the part of the executive of the above club to keep their finances in a good condition, has been the holding of athletic sports, which came off on Saturday last, in the Cricket field, in weather that was all that could be desired. Considering that this was the first time the club had ventured on such an undertaking, there was a good number of entries, the events being decided before a good company of spectators. The following were the results of the various events:—

100 Yards Handicap (Schoolboys).—1, Gething; 2, Bell; 3, Westmoreland.

100 Yards Handicap (Open).—1, Bone; 2, Wilson; 3, Aldred. Close finish. Won by a foot, six inches separating second and third. Time 10s.

100 Yards Handicap (Members).—1, Brook; 2, Sykes; 3, Morton. Won by half-a-yard. Time, 11 2-5s.

Half-Mile Bicycle Handicap.—1, Stocks; 2, Bastow; 3, James Holgate. Won by a length. Time, 1m. 17 2-5s.

440 Yards Handicap (Open).—1, Blackburn; 2, Rowling; 3, Bamforth. Won by three yards. Time, 53 3-5s.

Mile Bicycle Handicap.—1, Stocks; 2, John Holgate; 3, Barraclough. Won by a length. Time, 2m 3-5s.

Mile Flat Handicap.—1, T. Wright, Leeds, (130 yards start); 2, J. L. Bickerdyke, Leeds, (105), 3, F. Copley, Wakefield, (102). Won by one-and-a-half yards; a yard between second and third. Time, 4m, 33s.

SUCCESSFUL COMPETITORS.

At the Otley show on Saturday last, in the brood mares there was a strong class, the winner in which was a weighty mare that has won many prizes, and is the property of Messrs. Oldroyd Bros., of Newsamgreen, Woodlesford. They also took second prize for agricultural brood mare, and third prize for Shire Foal, (open). Mrs. Gould, of Thorpe House, was one of the winners in the agricultural produce class

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

On Sunday last, Mr. A. Paul presided at the above gathering, when the Rev. Enoch Green gave an excellent address on "The Book." Miss Rieveley, of Hunslet, was the soloist, and gave good renderings of "The way to the West" and "Thou didst not leave," *Messiah*. Mr. S. Ashworth accompanied.

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DEATHS.

SPURR—Sept. 15th, aged 29 years, Mary, wife of Samuel Spurr, and eldest daughter of David Hartley, of Robin Hood. Interred at Rothwell Church, on Monday, September 18th.

MITCHELL—Sept. 13th, aged 29 years, William Mitchell, of Carlton.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley
Friday, September 15, 1899.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A monthly meeting of the above Council was held on Wednesday night, in the Council Chamber, Councillor G. Armitage presiding. There were also present Councillors J. Abbishaw (vice-chair), P. G. Milner, Jas. Armitage, J. W. Bulmer, H. Nichols, and J. Smith, with the deputy clerk (Mr. Barret), medical officer, (Dr. Stevenson), surveyor (Mr. J. T. Pears), nuisance inspector (Mr. Jones), and assistant clerk (Mr. Wilkinson).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Committee, the only business done was to order the serving of notices on several owners, ordering the abatement of nuisances. The minutes were confirmed.

HEALTH REPORT.

The Medical Officer reported that during the past four weeks, there had been in the district 39 births (27 males and 12 females), Rothwell contributing 21 (15 males and 6 females), and Lofthouse 18 (12 males and 6 females). During the same period there had been 22 deaths (16 males and 6 females), 9 being in Rothwell (7 males and 2 females), and 13 in Lofthouse (9 males and 4 females). There had likewise been notified 4 cases of scarlet fever, 2 of typhoid fever and 1 of dyphtheria.

LAMPS AND GAS.

The Lamps and Gas Committee had considered an offer by the Rothwell Gas Light Company to light the public lamps at 3s 11d per thousand cubic feet of gas consumed, less 7d per thousand discount, if paid within two months. Before signing the contract, the Committee agreed that the Company be asked to reduce this price, if possible. It was decided that a lamp be erected in Bateson Street, Stourton, and that the Great Northern Railway Company be asked to erect a lamp in Springfield Street, as their new works have interfered with the lighting. The position of the lamps in Chapel and Holmes Street, Rothwell, was considered, and adjourned. The minutes were approved.

MISCHIEVOUS LADS.

The Chairman reported to the members that considerable damage is being done by boys and others who cut and chip parapet walls and wooden fences erected in various parts of the district. As he was coming down to the meeting, he was stopped by a man, and shown damage just done to the wall of the bridge in Leadwell Lane. The lads' names were R. Berry and H. Ramsden, of Carlton Lane, who did not deny the act, and he thought that in order to deter others from similar deeds, the offenders should be brought by their parents before the next meeting. A resolution embodying this suggestion was unanimously carried.

PROPOSED SWIMMING BATHS.

Mr. Bulmer had given notice to propose a resolution respecting the provision of swimming baths for the district, and now rose and said, the members would notice by the agenda the kind of resolution he was about to move. It was that a poll of the ratepayers be taken, as to whether swimming baths be provided or not. It was not his intention to trouble or irritate them with any long remarks. They knew the necessity for the provision of baths, or if they did'nt, he hoped they would allow the district to say whether they would have them or not. It was as little as they could do, he thought, to allow the ratepayers to have a voice in the matter.

Mr. J. Armitage: Is it a vote of the Rothwell ratepayers only, I didn't hear distinctly?

Mr. Bulmer: Hav'nt you noticed the agenda?

Mr. Armitage: I must say I havn't.

Thereupon Mr. Bulmer handed him a copy.

Mr. Armitage: It is a very dangerous resolution. If Rothwell ratepayers vote for one, what are other ratepayers going to do who don't want any.

Mr. Milner: And if you want four or five baths, it will mean a big expense

Mr. Bulmer, (appealing to the Chairman), said he hoped he (the Chairman) would not allow the members to ramble as he did at the last meeting.

The Chairman: We don't know what you want,

Mr. Bulmer: I want the people to say.

The Chairman: The resolution is vague, and you don't give us any idea as to how you would take the feeling of the district, nor as to whether we are to have one swimming bath for the entire district, or one for each separate part of the district. I don't see how you can expect us to vote for such a resolution.

Mr. Bulmer: My resolution means that if the Council are in favour of the people being balloted, a Committee be formed to go into details.

There being no seconder to the resolution, the conversation was ruled out of order, and the next business was taken.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It was agreed to lay a two-inch water main at Robin Hood, to some new property now being erected by Mr. David Hartley.

During the four weeks ending August 12, the following consumption of water was reported:—Rothwell 117,000 gallons, Thorpe 82,000, Stourton 25,000; against 115,000 Rothwell; 88,000 Thorpe, and 24,000 Stourton, during the preceding period.

A £200 payment, on account, to Messrs. Keightley and Riddeough, for private streets repair, was approved; this leaves a contract balance of about £300.

On the motion of Messrs. J. Armitage and Milner, the resignation of Mr. C. Sykes, member for Lofthouse, was formally accepted.

The Clerk, in answer to a question by Mr. J. Armitage, said that the usual course would be taken in the filling of the vacancy.

The Wakefield City Omnibus Company applied to the Council for their consent to the Company obtaining a provisional order, authorising them to erect tramways in the Council's area.

Mr. Bulmer: It is too late in the day, I think, for any such Company being allowed to come into the district.

Mr. Milner: Why not, then, the Council take up the question, and work the tramways for their own profit. (Laughter).

The communication was ordered to stand over until the next meeting.

Mr. Bulmer asked if it was customary, when a waggon road was laid across the main road, for the Council to repair it or the party laying down the lines; and whether it was customary, to kerb or flag any particular portion of the district opposite new property, whilst others were left unattended to. It had been his lot to travel on the Wakefield turnpike during the last six months, and he had noticed that opposite Mr. Armitage's property (newly erected), it was already paved, flagged and kerbed. At Rothwell, there were some houses that had been up some time now, and which the late Surveyor said was the best of their kind in the village. This property had now been up some considerable time, yet only the kerb-stones had been put down, the pathway being in a very rough and unsatisfactory condition. He asked why some property in this respect was attended to, and other property left cut altogether, although having a prior claim.

The Chairman said the Highways Committee had better answer the latter question. As to the first, it was the duty of the persons laying the rails that should keep the road in order.

Mr. Bulmer then drew attention to a level crossing at the top of Thorpe Lane that needed urgent attention.

The Chairman: Then it will be the one belonging to the Railway Company.

Mr. J. Armitage: It isn't Armitage's this time, then.

Mr. Bulmer: Did you think I brought the matter forward believing Armitage's to be the owners.

Mr. J. Armitage: I did, I know you want me to speak feelingly.

Mr. Bulmer: I didn't know to whom it belonged.

The Chairman said the surveyor should look to the crossing complained of and see to it being put into proper repair.

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A monthly meeting of the above Council was held Wednesday afternoon, at the Overseers' Offices, Alton Street, Hunslet, Mr. J. Farrar (chairman) presiding. There were also present Messrs. Knight, Fryer, Nicholson, Tomlinson and Rev. A. J. Irvin, with the clerk (Mr. Pindar), medical officer (Dr. Buck), and the Council's engineer (Mr. S. Shaw).

The minutes of last meeting having been read were confirmed.

THE STEAM ROUNDABOUT NUISANCE.

A letter was read from the County Council, in reply to the Clerk's inquiry on the above subject, stating that there was a remedy for the nuisance by indictment, but that the County Council could also deal with it and if the residents spoke to the police it would be dealt with by them.

This was satisfactory.

LAMPS FOR HOLMESLEIGH.

The Rothwell Gas Company wrote saying that they were willing to extend their mains to the Rothwell boundary on Holmesleigh, for the proposed additional lamps. They had given notice to open the road.

TEMPLENEWSAM LIGHTING.

The Deputation reported that the Crossgates Gas Company had no money with which to lay the proposed service pipes for additional lamps, and they (the Deputation) considered that the Council had no right to lay the service pipes. The Company suggested that the Council open and fill trench, and pay half cost of laying the pipes. Mr. Fryer said he had perhaps exceeded his duty in asking for a lamp in a very dark part of Halton.

A letter was also received from the Crossgates Gas Company saying that the directors would meet shortly and would give the matter their consideration.

Mr. Fryer proposed that the Council put up no more lamps until this matter is settled satisfactorily. Mr. Tomlinson seconded and it was carried.

WHITKIRK DRAINAGE SCHEME.

Sanction for the loan for the above scheme was received from the Local Government Board The conditions were that the land should be taken on a lease for 20 years and the repayment of the loan spread over 30 years and if there was any difficulty in renewing the lease at the end of the term the Council should take other steps to occupy the land for the 10 years.

The Clerk said he did not think there would be any difficulty in renewing the lease, seeing that they had been yearly tenants for about 25 years.

The West Riding Rivers Board wrote asking if the Council had yet received sanction for the loan for the Whitkirk scheme. The Clerk had communicated with the Board and given particulars.

The Clerk said he had received the usual set of queries from the Public Works Loan Commissioners and had answered them.

The tenders for the work were opened but the decision of the Council was deferred on account of a deputation from the Leeds District Council. It appears that Leeds are proposing a drainage scheme for Seacroft, and proposed that Hunslet join with the Whitkirk sheme and work the two together. The deputation and Council discussed the proposal in Committee.

MIDDLETON DRAINAGE.

A claim for damages in connection with Middleton Drainage scheme, was received from Mr. Connell amounting to £33 8s 6d, but £10 of this was for a cow which was said to have been killed during the progress of the work, The matter was left over and the subject is to be investigated.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES.

The following is the estimate of general expenses for the half-year ending 31st. March, 1900:—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	265	0	0
Establishment Expenses ..	80	0	0
Street Watering	15	0	0
Travelling Expenses ..	10	0	0
Deputations	15	0	0
Hospitals and Infectious Diseases	5	0	0
Miscellaneous	10	0	0
	£400	0	0

CREDIT.	£	s.	d.
Bank Interest ..	9	10	0
County Council Grant	42	10	0
Agricultural Rates ..	25	0	0
Miscellaneous ..	3	0	0
	80	0	0
	£320	0	0

PROPOSED CALLS.	£	s.	d.
Middleton	90	0	0
Oulton-cum-Woodlesford	110	0	0
Templenewsam ..	100	0	0
Thorp Stapleton ..	4	0	0
	304	0	0

Rate in the £—2d.

Previous Calls:—Lady Day, '98, £270; Michaelmas, '98, £222; Lady Day, '99, £200; Michaelmas, '99, £300.

Highway expenses are estimated as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Proportion required—one half the year's estimate (£1251) ..	625	10	0
Salaries and establishment charges	45	10	0
	671	0	0
CREDIT.			
Agricultural Rates Grant ...	33	0	0
	638	0	0

PROPOSED CALLS.	£	s.	d.
Middleton	180	0	0
Oulton-cum-Woodlesford..	230	0	0
Templenewsam ..	200	0	0
Thorp Stapleton ..	6	0	0
	616	0	0

Rate in the £—3½d.

Previous Calls.—Michaelmas, '98, £469; Lady Day, '99, £467; Michaelmas, '99, £636.

The details of estimated special expenses are:—

Purpose.	Middleton	Oulton-cum-Woodlsfrd	Temple-newsam	Thorpe Staple-ton.
	£	£	£	£
Lighting		100	110	
Sewerage Works ..	200	20	20	
Sewage Disposal ...	15	100	40	
Scavenging ..	40	55	75	5
Water Supply ..	105	325	295	5
	360	600	540	10
LOANS:—				
Sewerage			16½	
Water Supply ..	40	90	123½	4
Reservoirs ..	80	80		
CREDIT:—	480	770	680	14
Water Revenue ..	120	310	280	
Agricultural rates grant				2
Proposed Calls ..	360	460	400	12
PREVIOUS CALLS:—				
Lady Day, 1898 ..	190	490	350	
Michaelmas, 1898 ..	405	470	360	
Lady Day, 1899 ..	350	400	300	
Michaelmas, 1899 ..	350	400	380	2
Rate in the £	10d.	10½d.	9½d.	1/9

MISCELLANEOUS.

An application from Mr. G. Briggs for payment of £7 on account, for work done in connection with Templenewsam street improvement, was granted. Mr. E. Drake was allowed £60 on account, for work done in connection with Middleton street improvement.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board stating that they had recently received a communication from the Midland Railway Company complaining that they had not notice of the Woodlesford street improvement inquiry. They were big ratepayers, and they thought they should have been considered. The Railway Company asked that the cost be classed special expenses and not put to the ordinary account, as suggested at the inquiry.

The Clerk explained that the Railway Company paid a smaller proportion on special than on ordinary expenses. He said the Company had had the same notice as other ratepayers.

The Council thought the Company had acted very unjustly, seeing it was the Railway that made the dangerous corner, and that the railway company would derive benefit from the improvement.

The Clerk was instructed to reply and state the feeling of the Council.

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.]

CLOTHES HANGING ACROSS STREETS.—I sometimes pass along the newly paved road from Commercial Street to the Marsh, and I must say the paving gives quite a new character to the street. But what about the cords drawn across it and, on certain days in the week, the road being made impassable by the clothes fresh from the peggy-tub, hanging from those cords? Would the practice be allowed across Butcher Lane?

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CARTS AND WAGGONETTES STANDING IN ROADWAY.—Another matter needs explaining and, if possible, settling. The new road leading from Commercial Street to the beck, is very often crowded with carts, waggonettes, and the like. Sometimes, especially after dark, the fearful foot passenger down that dark road is in peril of his life amongst these samples of the wheelwright's craft.

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Is it lawful, Mr. Road Surveyor Pears, for householders to hang clothes across a public street. (The cord left out after dark too, is a greater evil still). And for owners of vehicles to dump them down and leave them straggling the width of the road? Please consult the Clerk; an answer will oblige.

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If this paragraph should reach the eye or ear of any member of the Infirmary Demonstration Committee, more particularly the sports committee, I would remind him that some prizes awarded for merit, have not yet been distributed.

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With respect to the dispute which took place on the ground on Infirmary Saturday as to the "best club muster" prize, between the Leeds Elmwood Cycle Club, 17 members present, and the North Street Leeds Cycle Club, 15 members present, one would like to know if the wrangle has been settled. Objection was taken by the North Street Club that the Elmwood Club muster, were not all club members.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A. ANNIVERSARY.

The second anniversary of the above movement was held, last Sunday, and was attended with satisfactory results. Mr. A. Paul, the energetic secretary, presided, and also submitted a report from which it appears there is now a roll-membership of 100, being 5 in advance of last year. Mr. W. G. Thompson, of Leeds, was the speaker, and gave a very capital address on those principles and laws of government which alone lead to both national and individual prosperity. He very strongly deprecated the wrongful imprisonment of Captain Dreyfus, which had only the previous day been acutely accentuated by a second and shameful conviction. Very greatly appreciated services were rendered by Miss Parker, of Beeston Hill, who sang "I will sing of Thy great mercy," and "The Better Land;" Mr. A. Phillips, of Stourton, who rendered "Prince of Peace" and "Arm, Arm, ye Brave;" and Miss Sarah Webster, elocutionist, of Hunslet, who recited "The Magic one." Mr. Crossland, of Belle Isle, was the conductor.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Sept. 9th, 1899, is £256; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £262, thus showing decrease of £6. For the 10 weeks ending Sept. 9th, the return is £2631, against £2400 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £231

As a safe, permanent, and warranted cure for Pimples, Scrofula, Scurvy, Bad Legs and Blood Diseases, and Sores of all kinds, we can with confidence recommend CLARKE'S WORLD-FAMED BLOOD MIXTURE. Sold by Chemists everywhere.

ROTHWELL GAS LIGHT COMPANY.

The half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Rothwell Gas Light Company, was held at the offices of the company, on Monday, Mr. H. P. Newsome, chairman of Directors, presiding. There was a good attendance. The Directors present, in addition to the chairman, were Mr. James Baines, Mr. George Armitage and Mr. John Hirst; the auditor, Mr. Joseph Kilburn, and Mr. Thomas Wormald, secretary.

After the secretary had read the notice convening the meeting, the chairman on moving the adoption of the report and accounts, remarked on the salient features of the balance sheet. The net profit on the half-year's work was £875 7s 10d. The total receipts from the sales of gas and residual products stood at £2,483 16s 11d, and there was available for dividend, £1,482 13s 0d. The share capital issued to date is £16,200, and loan capital £3,500, the latter partly at 3½ per cent, but chiefly at 3¾ per cent, interest. The premium on shares, which is used as capital is £3,272 19s 9d, but carries no interest whatever. The cost of coals had increased by £83 11s 2d, compared with corresponding half of last year. Much comment was indulged in by shareholders upon the announcement that the public lamps at Rothwell were supplied with gas at an average charge of 12s 6d per lamp, which was considered a ridiculously low price. There are 291 lamps, which are lighted for a period of 8 months in the year and the burners inside the lamps set to burn 4 feet per hour. The sales of gas during the half year, according to the balance sheet, had been £1,982 3s 6d. Of this, £1,259 16s 7d was taken by the private consumer, and £722 6s 11d under contract by one or two large consumers and the District Council. The revenue from sales by contract and public lighting had decreased since June, 1895, by £66 (on the half-year) as compared with 30th June, 1899. The sales of gas to private consumers, in the same period, had grown from £565 to £1259 16s 7d, more than double. The use of "slot" meters continued to find favour with the cottage consumer of gas; the quantity burnt through these meters having gone up this half-year to 825,000 cubic feet.

The Chairman submitted a suggestion to the meeting respecting meter rents; arguing it would be good policy to abolish the charge for meters altogether. It would not only be good policy but an act of justice, seeing the private consumer, who suffered most from the charge for meters, paid top price for his gas. During the half-year there had been carbonised 1318 tons of common coal and 173 tons of cannel. The production of gas, as registered per station meter, was 13,755 800 cubic feet shewing a *yield, per* ton of coal, of 9,229 cubic feet of *gas.* The sales of gas by cubic measurement was 10,873.100, and there had been used at the works 123,000 cubic feet proving the leakage about 20 per cent on the make. A new three inch gas main had been laid from Newmarket House to the Victoria Haigh Moor Colliery, on the Methley boundary, a distance of 800 yards, at a cost of £113 6s 8d, which was charged to capital account. In commenting upon the improving financial position of the Company, the Chairman employed most emphatic language as to the desirability of more liberal treatment of the private consumer, in various directions, and how it behoves the Board and the servants of the Company, in their various capacities, to assist and encourage the use of gas by all classes of the community. The Board's duty should be to remove as far as possible, and as quickly as possible, all obstacles to the use of gas for illumination, for cooking, boiling, driving machinery and other purposes. The duty of the manager and his staff, to prove helpful to consumers (or would-be consumers) of gas, in their occasional difficulties to get a proper supply, and treat such persons, on such occasions, with courtesy and patience, assisting and devising means and carrying out plans, so that whoever desires to use gas, may do so. If the directors should decide to abolish meter rents at an early date, that would be a boon to the small consumer. Later on, it was hoped the finances of the company would permit further concessions in the price of gas to all consumers.

Resolutions were carried adopting the report and accounts, as also payment of the maximum dividends on the share capital of the company.

PRESENTATION.

Mr. Percy Kemshell, son of Sergeant Kemshell, of Rothwell, who has been employed at the Westgate railway station, Wakefield, as clerk and messenger, was on Wednesday night presented with a very beautiful and completely-fitted little morocco dressing case by the inspectors and other officials, as a mark of their appreciation of his services during the time he has been in the Company's employ. The presentation was made by Collector Shankland, who spoke of the willing and energetic services rendered by young Kemshell, and expressed hopes for his future advancement. Mr. Kemshell returned thanks for the kind present, which had come quite unawares, but which would be greatly treasured for the sake of those whom he had worked amongst so agreeably. Young Kemshell has secured employment under the East and West Yorkshire Railway Company, at Rothwell, which will be more convenient for him, since his father's appointment to the Rothwell sergeantship, and will also be a more lucrative post than the one he has just vacated.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk—Sold only in packets and pound tins, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & CO., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London."

POETRY.

A MYSTERY.

Some only know good fortune, some ill luck
Though equal they in talent, tact and pluck
Say not that all on the same footing start
And that by voluntary act they part,
For I have seen it in a hundred cases,
In various stations and with various races.

Some without effort smoothly, grandly rise.
As sparks fly upwards, mounting to the skies;
Prosperity attends whate'er they touch
And all with them is joy, or seemeth such,
While others, bright their intellectual eyes,
Prudent and careful, energetic, wise,
Their heads as clear as yonder water brook,
Their sturdy hearts misfortune never shook,
Yet a dark shadow hovered ever near,
Unseen, unheard, intangible, severe,
Frustrating their best plans and well-laid schemes.
Tainting their lives and all life's flowing streams

Though they be honest, truthful, and indeed
All we may expect in man, they don't succeed.

Why is it thus? Have some a sable line
Which may be felt, but no one can define,
Starting from crib of coward and the brave,
Reaching through life and ending at the grave,
While others have a star whose beaming light
Shines on their pathway through the darkest night,
Making the crooked straight, the doubtful clear,
Leading them forward in their glad career,
With powers celestial but to cheer and bless
Till they attain to ultimate success?

I will not argue, we may not agree;
Let others solve this wondrous mystery.

HINTS TO HOUSEWIVES.

WHEN COOKING AN OLD FOWL
Add a pinch of carbonate of soda to the water to make the bird tender.

TAKE WHITE SPOTS OUT OF FURNITURE
By holding a shovel of coals over the varnished surface which is spotted. Afterwards, while warm, rub with soft flannel.

FOR THE HANDS.
Partially boil a few medium-sized potatoes, remove the skins and use as you would a piece of soap in washing the hands. This will both whiten and soften the hands.

CHILDREN'S CASHMERE CAPES
May be cleaned by rubbing with warmed flour, which should be set in the oven and stirred occasionally till hot through, but not browned. Rub in the flour with a piece of new flannel

WHITEN YOUR PIANO NOTES.
By this method. Take some finely-powdered whiting and apply it with a damp cloth, then polish with a dry one. Let the lid remain open and exposed to the sun and air as much as possible. Rub the spots with lemon-juice before applying the whiting.

RENOVATING LEATHER CHAIRS.
Wipe the chair cushions with a slightly damped cloth to cleanse them, then rub dry. Beat the white of an egg to a stiff froth and apply it quickly to the leather with a soft rag. This process will do a great deal to brighten your furniture and nourish the leather.

DOMESTIC RECIPES.

YORKSHIRE PUDDING is excellent made thus: Mix a pint of milk with six ounces of flour and two eggs. If four ounces of suet be added to the mixture, a good baking pudding is obtained.

MAKE CAMPHOR BALL.—This preparation is very useful for chapped hands, and should certainly be in readiness by now. Melt together two ounces of lard, two ounces of white wax and half an ounce of powdered camphor.

STEWED CHEESE.—Take four ounces of grated cheese, one gill of new milk, and half an ounce of butter, and stew the whole till dissolved. When this is nearly cold, pour into a small pie-dish, and brown in the oven.

MULLED BEER.—Place a pint of strong ale in a clean saucepan with half a wineglassful of whisky. Stir it over the fire till it creams, flavouring it at the same time with sugar, ginger, and nutmeg. Add a little cold ale to bring it to the right temperature for drinking, and serve.

GINGER CORDIAL.—Procure one pound of brown sugar candy, two ounces of bruised ginger root, and nearly a quart of brandy. First pound the sugar candy very small, and then boil it in a pint of water for a quarter of an hour with the bruised ginger. Remove the ginger root from the syrup, and when all is cold, add the brandy, and bottle for use.

"MAIDS OF HONOUR."—Boil half a pint of milk gently for a quarter of an hour with two tablespoonfuls of fine bread-crumbs, two ounces of butter, a little lemon-peel, and loaf sugar to taste. Then add three well-beaten eggs, and stir until the mixture becomes quite thick. Strain through a sieve. Line a dish, or several patty-pans, with puff paste, half fill with the mixture and bake.

MAKE a BRAWN as follows: Take a pig's head, feet, and tongue which have been previously pickled. Boil them tender with two bay-leaves and a few peppercorns in the water. Remove all the bones. Line the brawn tin with the ears and the skin of the feet and hocks. Cut up the rest of the meat, fat and lean together, and with it fill the tin, sprinkling it freely with powdered allspice and pepper. When the tin is full, put on the cover and place heavy weights on the top. Leave it until cold. Take it out of the tin and serve with a napkin folded neatly round.

CHEAP PUFF-PASTE FOR MINCE-PIES.—Mix half a pound of flour with one teaspoonful of baking-powder and the same quantity of salt; blend well together and then work into a stiff paste with water. Weigh out three ounces of dripping or lard and two ounces of butter. Roll the paste on a floured board. Spread it with lard or butter and fold it three times, i.e., so that it is three times as thick as when open. Flour it well, roll out again and repeat the process, spreading it with lard or butter three times. Lay the paste aside for some time before using—twenty-four hours is not too much—then roll out thin. Bake in a sharp oven.

GERMAN TART.—Six ounces of flour, two ounces of butter, one yolk of egg, half a pound of prunes, one pound of apples, one teaspoonful of mixed spice, a quarter of a pound of sugar, and half a pint of water. Place in a basin the flour, butter, and one ounce of sugar. Rub all well together with the fingers, and drop in the yoke of egg; moisten it with a little cold water. Turn the dough out on a board and knead it lightly together. Cut it in two pieces. With one half line a flat dish, and place in the apples and prunes prepared in the following manner: Boil the remainder of the sugar and water together, add the prunes, and cook slowly till almost tender, then pare, core, and slice the apples, add them, and continue to cook till the apples are nearly tender. When the flat dish has been filled, roll out the remainder of the crust and cover the dish with it. Bake in a moderate oven for half-an-hour. Brush over with white of egg and dust with sugar, then return it to the oven for one minute longer to dry the white of egg.

SCOTCH CURRANT BUN.—Take one and a half breakfastcupfuls of flour, and into a quarter of a pound of butter and half a teaspoonful of baking powder, mix it to a firm paste with water, and roll out into a thin sheet. Grease the inside of a cake pan, and line it neatly with the paste, reserving a piece the size of the pan for the top of the bun; now mix together in a large basin the following ingredients: One pound of flour, half a pound of sugar, two pounds of large fine raisins (stoned), two pounds of currants (well washed in cold water) rubbed and picked, quarter of a pound of orange peel, quarter of a pound of almonds, half an ounce of ginger, half an ounce of cinnamon, half an ounce of Jamaica pepper, half a teaspoonful of black pepper, one small teaspoonful of carbonate of soda, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, and a small breakfastcupful of milk, or just as much as barely moistens it all, mix all thoroughly with the hands, and put the mixture into the lined tin; make it flat on the top, wet edges round, and put on the piece of paste reserved for the purpose; prick it all over with a fork, brush over with egg, and put it in the oven for about two and a-half hours; the addition of a quarter of a pound of almonds and one pound additional of currants, makes this a much richer cake, but the recipe given is a good plain bun.

"How do you pronounce the word 'Oleomargarine?'" asked De Betts. "I pronounce it butter or I'd lose my job," answered the hotel waiter.

LEEDS WESLEYAN METHODIST DISTRICT SYNOD.

The members of the above, met on Wednesday morning at Oxford Place, under the presidency of the Rev. J. S. Banks. The new secretary, the Rev. Simpson Johnson, was heartily welcomed. The following were elceted on the district committees:—Home Missions, Mr C. Atkinson, of Harrogate, and the Rev. J. H. Cadman. Foreign Missions, Mr. J. R. Flitch, re-elected treasurer, and Mr. J. H. Oates, secretary, with Mr. W. Middlebrook and the Rev. E. Martin, the ministerial secretary, Education, Mr. Wesley North. Chapel, Mr. J. P. Middlebrook, of Harrogate, and the Rev. J. D. Mason, of Wakefield, secretary. Temperance, the Rev. N. W. Tomlinson, secretary, with Councillor Pickersgill. The Rev. R. P. Dalton, of Headingley, was elected on the Local Preachers' Committee, and the Rev. R. Montgomery Rees, M.A., becomes the secretary of the sustentation fund,

The Revs. W. E. Codling and J. E. Whydale were appointed as the home missionary deputation. The following home mission grants were reported.:—Knaresborough £60, Pateley Bridge £60, and special grants Richmond Hill £40, Rothwell £35, Cleckheaton £15, District Lay Agency £25. The secretary stated that the yearly collection legislation does not take effect this year. The day of intercession for foreign missions is fixed for October 2nd.

The 20th. Century Fund report was presented by the Rev. R. Curnow. It was proposed to hold a young people's meeting in Leeds on December 12th., to be addressed by Mr. R. W. Perks, M.P., and others, and it was urged that special effort be made in every circuit to complete the fund.

WILL OF MR. AYSCOUGH FAWKES.

Probate has been granted of the will of the late Mr. Ayscough Fawkes, of Farnley Hall, Otley, who died on the 21st of June last, and who left estate amounting in the gross to £15,234 8s. 10d., and net personalty to £4,645 5s. 4d. The executors to whom probate has been granted are the testator's brother, the Rev. Frederick Fawkes, of Farnley Hall, and Mr. Henry Dacre, solicitor, of Otley. The testator directs that the following legacies shall be paid, free of legacy duty; To Henry Dacre, £200; to Robert Shotton Palliser, £200; to his coachman, John Adamson, £20; to his butler, Chipman, £20; and to his wife Edith Mary, £500. He devises all his real estate and all other of his personal estate unto and to the use of his brother Frederick absolutely. He directs that Mr. Dacre shall, although a trustee, charge for all work done by him as solicitor to the estate. The will bears date July 23, 1896.

ROTHWELL CHORAL SOCIETY.

Last night there was a good attendance at the Mechanics' Institute, both of ladies and gentlemen, interested in the formation of a Choral Society for the district. It was unanimously decided to form such a Society, under the auspices of the Mechanics' Institute, the Committee to consist of members of the Institute Committee, 7 members of the Society, 7 vice-presidents and a president, certain gentlemen and ladies being mentioned for these different positions. It is suggested that the entrance fee be 2s 6d for gentlemen, 2s for ladies, and 1s for children. Other arrangements as regards the room, rehearsals, conductor, etc., will be considered at next meeting which will probably be held on Friday evening next.

OULTON WESLEYAN CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY.

On Sunday last, the anniversary sermons of the above place of worship were preached by the newly-appointed minister to the Normanton end of the circuit, the Rev. W. Salisbury. On Monday, the Rev. J. Judge, of Hunslet, preached in the afternoon, the service being followed by a public tea and a meeting in the evening. The meeting was presided over by S. Righton, Esq., of Normanton, and the Rev. J. Judge, and the circuit ministers were the principal speakers. The proceeds were on behalf of the trust funds.

SACRED CONCERT.

On behalf of the Rothwell Temperance Society, a programme of sacred music was rendered in the Rothwell Cricket Field, on Sunday afternoon last, by the Temperance Band. There was only a moderate attendance. The band opened with a march, "Palmer House," the other items being:—selections, "Herold," *Round;* and "Mozart," *Rimmer;* aire varie, "Adeste Fideles," *Round;* and the euphonium solo, "The Village Blacksmith," by *Weiss,* played by Mr. J. Newton. The programme was rendered in the band's best form, under the baton of Mr Barthram, the soloist also doing himself much credit. There was a collection at the gates in support of the band's funds.

SIR CHARLES LOWTHER, BART.

Sir Charles Lowther, Bart., of Swillington, near Leeds, who was recently appointed to a second-lieutenancy in the 21st (Empress of India's) Lancers, will not now join the corps, having effected an exchange into the 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars (late at Leeds), in which his brother-in-law is serving.

CHOIR TRIP.

The Stourton Wesleyan Choir held their annual trip to Morecambe, on Saturday last. Many of the places of interest were visited, but the cold wind that prevailed greatly marred pleasure. The party arrived at Morecambe at 9-30, and reached Leeds about midnight.

FOOTBALL

Will the Secretaries of Football Clubs kindly forward List of Fixtures, Reports of Matches (both first and second teams), and List of players chosen as early as possible.

NORTHERN UNION—SECOND COMPETITION—EAST DIVISION.

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

	Pl	Wn	Lt	Dn	Pts	For G	For T	For P	Against G	Against T	Against P
Normanton	2	2	0	0	4	4	2	14	0	1	3
Outwood C	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	5	0	0	0
Alverthorpe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastmoor..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Featherstone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
xKinsley ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ossett	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pontefract	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Goole	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5
Rothwell ..	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	6
xYork	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	2	8

York v. Kinsley—This match was not played owing to Kinsley failing to turn up.

REFEREES FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.
Kinsley v Ossett. Mr. F. Asquith, Outwood.
Normanton v Featherstone. Mr. Latham, Wakefield
Alverthorpe v Rothwell Mr S. Mortimer, Dewsbury
Goole v Eastmoor. Mr. J. Lovell, Hull K R
Pontefract v Outwood. Mr. Price, Kinsley.
E. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

ROTHWELL V. NORMANTON.

The local Northern Union club opened their season by encountering Normanton on the Parkside grounds. Of the last season's players:—Cromack, Taylor, Fieldhouse, Kelly, Morrell, Robinson, Gillings, Godley, Shaw, Speight, Ambler, Blackburn and Williams donned the jersey; the most notable absentees being Morgan, (although wanting to retire from activities, it is rumoured he is seeking pastures new). J Morrell who at present is working at Goole, but who it is to be hoped will be available before long; Westmoreland, and Saunders who have joined the Leeds and Hunslet clubs respectively, Ward, the brothers Parkinson, Hemsworth, Bulmer, and Walmsley. Holt, who has been appointed captain, and whom the Rothwell club had so much difficulty in getting his transfer last year, was the only new player, he filling the vacancy caused by Morgan. Although there were rumours of several new men willing to join the Rothwell organization, three of whom were chosen for last Saturday's encounter, Bennett, Webster, and Dewse, they were conspicuous by their absence. The game on Saturday was spoiled by the strong breeze, the ball being constantly in touch. Neither side showed much brilliancy in their play. The visitors held the advantage in the front division, but on the general play the teams were about an equal match. Normanton gained the verdict by a penalty goal and two dropped goals, which were well pitched over by the aid of the wind. If the club is desirous of gaining a name in the football world, new men will have to be tried in the forwards, so as to be able to compete with their burly opponents.

ASSOCIATION.

ROTHWELL WHITE ROSE 'A' V. PURSTON UNITED.

The Rothwell Association eleven opened thier season's fixtures on Saturday last, on the Royds Lane ground, when they tried conclusions with Purston United, a comparatively new team under the Association code, but posessing several old and experienced players. The day, although fine, was not ideal, inasmuch as a strong westerly breeze made it hard work for the team kicking against it, whilst those playing with it at their backs had much difficulty in judging their shots correctly. Rothwell played first half towards the Park goal, with the wind in their favour, but notwithstanding this advantage, their first efforts were weak, disorganised, and disappointing. The visitors made a promising show, defending well, and occasionally, by hard work, carrying hostilities dangerously near the home citadel. Despite frequent opportunities to score, the Rothwell forwards for a long time could not get the ball into the net, shots by Illingworth, Bridges and others all going wide or well over the bar. Illingworth managed to score a goal before half-time, the same player also spoiling a successful shot by off-side play. Half-time score:—Rothwell 1 goal, Purston none. Playing against the wind, the Rothwell team showed their staying powers to advantage, whilst the visitors were evidently too fatigued by their first half defence, to keep up their attacks. Soon after the second stage commenced, C Fox scored the second goal for Rothwell, subsequent play being well in favour of the home team, who improved in their play as the game proceeded. The whistle blew time with the score:—Rothwell 2 goals to Purston *nil.* Mr. F. Bradley, of Oulton, was the referee, and ruled the game with commendable impartiality and good judgement.

STOURTON UNITED V. ST. SILAS.

Played on the former's ground at Stourton. Horsfield opened for the home team, but the visitors quickly returned. Elliott relieved well, and good forward work followed. St. Silas still pressed, Watson being prominent, and a corner accrued. Nothing was scored, however. Good wing play was shown by the home forwards, Gillings putting in smart work, Mitchell doing good service for the visitors. Donald put in a good shot, but the ball went wide. Stourton now attacked strongly, and Hartley scored after keen play. Half-time arrived with the score:—Stourton 1 goal, St Silas none. Resuming with the wind in their favour, Stourton pressed their opponents and forced a corner. Stringer kicked finely, a goal resulting. Give-and-take play followed, Taylor for the visitors playing a dashing game. Bell with a long kick landed another goal for the homesters, and the game ended with the result, Stourton United 3 goals, St Silas *nil.*

OLD FALSE TEETH BOUGHT.
Many ladies and gentlemen have by them old or disused false teeth, which might as well be turned into money. Messrs. R. D. & J. B. Fraser, of Princes Street, Ipswich, (established since 1833), buy old false teeth. If you send your teeth to them they will remit you by return of post the utmost value; or, if preferred, they will make you the best offer, and hold the teeth over for your reply. If reference necessary, apply to Messrs. Bacon & Co., Bankers, Ipswich.

WOODLESFORD V. CASTLEFORD FREEHOLD.

The Woodlesford Rugby Club played their first league match at home on Saturday last, and although they lost, there is every possibility of them making a very fair junior team. Where the homesters failed, was in finish; some of their best efforts being discounted by the fact that they lack scoring ability; but with a little more practice and a better knowledge of the Northern Union rules, they will be a hard nut to crack, and at the close of the season, should be well up the League ladder.

ROTHWELL ASSOCIATION F. C.

LIST OF FIXTURES—1899-1900.

FIRST TEAM.

				G	G
Sep 23	Selby	away			
30	LOssett	home			
Oct 7	Royal Artillery	away			
14	LFeatherstone	away			
21	LOulton	home			
Nov 4	1st Round Hospital Cup				
11	1st ,, W.Y. ,, Bye				
18	LDewsbury	home			
25	2nd Round Hospital Cup				
Dec 2	W.Y.C.—Huddersfield	home			
16	3rd Round H.C.				
23	Roseville	home			
25	LOulton	away			
30	LNormanton	away			
Jan 6	Royal Artillery	home			
13	W.Y.C—Hunslet	away			
27	LDewsbury	away			
Feb 3	LOssett	away			
10	LNormanton	home			
17	Semi-final W.Y.C				
24	LAltofts	away			
Mar 10	LAltofts	home			
17	Roseville	away			
Apr 7	LFeatherstone	home			
14	Selby	home			

L Denotes West Yorkshire League.

SECOND TEAM.

Sept 9	LPurston United	home	Won	2	0
16	LFerrybridge	away			
23	Beeston Hill Parish Ch.	home			
30	LHunslet New Connexion	away			
Oct 14	LFerrybridge	home			
21	Oulton 'A'	away			
Nov 4	Beeston Hill Parish Ch.	away			
11	LPurston United	away			
18	LWoodlesford	away			
Dec 9	Whitkirk	away			
16	Oulton 'A'	home			
23	Roseville 'A'	away			
25	LWoodlesford	home			
30	LNormanton 'A'	home			
Feb 3	Hunslet New Connexion	home			
10	LNormanton 'A'	away			
24	LAltofts 'A'	home			
Mar 3	Whitkirk	home			
10	LAltofts 'A'	away			
17	Roseville 'A'	home			

L Denotes West Yorkshire Junior League.

OULTON ASSOCIATION F. C.

LIST OF FIXTURES—1899-1900.

FIRST TEAM.

			G	G
Sep 16	LOssett	away		
23	LDewsbury	home		
30	LNormanton Dodworth	home		
Oct 7	LFeatherstone	home		
14	Yorkshire College	home		
21	LRothwell White Rose	away		
Nov 4	First Round Hospital Cup			
11	,, W.Y. ,, Bye			
18	Beeston Hill Parish Ch.	away		
25	Second Round Hospital Cup			
Dec 2	,, W.Y.C—Dodworth h			
9	LOssett	home		
16	Ferrybridge	home		
23	LAltofts	away		
25	LRothwell White Rose	home		
26	Woodlesford	away		
30	LDewsbury	away		
Jan 6	LAltofts	home		
20	LFeatherstone	away		
27	Roundhay	away		
Feb 3	Leeds Roseville	away		
10	Beeston Hill Parish Ch.	home		
17	Roundhay	away		
24	LNormanton Dodworth	away		
Mar 3	Woodlesford	home		
10	Ferrybridge	away		
17	Yorkshire College	away		
24	Leeds Roseville	home		

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WOODLESFORD RUGBY F. C.

LIST OF FIXTURES—1899-1900.

				Pts	Pts
Sep 9	Castleford Freehold	home	Lost	0	13
16	Whitwood Juniors	home			
23	Stanley St Peter's	away			
30	Lofthouse Parish Ch.	home			
Oct 7	Normanton Albion	away			
14	Streethouse	home			
21	Castleford Victoria	home			
28	Wakefield Rovers	away			
Nov 11	Lofthouse Gate Albion	away			
18	Normanton Albion	home			
25	Castleford Victoria	away			
Dec 2	Lofthouse Parish Ch.	away			
16	Wakefield Rovers	home			
23	Castleford Half-acre	home			
30	Lofthouse Gate Albion	home			
Jan 6	Castleford Half-acre	away			
20	Stanley St Peters	home			
27	Streethouse	away			
Feb 3	Castleford S Lawrence	home			
10	Castleford Freehold	away			
24	Featherstone W Rose	away			
Mar 10	Castleford S Lawrence	away			
17	Lee Moor Juniors	away			
24	Featherstone W Rose	home			
31	Lee Moor Juniors	home			
Apr 14	Whitwood Juniors	away			

Castleford and District Junior League.

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

RUGBY.

At Alverthorpe—Alverthorpe v Rothwell.

ROTHWELL TEAM—Full back, B Cromack; three-quarter backs, J Fieldhouse, J Hoult (capt), J Newton B Kelly; half-backs, B Morrell, F Robinson; forwards, J Ward, W Speight, E Williams, W Shaw, J Parkinson, E Godley, T Brown, W Pape, D Ward, W Booth, C Blackburn.

Castleford and District Junior League.

At Woodlesford—Woodlesford v Whitwood Juniors.

WOODLESFORD TEAM—Full back, G Tranmer; three-quarter backs, Tuler, Ellis, Rhodes, Wilson; half-backs, J Connelly, Mottishaw; forwards, P Kale (capt), W Butterfield, A Dunwell, L Gill, S Hamill, J Mirfield, R Nicholson, J Strafford; Reserves, J Beaumont, J W Benson, W Abbey, Shorter.

ASSOCIATION.

At Ferrybridge—Ferrybridge v Rothwell White Rose A (Junior League),

WHITE ROSE 'A' TEAM—Goal, A Cripps; backs, S Baber, J Nunns; half-backs, C Fox, T Bridges, J Smith; forwards, H Brown, C Ward, W Blacker, A Sidebottom, A Cromack; Reserves, G Tiffany, E Fox

At Normanton—Normanton Dodsworth v Woodlesford

WOODLESFORD TEAM—Goal, F Parker; backs, D Johnson, A Mirfin; half-backs, I Snook, S Tranmer (capt), J Hobson; forwards, W Haigh, A Chadwick, H Mitchell, F J Ferritt, C Dinsdale; Reserves, J Wilkinson, S Hoyle.

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	No. of Inns.	Times Not out.	Most in an Ins.	Total Runs.	Avrg
H Rinder....	13	3	38	157	15.70
Ellis Ward..	11	5	23x	68	11.33
Tom Ward ..	14	1	58x	131	10.7
Sam Ely	13	1	23	92	7.66
J Newton....	8	0	24	59	7.37
J Ashton....	4	0	21	29	7.25
A Thackrah..	14	0	26	101	7.21
J Rinder....	5	0	21	42	7.
W Holroyd..	7	2	16	31	6.20
J Speak	13	0	21	77	5.93
T Brown	10	0	38	53	5.30
W Smith....	5	0	10	26	5.20
J Brown	11	0	18	55	5.

x Denotes Not Out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg
W Smith....	50	13	76	11	6.90
J Newton....	89	13	184	25	7.36
S Ely	167	30	218	20	10.90
J Speak	46	15	102	9	11 33
W Holroyd..	59	11	118	9	13.11
H Rinder....	54	13	133	8	16.62
E Ward	115	31	218	13	19.07

SECOND TEAM—BATTING.

	No. of Inns.	Times Not out.	Most in an Ins.	Total Runs.	Avrg.
J Oakley	6	1	26	53	10.60
C Ward	10	1	28	66	7.33
J Ashton....	6	1	17	35	7.
W Smith....	4	0	13	24	6.
J Charlesworth	9	0	26	48	5 33
G Darlington	6	0	9	29	4.82
A Ward	5	0	13	23	4.60
J W Clarkson	7	0	13	32	4.55
J Slimmon ..	12	1	13	46	4 18
W Holroyd..	5	0	7	17	3.40
W Blackburn	6	0	11	19	3.16
R Brown	7	0	12	22	3.14
Tim Brown..	5	1	5x	8	2.

x Denotes Not Out.

OULTON v LEEDS ST. AIDAN'S.

Played at Oulton on Saturday last

Oulton.

C Briggs, c Ison b Fenwick	1
E A Higgins, c Halloran b Fenwick	5
L E Greenwood, c Whitehouse b Fenwick	8
E Boothroyd, b Crosfield	0
J Jeffrey, b Fenwick..........	4
G M Abbey, b Crosfield	7
W Inman, b Crosfield	0
W Smith, b Crosfield	2
F Killingbeck, not out..........	11
O Inman, b Harrison	14
H Mitchell, c Fenwick b Harrison..	0
Extras..........	3
Total	55

Leeds St. Aidan's.

A Fenwick, st Inman b Higgins ..	4
D Halloran, b Greenwood	0
T Dixon, b Greenwood	0
H Crosfield, c Boothroyd b Higgins	2
G L Fenwick, not out	19
W Rose, run out	7
W Whitehouse, b Greenwood......	14
T Lincoln, not out	8
Extras..........	11
Total for 6 wkts	65

OULTON 2ND v LEEDS ST. AIDAN'S.

Played at Gipton Lodge on Saturday last.

St. Aidan's 2nd.

H Clarke, c Hurdus b S Lockwood	3
A Galloway, c and b Bell........	1
S Grainger, c and b S Lockwood......	0
H Woolfenden, b Bell	2
R Askew, lbw b Wilkinson	21
P Fenwick, b Parkinson	7
A Wood, c Lockwood b Wilkinson..	0
S Folbigg, c and b Wilkinson......	2
H Wray b Parkinson	2
G Lightfoot, b Parkinson..........	0
H Grimshaw, not out	0
Extras..........	6
Total..........	44

Oulton 2nd.

J Morley, c Clarke b Askew	20
O Wilkinson, c and b Wray	0
W Parkinson, c Clarke b Wray	1
S Lockwood, b Clarke	1
P Inman, c Folbigg b Wray	1
F Hampshire, c Askew b Wray....	0
T Hurdus, not out	51
J H Forrest, not out	9
Extras..........	2
Total for 6 wkts	85

At Rothwell—Rothwell P C v Methley Boys Brigade

PARISH CHURCH TEAM—P Chapman, (capt), J H Drew, E Moss, A Tiffany, T Parker, J Hargreaves, A Bedford, W Ward, M Naylor, D Cooper, E Beckwith; Reserves, H Lunn, S Abbishaw.

WEDNESDAY.

At Rothwell—Rothwell Tradesmen v Stephenson's Employees.

ROTHWELL TRADESMEN'S ELEVEN—H Wormald (capt), J Stead, M Fowler, E Milner, A Denton, Dr James, Dr Buck, O Wilkinson, J Wilkinson, T Hampson, A Batty.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT CARLTON.

A very distressing fatality occurred at the works of Mr. Squire Dobson, band maker, at Carlton, on Wednesday last. At half-past eleven, William Mitchell, band-spinner, 29 years of age, was following his employment, and was for the time being engaged putting a strap on to a pulley whilst the machinery was in motion. By some means he became entangled between the pulley and belt, which twisted him round and completely tore the left arm from the body. Mr. Dobson, who had just left the locality, hearing him scream, ran back, and grasping the situation, at once stopped the engine. The body was extricated, and Dr. Buck sent for, but little could be done for the unfortunate sufferer. He died as he lay in the workplace about an hour after the accident occurred. An inquest was opened into the circumstances leading to his death, by Major Taylor, at the Queen Hotel, yesterday. Sufficient evidence was given to allow of a certificate of interment being given, after which the inquest was adjourned until Tuesday night at 6 p.m., in order that the Factory Inspector might attend.

IMPORTANT CHANGE IN POLICE ARRANGEMENTS.

To persons living in Rothwell, Rothwell Haigh, Middleton, Oulton and Woodlesford, and Royds Green, who have had business at the police courts, it has always been a most inconvenient and expensive matter to travel to Wakefield for that purpose. Happily an alteration has been completed, and all police cases, questions of laying rates, and the nonpayment thereof, and any other business hitherto done at Wakefield Court House, will on and after October 1st, be transacted at Leeds. This will prove an immense saving of time and money to all persons concerned in these matters, and be of advantage in many other ways to those residing in this locality.

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KIND words are like music to the world; they have a power which seems to be beyond natural causes. No one has ever been converted by a sarcasm; crushed, perhaps, if the sarcasm was clever enough, but never made better.

HE TOOK THE ADVICE.

A boy was advised by his father to use illustrations in his conversation whenever they should occur to him.

"For," continued the parent, "there is no more forcible way of conveying your meaning."

Shortly afterwards the boy was being lectured on the subject of generosity. "It's better to give than receive, Johnny; far better."

"Illustrate it, papa; I think I shall understand it better," replied the youngster.

THE YOUNG POETESS AND HER MISSION.

Mother has sent me shopping—My!—
Butter and eggs and a pound of cheese—
I hope I shall remember—I
Do forget low things like these!

Far my fluttering fancies fly—
Butter and eggs and a pound of cheese—
Communing with the earth and sky
And Nature's mighty mysteries!

My soul delights in visions high—
Butter and eggs and a pound of cheese—
For Fame's bright wreath I sing and sigh,
Which still I stretch my hand to seize.

Fame's glorious wreath! Ah, when I die—
Butter and eggs and a pound of cheese—
(The grocer's name—how teasing!—I
Always forget low things like these!)

"Oh, my good woman!"—by the bye—
Butter and eggs and a pound of cheese—
"*Can* you tell me, please, where I
Can purchase common things like these?"

"Yes, Miss—I be going by—
Butter and eggs and sich as this,
Mr. Friggins do sell—but I
Be sorry they ben't *more common,* Miss."
—D.W.

THE PROUD LADY.

From the German.

Lady Gertrude lived in a magnificent castle, and was not a little proud of her high rank. One day, Marie, the daughter of a poor mason, came up with a request to speak to her. "My father is dying, my lady," she said, "and would be thankful if you would come to see him, as he has something important to say to you." But the lady answered scornfully. "That must be indeed important that a poor man like that has to say to me! I shall never come into a place like your cottage." After a time Marie came back quite out of breath—"Oh, my lady, *do* come," she exclaimed. "At the time of the war your mother had a quantity of gold and silver built up into a wall, and she made my father promise never to tell anyone about it except your ladyship on his death-bed. He is dying now, and *must* see you." Lady Gertrude hurried to the dying man's bedside, but before she reached it the good man was speechless. She hastened back to the castle in great agitation, and had wall after wall broken into, but could never find the hidden treasure.

GOOD FOR EVIL.

Some years ago, a young man, wishing to drown his dog, got into a boat and went out for some distance on the River Seine, after which he threw the poor animal into the water. The dog endeavoured to get back into the boat, but each time he tried his unfeeling master pushed him back again with the oars.

In the midst of this struggle, however, the man himself fell into the water, and would most certainly have perished, had not the faithful dog seized hold of him, and kept him on the surface of the water till some one came to his assistance. Does man, does the Christian need to be taught by a poor dumb animal the duty which our dear Master has shown us, to repay good for evil?

The Swiss are very thrifty people. Four-tenths of the grown-up people of Switzerland have bank accounts, and beggars are few.

"You know, Baby," said Grandpa to a little child who would not say grace after dinner—"you know, Baby, if you don't say grace, I can't get up from the table."

"H'm! You have not tried yet," said Baby.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 1st and 2nd.
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A cordial invitation is given to any person to attend the above Meeting. All are Welcome.

DEATHS.

HUTTON—Sept. 16th, aged 22 years, Rachel, wife of Andrew Hutton, of Woodlesford.
TOLLEY—Sept. 17th, aged 14 months, Alice Amelia daughter of Albert and Sarah Tolley, of Woodlesford.
BROWN—Sept. 20th, aged 18 years and 11 months, Ralph Brown, of Lofthouse.

COMING EVENTS REGISTER

The proprietors of this journal have now opened a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

Sept. 23—Co-op. Annual Tea, Meeting and Concert.
Oct 1 & 2—Rothwell Wesleyan Harvest Festival.
Oct 4 & 5—Rothwell Old Band Bazaar
Nov 22 & 23—Rothwell Church Bazaar.

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FRED W. MEE, Clerk.

WANTED.

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Friday, September 22, 1899.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A meeting of the above Board was held at Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon, Dr. Hawkyard (chairman) presiding. There were also present Mr. Fryer (vice-chairman), Rev. M. J. Dillon, Messrs. Hargreaves, Butterick, Robb, Knight, Seddon, Houghton, Edwards, Banks, Bamforth, Tomlinson, Charlesworth, with the clerk (Mr. Mee) and assistant clerk (Mr. Ward).

The vagrants relieved during the fortnight were 242 men, against 294 during the corresponding period of last year; 19 women against 20, and 9 children against 21, a total of 270 against 335.

WORKHOUSE VISITING COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the above Committee held on the 13th inst. and at which were present Rev. M. J. Dillon (chairman), Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Woodcock, and Messrs. Banks, Houghton, Robb, and Seddon, attention was called to the previous week's issue of the *Rothwell Times* containing a literal reprint of certain portions of the minutes of the last meeting. It was proposed by Mrs. Dickenson that the Editor of the *Rothwell Times* be asked from what source the copy of the minutes was obtained. Seconded by Mr. Banks and carried unanimously. Messrs. Seddon and Dillon reported upon their visit to the Workhouse during the past fortnight. The applications for the office of Probationer Nurse were read and considered. It was proposed by Mrs. Woodcock that Clara Booth 26, Annie Graville, 21, and Lottie Bones, 26, of Hunslet, and Jane Robinson, 25, of New Wortley, be selected to appear before the Guardians. Seconded by Mr. Houghton and carried unanimously. It was proposed by Mr. Seddon that the whole Committee be appointed to take over Stock from the Master and Matron on Monday next. Seconded by Mr. Banks and carried unanimously. It was proposed by Mr. Banks that the Guardians be recommended to advertise for tenders for Provisions &c. for the ensuing half-year as before. Seconded by Mr. Robb and carried unanimously. The report of the Ladies Committee was read and found satisfactory. They again called attention to Margaret Green's complaint. The Master reported that the woman had not complained to the Medical Officer, and he did not therefore feel called upon to interfere. Mesdames Price, Fatkin, Thackrah, Lawson, Rowley, and Ford, members of the Ladies Committee attended and conferred with the Committee on matters referred to in their reports, with the desire of avoiding any possible misunderstanding in the future.

Mr. Dillon proposed the confirmation of the minutes, there being nothing in the minutes, to his knowledge which required any explanation.

Before the minutes were submitted for confirmation, however, Mr. Butterick said he wished to ask a few questions, which he trusted would be answered by the Chairman of the Committee. The Committee's attention, he saw, had been drawn to the previous week's issue of the *Rothwell Times*, in which was a literal reprint of the Committee's minutes, and a resolution had been carried, proposed by Mrs. Dickenson and seconded by Mr. Banks, that the Editor of the paper be asked as to who had furnished him with a copy of the minutes. He would like to know what reason there was for passing such a resolution?

Mr. Dillon said he was quietly passing this thing over, in order that the Clerk might have time to carry out the resolution, and ascertain from whence the information had been supplied. The Committee were told that the representative of the paper in question did not ask for a copy of the minutes, and they were consequently rather surprised how he could have received a copy. The minutes of the Committee were allowed to be printed for the convenience of the members, and they considered that as such they were the private property of the Guardians.

The Chairman: What harm has been done?

Mr. Dillon said the Committee were curious to know how a verbatim copy of the minutes could appear, when the reporter had not been supplied with a copy in the usual way.

The Chairman: Then the only complaint is that they have put the minutes in *en block*.

Mr. Butterick: You want to know who has supplied these minutes; I have, I am the man (Laughter.) Further than that, I want to say I have done the proper thing. Is it the intention that the House Committee should be a secret society; if not, why do they object to their minutes being published? We have two reporters here, and this, the House Committee, is the only privileged Committee under the Board, as they are allowed to have their minutes printed, instead of being read before the Board. Barring what remarks are made upon the minutes, the reporters know nothing about what has been done in committee. All the other Committee minutes are read out in the room, and the shorthand writers have the privilege of taking them down. No copy of the House Committee minutes is handed to them. I can take you to a Guardians meeting where the printed minutes are laid upon the table for the reporters' use as soon as they come into the room. As to the question at issue, the *Rothwell Times'* reporter sent down to ask if he could have a look at the minutes, and in allowing him I had no idea I was doing anything but the proper thing. We are servants of the public and they have a right to know what we do. I should like to know what the Committee object to. The resolution is an absurd one, and I am surprised that Mr. Banks should second it. (Laughter.)

The Clerk stated that the reporters had been supplied with copies of the minutes when they had asked for them.

The minutes of the Committee were approved, and a resolution was afterwards passed, proposed by Mr. Butterick, that in future the reporters have copies of the minutes of the House Committee furnished them.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. Bamforth, guardian, had given a quantity of toys for the children at the Homes. The Homes Committee passed a resolution of thanks.

Accounts amounting to £408 3s 1d were passed for payment.

A report having been made to the Local Government Board with regard to an irregular certificate of vaccination given at Stourton, that authority wrote, pointing out that it rested with the Guardians to consider whether an offence had been committed. The Clerk was instructed to make full inquiry into the matter.

A report was presented as to the adjourned conference of local Unions on tuberculosis, and the Chairman remarked that the Hunslet and Holbeck Sanitary Association had decided to ask for subscriptions for a home which they were establishing. They would be glad, he understood, to reserve one or two beds for cases from the Hunslet Union. The Clerk was directed to ascertain if there were any cases suitable for treatment.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board stating that the Board would cause the plans of the new workhouse to be immediately examined.

The same authority also wrote granting authority for the payment to Dr. Buck of an out-of-date account of 10s.

The Local Government Board had issued an order setting forth that the appointment of certain subordinate officials need not be notified to the Board in future.

THE CARLTON FATALITY.

ADJOURNED INQUEST.

The adjourned inquiry into the circumstances leading to the death of William Mitchell, bandspinner, of Carlton, whose death by accident we reported in our last issue, was held at the Queen Hotel, Carlton, before Major Taylor, on Tuesday evening last. Mr. Shinner, Inspector under the Factory Act, for whose attendance the inquest had been adjourned, was now present.

George Nadin, of Main Street, Carlton, was the first witness called, and said he had worked with the deceased for 5 years, Mitchell being the foreman of the works and had the engine and machinery to look after. He saw him about ten minutes before the accident, witness being then engaged in his usual employment, and in a casual way looked down the walk and saw Mitchell twenty yards away trying to get a belt on the driving pulley; this was about ten minutes past eleven in the forenoon. The deceased was astride of a beam on which the shaft bearing rested, and had had to get on to a post to reach that position. The shaft was running. Deceased had several times said to witness, that he had been warned not to go up whilst the engine was running, or put on the belt whilst the engine was going at full speed. Witness went on with his work after seeing the deceased trying to put on the belt, and about five minutes afterwards he heard an unusual noise of something knocking and at once ran to the engine and stopped it. He had about fifteen yards to go. The engine being stopped he found Mitchell fast on the shaft, and Mr. Dobson and the Doctor were at once sent for. He only heard the deceased speak once, and that was to say "Lord help me." There was a ladder close by, which deceased could have used if he had chosen.

The Inspector: It was his duty to stop the machinery before putting on the belt, how do you know that?

Witness: I have heard him warned, and have heard the deceased say that he had been told not to do that trick again

The Inspector: He was told to stop the engine, not to slow.

Witness: Yes.

The Inspector: There was nothing to be gained by not stopping the engine?

Witness: No.

The Inspector said he had seen the place, and there was no need for any fencing at the place where the accident occurred.

Mrs. Emma Speak gave evidence as to laying the body out; there were no marks on the body, but the face was slightly marked, the left arm torn from the body and broken, and a small cut on one of the legs.

The Coroner said there was another witness that could be called if the Jury thought fit. Persons had to attend to orders; they had heard that there was no offence against the Factory Act, and so far as he could gather, the occurrence was purely and simply accidental

The Jury thought that there was no need for further evidence; they were of opinion that there was no fault whatever attaching to the master, Mr. Dobson, and that the deceased met his death through a pure accident. A verdict to that effect was returned.

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ROTHWELL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the above Board was held on Friday evening, present—Messrs A. Batty (chairman), T. Park, J. Elstob, J. Butterick, B. Richardson, W. Lunn, and the Rev. J. A. Alderson, with the clerk (Mr. A Marshall), and attendance officer (Mr. W Denton).

NIGHT SCHOOLS.

From the minutes of Committee meetings previously held, it appears that Evening Continuation Classes will commence at both schools on Monday, October 2nd. At Rothwell, Mr. Martin will take the helm, (for male and female classes), and will be assisted by Miss Nunns (needlework, &c.), and Miss Kirkby (for cookery). At Stourton, Mr. White will continue in charge of the boys and young men's classes, which did so well last year. The Head Teachers will receive 7s. a night for their services, the fees and grants coming into the hands of the Board; prizes will be presented at the close of the session for attendance and good conduct. The Ambulance Class will open again, when Dr. Buck has kindly promised to give lectures for second course.

TEACHERS.

A letter was read from Miss Howarth, tendering her resignation as Certified Assistant at Rothwell, having been recently married. General regret was expressed at losing so valuable a teacher, and in accepting her resignation, Mr. Butterick and the Chairman proposed that a suitable testimonial be prepared for her.

The Clerk was further ordered to advertise for a successor to Mrs. Birkby (Miss Howarth) at £60 a year.

The Clerk reported that Miss Sykes, of Mirfield, had been appointed to Stourton Infants' School, and the Board confirmed the appointment.

ATTENDANCE.

The Attendance Officer had laid the lists of bad attenders before the various School Management Committees, and four parents are ordered to be summoned, final notices being sent to others. Generally, the attendance in the Mixed schools has averaged 89 per cent since the holidays, but this should be much better.

LETTINGS.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Temperance Society asking for the use of the Central Hall and four Class-rooms, for a Bazaar at Christmas; the application was granted on the usual terms, on the motion of Messrs. Butterick and Alderson.

A letter was also read from the Rev. J. A Alderson applying for the same rooms for the Primitive Methodist Bazaar at Easter, and this was agreed to on the same terms as last Easter, on the resolution of Messrs. Richardson and the Chairman.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

On the above item being reached, the Clerk stated in reply to a question, that the Board had never purchased any books for the libraries, but that the libraries had been formed from the profits made at sundry concerts, &c., in past years.

Mr. Lunn's resolution, as per notice given, was as follows:—"That we purchase 100 additional good and suitable books for each of the school libraries at the Rothwell and Stourton schools, and so foster and encourage a love for good literature amongst the older children in our schools, as desired by the Education Code (Instructions to Inspectors)." Refering to the "Instructions to Inspectors," Mr. Lunn argued on the fact that there was evidently insufficient reading done by the children, apart from school books, and that the provision of suitable books for home reading was a most important necessity in all schools. He held that the literary ability of the child should be drawn out by reading good books, and encouraging him to write out the story in his own language, thus improving the child's knowledge, exercising his imagination, and resulting in the proper use of words in composition.

Mr. Butterick, in seconding the resolution, said the members would all, doubtless, agree with the value of good books in a school, and he had pleasure in furthering the proposal; and suggested that a member or two on each Committee select the books. The resolution was carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL.

The Overseers had paid in £250 on account of precept during the month, and £107 7s 6d had been received as fee grant. The balance in hand is £98 12s 2d, and £250 is still to come in from the Overseers.

On the motion of the Rev. J. A. Alderson and Mr. Richardson, the following accounts and salaries were ordered to be paid:—

	£	s.	d.
Rothwell Haigh Schools	71	1	8
Rothwell School	78	15	10
Public Works Loan Board	22	2	4
A. Marshall, salary	12	10	0
W. Denton, "	7	10	0
C. A. Rickard "	2	10	0
C. Ineson	3	1	1
Bean & Son	6	12	7
Arnold & Son	2	0	7
S. Grant	14	3	9
J. & J. Charlesworth, Ltd.	3	19	10
Wesleyan School Trustees	13	0	0
Rothwell Gas Light Co., coke	15	13	3

FATAL ACCIDENT AT ROBIN HOOD COLLIERY.

On Wednesday last, at the Robin Hood Colliery, Ralph Brown, 18 years of age, of Bright Eyes Row, Lofthouse, met with an accident, whilst following his usual employment at the colliery, his injuries proving fatal soon after the occurrence. The funeral of the deceased took place to-day, at the Lofthouse Church Additional Burial Ground.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

On Sunday last, Mr. Isaac Smith presided at the above gathering, there being a very good attendance. Mr. A. Paul was the speaker, and gave an instructive address on "Gossiping." The soloist was Miss Annie Collins, of Woodhouse Hill, who gave "The Last Milestone" and "Holy City," with much taste. Mr. T. W. Crossland again accompanied.

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OULTON & WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD.

A meeting of the above Board was called for Wednesday evening last, but only the Chairman (Mr. H. Trinder), the Rev. A. J. Irvin, and the clerk (Mr. Smith), put in an appearance. There not being a quorum in attendance, no business could be transacted.

Before the hour appointed for the ordinary meeting, however, Mr. Irvin and the Clerk interviewed several parents with respect to the irregular attendance of their children, and asked them to do better in future. Mr. Leslie, (the attendance officer), was also present.

Mr. J. T. Lygo wrote regretting his inability to attend.

The question whether the Board should have an Evening Continuation Class this winter, was discussed by the two members present, the Clerk, Mr. Parkin (head master), and the head mistress of the Girls' Department, in committee. The subject will be brought up again at the adjourned meeting to be held on Tuesday next, at 7-15 in the evening.

The half-yearly statement of income and expenditure will also be presented for approval at the adjourned meeting.

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.]

By the death of Mr. Thomas Oliver, of Carlton, the Rothwell Urban District Council loses one of its ablest members. Endowed by nature with sturdy mental qualities, he performed in his day excellent services for the people of Carlton, whom he represented on the District Council since its formation. As a Councillor Mr. Oliver was a man of few words, but when he did speak it was to the point. There was no member on the Rothwell Council who said so much in so few words. His mastery of concrete facts and his ability to apply them in any emergency, was really admirable; our little world has lost a good citizen who tried to be useful in his generation.

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As a public man who laboured for the good of his townsfolk he had no superior in the district. By his removal the community is distinctly poorer, and the Rothwell Council suffers a greivous loss.

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The sympathy of all who knew the deceased Councillor will be with his family in their bereavement.

WESLEYAN QUARTERLY MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Wesleyan officials in the Rothwell Circuit was held on Wednesday, preceded by a substantial tea, at which Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Salisbury, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs A. W. Seanor presided. The meeting, which took place at six o'clock, was presided over by the Rev. S. Arnold, to whom, with the Rev. W. Salisbury, a cordial welcome was extended.

There was a good attendance of members, and although a number of removals have diminished the roll, there are 33 on trial and 99 young people in junior classes, and a very hopeful tone pervaded the meeting.

Mr. J. R. Seanor, J.P., and Mr. McAdoo presented the financial statement, from which it appears that about £31 is owing by the circuit. There have been serious extra expenses incurred in the removal of the ministers, and also the renovation of the Rothwell house. Some conversation followed on the suggestion that the offertory system be adopted, but the subject was left over for a time, the stewards being confident the adverse balance would be cleared off by-and-bye. The report was then adopted.

Mr. Seanor has acted for some time as treasurer to the Foreign Missionary Fund, and Mr. W. Stephenson has ably performed the duties of lay secretary. Both these gentlemen were heartily thanked, and were re-appointed, the Rev. W. Salisbury being accepted as clerical secretary. Every effort is to used for making the claims of Foreign Missions known and appreciated, the day of intercession being Monday, October 2nd., or some other early day.

Mr. Lygo was thanked for his services as treasurer to the Worn Out Ministers' Fund, and was re-appointed.

It being advisable during the next three months to clear off £100 from the Normanton Manse, a subscription was started, Mr. Seanor nobly offering £29, if raised at once. Before the meeting closed, it was most gratifying to find that the whole amount will be liquidated, a hearty doxology being cheerfully offered to God for the spirit of liberality which had enabled the friends to get rid of this incubus.

Appropriately following this financial success, the Superintendent referred to the "Movement" for a general effort in the Leeds District to secure an increase of membership by at least 1000, during the present year, and stated that a Circuit Conference would be held at Rothwell on November 1st., for which arrangements would be made.

It was reported by the circuit officials of the Twentieth Century Fund, that 97 guineas had been paid and sent to head quarters, of the 551 guineas promised. A central meeting of young people will be held during the autumn for the same object.

The Superintendent stated that it is intended to lay memorial stones of the new Sunday School at Rothwell on October 25th.

The next meeting will be held at Normanton on December 26th.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Sept. 16th, 1899, is £301; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £259, thus showing increase of £42. For the 11 weeks ending Sept. 16th, the return is £2932, against £2659 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £273

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GARDEN WORK.

WINDOW GARDENING.

Take cuttings of Geraniums, Fuchsias, and any other plant of which stock is required. Cuttings of Myrtles will strike now. Firm wood is best and the cutting-pots should be kept in the shade. Most of the winter-flowering plants, such as Primulas, Cyclamens, Cinerarias, Genistas, etc., will be outside now in the cold-frame.

STOVE.

Young Palms in three inch, four inch, and five inch pots are in demand for room and table decoration. Latanias, Kentias, Cocos, and others are easily raised from seeds in heat in spring, and if grown on quickly in heat they will be useful the second year. We simply fill shallow boxes with good loamy soil, press the seeds into it, and keep them reasonably moist, and every good seed will grow. The rearrangement and thorough cleaning of the stove will be an item of good culture before the plants which have been taken to cooler house to make room and ripen growth are brought back. It is always advisable to have a few Eucharis Lilies in flower, as they are in demand for cutting. This is easy enough if there are plenty of healthy bulbs by resting at different times. This resting in our case is done by taking the plants to a cooler house for a time and keeping them a little drier at the root, but not drying them off, as that injures the foliage. Mealy-bug is fond of this plant, and if present in the house will be found on the undersides of the leaves. Small fires will be necessary now, and as the outside temperature is lower less water will be required.

OUTDOOR GARDEN.

In small suburban gardens with water laid on it has been a comparative easy matter to keep the garden bright with flowers, but where the water supply has been short some things are suffering from heat and drought. The remedy is deeper culture and more manure. Petunias have been in some gardens a strong feature, and I have seen some lovely masses of the dwarf self-coloured Antirrhinums. Both the annual and perennial Mallows are and have been very bright without a drop of water, except what has fallen from the clouds. They are useful to sow or plant among the shrubs in new places to brighten the things up at a nominal cost. A good soaking of liquid-manure will help the late blooms of Roses. Among the hardy-flowering shrubs which flower at this season, Althæa frutex (Hibiscus), of which there are several varieties, are very effective, and groups of Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora are among the most dressy things in the shrubbery now. More might be done with the Clematis family. Some of the hybrids are lovely in colour. Grafting has facilitated propagation, but many of these grafted plants die from inherent weakness before they get established. All the varieties with Jackmani blood in them are hardy enough if not weakened by over-propagation.

FRUIT GARDEN.

The work of the winter or Codlin-moth is visible in the fallen Apples in many gardens, and there are still places where these fallen Apples are left lying on the ground and time given for the larvæ of the moths to crawl out and escape to work mischief in the future. It is useless for one or two in a district to try to stamp out this Apple-pest unless others do it. Those who will not take the trouble to gather up the maggoty Apples as they fall are not likely to use grease-bands or spray the trees with an insecticide when the Apples are small. If over-luxuriant Apple or Pear-trees require checking at the roots, the work may be done in September. If only half the roots of the tree are operated on in one season, and the young wood is getting hard, there will be no shrinking, even if a little more is done to the roots than is strictly necessary. But in root-pruning it is better to be moderate. Open a trench half round the tree, and three feet or so from the trunk, and undermine the bole as much as possible to cut as many of the vertical roots as can be reached. This will give the necessary check, and its effect will be seen next season in more blossoms and, if the season is favourable, more fruit. Open-air Grapes should ripen this season where the growth has been kept thin. A good soaking of liquid-manure will help them now. The drainings from a farm-yard will be as good as anything, and, failing this, then guano in solution, one ounce to the gallon, will increase the size of the berries.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

Seed sowing is for the most part completed for this season, but Cauliflowers may be sown in September in a cold-frame, and the plants will be early enough if kept under glass. Spare frames may be used now for Lettuces and Endives for winter salads. Strong plants set out now will come in about the time those outside are over. The lights may be let off for a time. A good supply of Parsley is a necessity in winter. Strong plants lifted now, the large leaves cut off and the roots planted at the foot of a south wall, or in a frame, or wherever some shelter can be given, will come in useful. Mushroom-beds should be made indoors early in September to take the place of the open-air beds when cold weather comes. Prepare the manure under cover or shelter from heavy rains by some means. An open shed is the best place for it, as the moisture arising from fermentation can escape. If Cucumbers are required to bear through the autumn in frames, a lining of warm manure should be placed round the bed. Melons will require the same treatment to ripen off late crops. Leeks, Cardoons, and Celery should be earthed up when dry, first drawing the leaves together to keep the earth out of the hearts. Celery will grow faster now the nights are longer. Watering will still be necessary unless rain has fallen abundantly. Small salading, including Corn Salad, Radishes, and Mustard and Cress should be sown as required.

CONSERVATORY.

Pick flower-buds from Zonal Geraniums intended for winter flowering. Salvias should not be stopped after this date. If the spade is passed round them to sever the roots a few inches from the stem, they will lift better by-and-bye. Shake out and repot cut-down Pelargoniums when the young shoots are about half an inch long. Pot very firmly in the best loam, slightly enriched; richer stuff may be used at the next shift into the flowering pots. Tie Chrysanthemums to prevent breakage from wind. Open out the plants if necessary. The buds will now have been selected, and a rich top-dressing should be given, if not already done, and liquid-manure twice a week in a weak, clear condition. Rub off side-shoots, and trap and destroy earwigs. The early-flowering varieties will soon be coming into flower, and will be useful in the conservatory. The question of this budding must be settled by individual growers. Those who want large blooms will disbud freely. Princess Victoria is a favourite with us for late work, and we have it in different forms. We have several dozens of two-year-old plants shifted on into nine inch pots that will make large specimens when tied out, and late-struck smaller stuff in five inch and six inch pots. White flowers are always in demand, and there is never likely to be a glut of them about the New Year. Early-flowering bulbs should be potted or boxed and covered with Cocoa-nut-fibre or litter. Tulips covered down with straw soon get to work and come out right when required for forcing. The same treatment may be adopted with early Narcissi and Hyacinths. Continue to reduce the growth of the summer-flowering climbers. Plants will require more light and less shade now. Roses planted out under glass should have very free ventilation now to ripen growth. Place Primulas in flowering pots and keep in cold-frames, drawing up weakly. Sow plenty of Mignonette for flowering in early spring. Prick off herbaceous Calceolarias.—*Gardening Illustrated.*

The empire of Morocco is the most important state that is absolutely without a newspaper.

THE LATE MR. T. OLIVER.

No one will gainsay the fact that this week Carlton has lost its head man; and not only in Carlton, but throughout the district, men are feeling that the recent death of Mr. Thomas Oliver is a distinct public loss, and that a wave of regretful esteem follows his remains to the tomb.

Mr. Oliver was the only child of his parents, and was born sixty years ago, in the same house as he has lived and died in. Unfortunately, he lost his father when only a year old, and the farm had to be managed as well as possible, until he was able to take up the reins. He married Miss Hartley, and a large and happy family has grown up, one of whom died when seventeen, the remainder, one son and six daughters, are all at home, and with Mrs. Oliver, will deeply feel the great bereavement now suffered. The fact that the public generally so highly esteemed their late head of the household, must, at least, somewhat alleviate their great troubles of the present time; this was touchingly evidenced by the flying of the Council's flag half-mast, the shuttered shops, the drawn blinds of many houses, and the large assemblage of fellow-townsmen that lined the route of the funeral.

Mr. Oliver has taken an active and intelligent interest in public affairs for many years, as a surveyor of highways, guardian of the poor, and overseer; he was also a member, and for some time chairman of the Lofthouse with Carlton School Board, when first formed and for some years after; he was also elected a member of the Rothwell Local Board, on Lofthouse and Carlton being amalgamated, and remained so, as a District Councillor, at the time of his death, part of the period occupying the chair of the Council. He was a regular attender at Rothwell Church, and for years represented his native village as churchwarden, his family also being active workers.

This is the first death of a member that has occurred since the formation of the Council; in fact, there has not beena death of a member of the governing body, since that of Mr. Joseph Holmes, in January, 1889.

Mr. Oliver has enjoyed a long spell of good health, and except for occasional colds, has not had any serious illness until the last. About six weeks ago, he first complained of being out of sorts, and Dr. Stevenson's advice was sought; Dr. Barrs was afterwards called in, and as the result of their joint examination, it was found that cancer had formed in the stomach, and hope of permanent recovery began to wane. The end came on Tuesday morning at one o'clock, our deceased townsman retaining consciousness to the last, although too weak to converse

By desire of the family, there was no public procession at the funeral yesterday noon, but a large concourse of ladies and gentlemen lined the path to the Church, and filled the sacred edifice at the service, the sun gleamed forth very beautifully, while the simple, solemn rites were being performed at the grave side. Amongst these we observed J. S. Calverley, Esq., Lord of the Manor; the members and officers of the Council; the Overseers and other officials, both of Rothwell, Carlton, and Lofthouse; members of the Rothwell and Lofthouse School Boards; and many other friends. The Rev. W. B. Pierson, vicar of Rothwell, conducted the obsequies, assisted by the Rev. F. G. Witt. The grave is a new vaulted one, lined with evergreens, and there were wreaths or crosses of lovely flowers, and cards of "deepest sympathy," from Mr. and Mrs. Calverley, Mr. and Mrs. Farrer, Mr. and Mrs. James Armitage, Mrs. and Miss Hick, Mr. Holdsworth, Mrs. Hancock, and Mr. J. Oliver, and from the family. The undertaker was Mr. Burley, of Carlton.

NORMANTON DIVISION.

REVISION OF PARLIAMENTARY VOTERS' LISTS.

The annual revision of the Lists of occupiers and owners in Methley, Oulton, and Rothwell was held on Monday last, at 12 o'clock, at the Oulton Institute, Stephen H. West, Esq., barrister at law, who performed the duties for several years, again presiding.

There were in attendance, Mr. J. Shuttleworth, Wakefield, Conservative agent; Mr. Joseph Stead, Rothwell, Liberal agent, acting on behalf of their respective parties; also Mr. A. Jackson, Methley; Mr. J. Cockerham, Oulton; and Mr. A. Batty, Rothwell, the Assistant Overseers of each township, and one or two claimants.

Nothing of importance arose out of the Methley and Oulton lists, which were quickly completed. With respect to Rothwell, where the district is divided into three wards, a point of interest was raised by the Assistant Overseer, as to the voting powers of ratepayers who were in the double capacity as owner and occupier. As a case in point it was shown that certain property owners residing in the South Ward held property in the North Ward. After a short argument, during which various opinions were expressed, it was held by the barrister that in such cases, owners who are also occupiers *must vote at elections, in the Ward in which their property is situate.*

Mr. A. T. Parker, who is an owner of property at Stourton, claimed to be put on the Ownership List, but owing to the incorrect filling up of the form, having inserted *Two Houses* instead of *Freehold* Houses, the claim was held to be bad, and the same was not allowed. This also affected the claim of Mr. Joseph Nunns, which was on similar lines. Several claims as occupiers were agreed to, and others struck off the Lists. The proceedings only lasted about an hour.

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SHORT STORY.

THE DAY OF THE FIRE.

The Major was one of the many well-born Englishmen who go to California with a younger son's portion and a small monthly allowance, and hope to make a fortune on a vineyard or a wheat ranch.

The Major was going the way of many of his English friends. The £1,000 legacy was gone, and the monthly allowance of £20 (which, viewed from a distance, seemed large) always grew painfully small as it neared California and the debts it was supposed to cover. The Major's little mountain vineyard had been destroyed by phylloxera, and he was living on the uncertain promise of a number of green shoots, called, respectfully, "the olive orchard." But the Major was not unhappy. When he was not tilling the soil he sat in his little verandah, with his briarwood pipe between his teeth, and studied the long, narrow, picturesque Napa Valley far below.

It may be that the Major's failure to succeed in the grape business was not the fault of the country, but that his genial, unpractical nature was the true obstacle to success. The Major was, in fact, the most helpless Englishman who ever came to California to take care of himself. The poor fellow became so convinced of this after a short trial that he engaged a man to act as valet to himself and incidentally cook the meals for both. The Major was a solitary bachelor then. The gods alone know in what unpropitious moment he picked up Pete, to hang about his neck, a milstone of inefficiency. Pete's poverty must have been his recommendation, and the Major's poverty the excuse for keeping him. Pete had about as much knowledge of laying out and caring for a man's wardrobe as the Major had of running a ranch. The consequence was that the Major often presented himself at his friends' houses in the most surprising garb, a combination of white duck trousers, black frock coat, and russet hunting boots being one of Pete's masterpieces.

When the Major married Ellie Smith, a pretty San Francisco girl, Pete was promoted to be manager of the ranch, and expended his grooming talents on the pet mule. The Major's wife was "artistic." She had studied sketching, and did some really clever bits. Her admiring husband was sure that she possessed the divine afflatus, and consequently much time was devoted to art, and little time to ranching.

But this was not without protest from one individual. Not that he was disturbed by lack of work, but poor Pete was oftener than not the unwilling model for Ellie's clever studies. One day Pete posed for "The Man with the Hoe." His temper was particularly tried on that occasion, for he had taken up his tool with the honest intention of weeding the primitive vegetable garden. Though he had scudded through the backyard and climbed the rear fence, he had not counted on meeting his young mistress in the barnyard. He began to wrestle with the weeds and pretended not to see her. His education, however, had not included a sight of Millet's picture, or he would have fled down the mountain side in utter despair.

After Pete had posed for a hundred or more indifferent works of art without names, he began to think of deserting his master and leaving him to a just and awful fate. But this stupendous blow was averted by the arrival of Brompton Edwards, another Englishman, who had come to learn practical ranching under the direction of his father's old friend, the Major.

After a week had been given up to driving his *protegé* about the valley and introducing him to the English colony, the Major returned to his daily routine of pruning olive trees and digging out worm-eaten grape vines. Ellie soon discovered in the young man's clean-cut features and fine athletic figure an entirely new field for art study, and Edwards found the time pass more pleasantly as a model than as an embryo rancher. They were together during most of the daylight hours. When Brompton was not posing for a wild Norseman or a Greek hero he was sitting very close to Ellie, criticising, in soft, caressing tones, the sketches of himself which she had been doing. Without actually straying from the path of duty, Ellie was treading on dangerously uncertain territory. She quite frankly admitted to herself that she was pretty and charming, and, being of that mind, she did not repress comparisons between her husband and the young man.

Matters had arrived at a state where a warm-hearted but vain young woman needed a friend with the strength to hold up a good, powerful, unrelenting mirror for her to gaze into. Pete could have held up the mirror with right good will, but he did not know how. In those days he followed the Major round with dog-like devotion, and only glowered when Ellie came out to the orchard one morning with her paints and succeeded in bringing upon herself a scolding from her over-indulgent husband. She held her head very high and stiff, and marched over the hill some distance away, where she seated herself and pretended to sketch, but was in reality nursing her injured feelings to keep them alive. The Major watched her disappear with a pained expression on his good-natured face, and then went dejectedly into the house. Pete was deeply incensed against Ellie.

The long grass on the Napa Hills was burnt and crisp, and Ellie was daubing yellow ochre and burnt umber over her canvas with vicious strokes. She was not giving any attention to her work, however, for an athletic form stood between her and the landscape, and she was indulging in a very foolish day-dream. To do the little woman justice, she was not in love with Brompton, but her vanity had been stimulated to such wonderful activity by his youthful gallantries that she fancied he was deeply infatuated with her.

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Over on the mountain side, a half-mile away, Pete leant on his hoe, and watched a thread of fire crawling, like a red snake, through the underbrush of chaparral and manzanita. He knew only too well that no human power could stop it, and that within a few minutes the gentle breeze would cause a flying spark to fall upon the long dry grass, and puff! —the crawling snake would become a great swirling, galloping mass of flame and smoke, and would pass over the very place where Ellie sat sulking and dreaming. Pete had firmly determined to leave the ranch. He had washed his hands of these people. He would not—but the grass was on fire, and Pete made a dash for the house, yelling at the top of his lungs for the Major.

The volume of smoke was rising high when Ellie rose to her feet and sniffed the air. Before she could gather up her paints a thin rim of fire ran along the top of the little hill above her. The small birds and insects rose from the ground with a whirr, and scattered down the hillside. Ellie glanced quickly backward, and saw the fire licking up the grass as it bore down upon her, and the smoke rolling heavenward in dense, sooty clouds. She did not lose her presence of mind, but remembered a small ploughed field a short distance away, where the flames could not reach her.

When she was fairly on the ploughed ground and gasping for breath, she saw the young Englishman tearing along the hill at a frantic rate. Through the smoke he looked pale and frightened. Ellie felt a thrill of satisfaction: here was the longed-for proof of his love; he thought she was in danger and had come to her rescue. A deep blush mounted to her cheeks, and her heart beat to suffocation. But he did not seem to see her. It was evident to her that he was crazed with fear, and would plunge into the fire in search of her. Merciful God! he would be burnt.

"Brompton!" she screamed, "dear Brompton, I am here—safe!"

The fire was very close, and she had to throw herself flat upon the ground to escape being burnt. She gave one more despairing cry as she felt the hot breath scorch her clothing:

"Brompton! Brompton! Brompton!"

A great wave of smoke and flame swept around the edges of the ploughed ground, and for a minute nothing could be seen or heard. Fortunately for Ellie, the dry grass burnt like tinder, and the fire was soon roaring down the hill towards the valley.

When Ellie, choked and frightened, lifted her head, she saw the thin, long, scantily clad legs of her husband bounding over the blackened earth towards her. His duck trousers were smeared with soot, and he had a wet blanket about his shoulders. He could not speak, but caught Ellie in his arms and burst into stifled sobs.

Behind them was heard the voice of Brompton Edwards.

"Hallo there, Major," he called; "I had a very narrow squeak of it. My hammock and books are burnt to tinder by this. By Jove, old fellow, you are burnt yourself, aren't you? Your wife was safe enough. I knew she could take care of herself."

But Ellie buried her head in the wet blanket with a shudder, and burst into tears of shame and contrition.

"Well, well," gasped Pete, who had stumbled up the hill with a bundle of wet sacks. "I never was so plaguey scared in my life. Thought you'd be burnt sure, Miss Ellie. Me an' the Major'll have a fine time next week clearing."

For Pete had reconsidered his ninety-and-ninth vow. Indeed it was only a week later when he was speculating if there was ever a happier couple than the Major and his Ellie. And Pete beamed as he thought of the ignoble part Brompton Edwards played on the day of the fire.

[THE END]

FOOTBALL

Will the Secretaries of Football Clubs kindly forward List of Fixtures, Reports of Matches (both first and second teams), and List of players chosen as early as possible.

NORTHERN UNION—SECOND COMPETITION—EAST DIVISION.

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

	Pl	Wn	Lt	Dn	Pts	For G	For T	For P	Against G	Against T	Against P
Normanton	3	2	0	1	5	4	3	17	0	2	6
Alverthorpe	1	1	0	0	2	2	3	13	0	0	0
Kinsley	1	1	0	0	2	2	5	19	1	1	5
Pontefract	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	0
Goole	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	5	1	1	5
Outwood C	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	5	1	0	2
Featherstone	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	3	0	1	3
Eastmoor	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5
Ossett	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	5	2	5	19
York	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	2	8
Rothwell	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	19

E. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

ALVERTHORPE V ROTHWELL.

The encounter between the above clubs was witnessed at Alverthorpe on Saturday last. Rothwell started the game, Goodyear replying. Some good exchange kicking resulted in favour of Alverthorpe. Alverthorpe kept up the pressure, and Stubley was nearly over from a good dribble. Goodyear afterwards had an attempt at goal. Rothwell warmed up, and took the ball to the home side, but neither side could score, and at half-time the score sheet was blank. On crossing over Alverthorpe at once pressed and Goodyear took his drop, but the ball hit the upright and went outside. The game was stopped for a time owing to an injury to Goodyear. Rothwell were penalised, but the ball was charged down. Alverthorpe continued to have the best of the game, some good play being given by Priestley and Goodyear. In the last quarter of an hour, Alverthorpe were awarded 2 goals, 3 tries (13 points) to Rothwell *nil.* The Rothwell team showed improved form, Booth, Pape, and Ward being the pick of the forwards. With the inclusion of Morgan, J. Morrell, Joss Ward, Godley, and Hemsworth, we anticipate that Rothwell will register their first victory at Rothwell on Saturday when they meet Goole.

ASSOCIATION.

OULTON V OSSETT.

At Ossett. Oulton started, and the opening play was fairly even. The visitors had an unsuccessful corner, and Ossett then pressed, Stubbs putting in a near shot. Ossett still kept their opponents defending, and after a couple of unsuccessful corners, Stubbs opened the score from a good centre by Thrustle. After good play by Thrustle, Eastwood, and Stewbe, the latter put through a second goal. Harrison also scored. Half-time score:—Ossett 3 goals, Oulton *nil.* Uneventful play followed the restart. The home forwards gradually worked their way to the visitors' end, but only a dead ball resulted. Oulton then warmed up somewhat, and Wilby was called upon, but cleared easily. Ossett returned to the attack, and Harrison put in an unsuccessful shot. The homesters continued to press, and had another corner, but nothing resulted. Subsequent play was in neutral territory, Rawbottom putting in good work for Ossett. The final score was Ossett 5 goals, Oulton *nil.*

STOURTON ST. ANDREWS V. HUNSLET WESLEYAN MISSION.

This match was played at Puffett's Field, on Saturday last. H. Puffett started for Stourton, against the wind, the Mission lads promptly returning the kick, and a corner followed but nothing came of it. Ambler played a good game at full-back for Stourton. After this Puffett did some fine head work. Tiffany (goal) defended well for Stourton and Ely did some tricky work at centre half. Lamb played well for the Mission at full back. Burton the Mission centre forward rushed up the field and Smith scored. Directly after this A. Chadwick put in a fine shot from the outside right wing and scored a splendid goal. Barton again scored for the Mission. After this Sewell put a goal through for Stourton. The game was a very even one, the result being Stourton 2 goals, Mission 2.

ROTHWELL WHITE ROSE 'A' V FERRYBRIDGE.

In the Junior League, on Saturday last, the White Rose 'A' paid a visit to Ferrybridge when they were defeated by 4 goals to 1.

STOURTON UNITED V HUNSLET ST. PETER'S.

This match was played on the United ground on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the homesters by 7 goals to 1.

WOODLESFORD v DODWORTH INSTITUTE.

The Woodlesford Association team opened their season at Dodworth, when they were defeated by 3 goals to 1.

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

RUGBY.

At Rothwell—Goole v Rothwell.

ROTHWELL TEAM—Full back, B Cromack; three quarter backs, J Fieldhouse, J Hoult (capt), J Morrell H Morgan, B Kelly; half-backs, B Morrell, F Robinson; forwards, Jas Ward, Joss Ward, J Parkinson, E Godley, E Williams, W Booth, H Hemsworth, W Pape, W Kitson, J Booth.

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At Selby—Rothwell White Rose v Selby.

WHITE ROSE TEAM—Goal, A Cripps; backs, Beckwith, Barnes; half-backs, J Smith, T Bridges Jeffries; forwards; W Bedford, T Page, J Berry, H Illingworth, A Cromack; Reserves, S Baber, C Ward.

At Rothwell—Beeston Hill P C v Rothwell White Rose A

WHITE ROSE 'A' TEAM—Goal, F Berry; backs, S Baber, J Nunns; half-backs, C Fox, A Field, E Baber; forwards, E Fox, C Ward, W Blacker, J Hargreaves, H Brown; Reserves, T Parker, S Abbishaw.

At Woodlesford—Purston United v Woodlesford.

WOODLESFORD TEAM—Goal, F Parker; backs, D Johnson, A Mitfin; half backs, I Snook, H McWilliam (capt), J Hobson; forwards, S Tranmer, A Chadwick, H Mitchell, S Brown, F J Ferritt; Reserves, J Johnson, Taylor, C Dinsdale, S Hoyle.

At Oulton—Oulton St. John's v. Dewsbury.

OULTON TEAM—Goal, C Higgins; backs, W Inman (capt), B Butterick; half-backs, D Raybold, O Inman, F Bell; forwards. C F Hullah, H Bedford, W H Hampshire, A Murtland, W Hutchinson; Reserves, T Smailes, P Higgins.

At Whitkirk—Oulton 'A' v. Whitkirk.

OULTON 'A' TEAM—Goal, W Moore; backs, T Page, A Higgins; half-backs, P Inman, H R Smith, P Higgins; forwards, S Lockwood, T Hurdus, F Crossland, T Maundrill, T Smailes; Reserves, W Arundel, W Killingbeck.

ROTHWELL PARISH CHURCH C.C. AVERAGES.

Played 14; Won 12; Lost 2.

BATTING.

	No. of Inns.	Times Not out.	Most in an Inns.	Total Runs.	Avrg
W Ward	13	1	17	82	6.83
J H Drew	13	2	19	64	5.81
P Chapman	9	1	20	43	5.37
A Tiffany	8	1	13x	36	5.14
H Lunn	10	3	14	31	4.42
A Bedford	8	0	11	35	4.37
G Kale	12	0	20	50	4.16
J Hargreaves	12	0	14	40	3.33
D Cooper	5	2	5x	12	3.33
E Moss	12	0	18	38	3.16
J Atack	10	0	12	33	3.3
E Beckwith	6	1	8x	16	3.2
C Butterfield	4	0	5	9	2.2
M Naylor	11	0	7	24	2.18

x Denotes Not Out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg
P Chapman	32.2	13	33	14	2.35
J H Drew	95.1	35	155	50	3.1
G Kale	9.0	2	20	5	4.0
E Moss	88.0	18	171	41	4.17
A Tiffany	11.0	3	28	4	7.0

OULTON SUNDAY SCHOOL C. C. v. CHAPELTHORPE SUNDAY SCHOOL C. C.

Played at Chapelthorpe on Saturday last.

Oulton.

E Hurdus, b Goldsmith	0
A Morton, c and b Goldsmith	3
W Nettleton, b Goldsmith	10
W Hutchinson, b Holdham	4
J B Butterick, not out	20
W Bradley, c Gosling b Jackson	6
W Davey, b Holdham	4
F Wrigglesworth, c Jubb b Jackson	1
A Owen, st Swallow b Holdham	1
G Earnshaw, b Jubb	0
T Poole, c Gosling b Goldsmith	7
Extras	5
Total	61

Chapelthorpe.

A Goldsmith, b Nettleton	0
H Swallow, run out	0
W Hemmingway, c Wrigglesworth b Nettleton	3
H Goldsmith, c and b Nettleton	2
W Jackson, c and b Butterick	3
H Holdham, c Owen b Nettleton	0
Rev W C Gosling, b Wrigglesworth	49
J Jubb, c Butterick b Nettleton	0
R Haigh, run out	0
W Wakefield, run out	2
J Clarkson, not out	1
Extras	4
Total	64

Oulton.—2nd. Innings.

W Bradley, c Gosling b Goldsmith	5
G Earnshaw, b Jubb	1
A Owen, b Jubb	4
T Poole, c Gosling b Jubb	2
W Hutchinson, run out	2
W Davey b Goldsmith	20
F Wriglesworth, not out	2
W Nettleton, not out	16
Extras	4
Total for 6 wickets	56

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

We would particularly urge our friends to send in their letters and news, as early as possible, as we cannot accept contributions later than Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, except in the case of matters occurring on Wednesday or Thursday, which should be forwarded within a short period after. Advertisements may be sent as late as Friday morning.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.

IS THERE GOING TO BE WAR?

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times.

Sir,

The Transvaal through being the centre of action, and this country through a press boom, are in a state of ferment in the solving of the above question. If the people concerned would give a moments' consideration to the cost of war in life and in money, which cannot in this case be less than 20 or 30 millions sterling, they would certainly answer the Tory Cabinet with one voice as to their course of action. The question which I wish to ask is: Where is our member of Parliament, Mr. Pickard, who was so eager to take part in the resolution of condemnation of the Government at the recent Trade Union's Congress, and who is, I believe, a member of the Peace Association, that he is not stirring people's hearts in this division to the horrors which would take place if we were to go to war with the Republic in the Transvaal. Why we should feel at all exalted in spilling the blood of human beings and in the strong oppressing the weak surprises me and many more, and the best way to make statesmen do right is to educate the people. The thing most requisite in this matter is a lesson on War and its consequences. From all the best informed sources the Boers have made some concessions, and already political rights can be had on better terms than any foreigner can have them in this country. The Transvaal is a small State which for years has been coveted by speculators and buccaneers. The accident of discovering goldfields in the Rand has led to unexpected complications, and the policy of the Tory Government led in this case by the nose by that most shifty politician, Mr. Chamberlain, who recently had to admit in the House of Commons that he was largely interested in the Royal Niger Company which was partly purchased by the Government for £800,000, can only be explained on the supposition that their intention has been to provoke a war of conquest to secure complete control of the Transvaal in the interests of unscrupulous exploiters. In the words of that great British South African authoress, Olive Schriener, "We are to day driving one of the bravest and most heroic little Teutonic folk the world has seen, to despair," &c., and after it is all over, she says, "England and South Africa will both have lost. Only the International speculator who through his persistent misrepresentation by means of the Press has wrought their evil, will gain and fill his already over-filled pockets with South African Gold." Let us hope that the wisest counsel will prevail, and that no life shall be taken in the interests of those greedy financiers who showed through the Jameson Raid in 1895, what was their ambition. Our motto should be "Peace on earth and goodwill to all men"

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
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Rothwell, Sept. 20th, 1899.

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TIT-BITS.

HONEYMOONING UP-TO DATE.—She: "Oh, Arthur dear, how happy I am with you!" He: "Ah, I dare say I should be if I had made as good a match as you have!"

LEFT BY THE ROADSIDE.—An old woman as she passed a milestone on which was inscribed "Annan 7 miles; Carlisle 10," was heard to remark: Annie, seven; Charlie, ten. Puir wee things! Baith buried by the road-side!"

A RUSH OF BLOOD TO THE NOSE.—An Irish corporal, who now and then indulged in a noggin of right good poteen, was asked by his captain why his nose was so red? "Plase, yer honour," said Pat, "I always blush when I spakes to an officer."

MISSIONAAY FOR TWO, PLEASE!—"No, I can't subscribe. I don't believe in sending out foreign missionaries. There is quite sufficient distress in our own country." "But it is our duty to feed the hungry." "But surely you can feed them on something cheaper than missionaries!"

ADVICE READILY ADOPTED.—"Go and help yourself!" said the proprietor of a ham-and-beef shop to a beggar who had entered and asked for "a little help." "Thank you kindly!" replied the beggar, as he picked up a ham and walked out.

FOREWARNED!—A Yorkshire vicar received the following note from one of his parishioners —"This is to give you notice that I and Miss Jemima Arabella Brearley are coming to your church on Saturday afternoon nex' to undergo the operation of matrimony at your hands. Please be promp', as the cab is hired by the hour. Forewarned is forearmed."

AS BROAD AS LONG.—"I was driving across the country to a little town in Western Kansas the other day," says a traveller, "when I met a farmer hauling a waggon-load of water. 'Where do you get water?' said I. 'Up the road about seven miles,' he replied. 'And you haul water seven miles for your family and stock?' 'Yes.' 'Why in the name of sense don't you dig a well?' 'Because it is just as far one way as the other, stranger.'"

DEPENDS ON THE HORSE.—An amusing incident occurred at the recent training of a yeomanry regiment in the West of England. Whilst the regiment was being drilled by the colonel, one of the troopers' horses became restive, broke out of the ranks, and galloped straight ahead at full speed. As the man shot by, the colonel called: "Hi, sir! where are you going?" to which the yeoman truly replied: "Hanged if I know! Ask the horse."

A USELESS PRESENTATION.—At a meeting of a board of guardians it was proposed that an honorarium be presented to the clerk, who had been very energetic in the interest of the board. A well meaning but somewhat uneducated member arose and startled his hearers by remarking: "Gentlemen, our worthy clerk don't want nothing of the sort. If we gave him a honorarium he wouldn't have time to play it. A sum of money would be of much service to him."

A GOOD REASON.—"Now, Johnson, look sharp and come and repeat your lesson to me." "I can't, sir." "You are not going to tell me that you have forgotten it already? You must have a head like a sieve." "No, sir, I—I ain't exactly forgotten it." "Well, what do you mean by first telling me that you cannot say it, and then that you have not forgotten it? Both answers cannot be true, my good boy." "Yes, sir, they are—I never knew it!"

THE ONLY SOLUTION.—The noise of an approaching motor-car the other day startled a horse which was grazing by the side of the road, making it gallop past a public-house, outside which several rustics were standing. When the motor-car passed, one of the rustics shouted out to the gentleman who was steering: "Hi, master, your hoss is gone round that lane!"—evidently thinking because there was no horse attached to the car the one he had seen gallop past had broken loose from it.

A NEW PARCEL TEST.—Passenger for the South (to porter on the Highland Line): "Do you think this parcel well enough tied to trust going in the van?" Porter: "Weel, I'll see" —dropping the parcel with a bang. "She'll get that here, and she get that at ta junction"—giving it another drop—"and she'll get that at Perth"—giving it a shake which scattered the contents over the platform. "Weel, if she be going further than Perth, she'll no do whatever!"

SMILE ON THE FACE OF THE TIGER.—A menagerie recently paid a visit to Accrington and amongst the cages of animals exhibited was a heterogeneous group labelled "The Happy Family," consisting of a lion, a tiger, a wolf, and a lamb. When the keeper was asked confidentially how long a time these animals had really lived together, he answered: "About ten months—but the lamb has to be renewed occasionally."

THE IRON COW.—A farmer near to the village in which I reside had been fortunate with his cows, and had received a good supply of milk from them. One morning he told his servant to give each cow an extra turnip. Going out a little while after, he saw two turnips lying under the pump. On questioning the servant about it, the fellow replied: "Well, maister, pump's been our best cow this summer."

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1899,
Sermons at 10-30 and 6 o'clock, by the
Rev. SAMUEL ARNOLD.
On MONDAY, OCTOBER 2nd,
At 6-30 o'clock,
A SERVICE of PRAISE
Will be rendered by the
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Collections for Choir and Organ Fund.
The Fruit, Vegetables, etc., will be sold immediately after the service, the proceeds being for the benefit of those needing aid at Convalescent Homes, etc.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL PREMISES, ROTHWELL.

MEMORIAL STONES

Will be laid on
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 1899,
GREAT TEA and MEETING afterwards.
Further particulars later.

ROTHWELL INFIRMARY DEMONSTRATION AND FETE.

NOTICE—Any Person having any Claims against the above Committee, are requested to send in their accounts by October 3rd; if not sent in on that date, all such accounts will be held over till the following year 1900. All accounts must be sent to the Secretaries,

W. W. HARRISON,
JOSEPH STEAD.

P.S.—A General Meeting of the Committee will be held in the Board Schools, Rothwell, on Friday night, October 13th, at 7 o'clock prompt.

ROTHWELL OLD BAND.

A Grand BAZAAR and SALE of WORK

Will be held in the OLD BAND-ROOM,
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The Members of the Old Band purpose by this effort to clear off the remaining debt incurred by the purchasing of New Instruments and New Uniform.

THOS. FOWLER, Treasurer.
WALTER BENNETT, Secretary.

COMING EVENTS REGISTER

The proprietors of this journal have now opened a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

Oct 1 & 2—Rothwell Wesleyan Harvest Festival.
Oct 4 & 5—Rothwell Old Band Bazaar
Nov 22 & 23—Rothwell Church Bazaar.

ROTHWELL MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The Quarterly
SALE OF PAPERS
Will take place
To-Morrow Night, Sept. 30th, at 8 o'clock.
S. MORTON, Hon. Sec.

DEATHS.

CROSSLEY—September 17th, aged 39 years, Eli Crossley, of Carlton.

PICKERSGILL—Sept. 22nd, aged 4 years, Emma, daughter of Arthur Pickersgill, Rothwell.

TAYLOR—Sept. 23rd, aged 87 years, Ann, widow of John Taylor, Rothwell.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley

Friday, September 29, 1899.

LOFTHOUSE AND CARLTON SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual meeting of the above Board was held at the Robin Hood Board School, on Friday evening last. The members present were:—Messrs. G. Armitage, (chairman), J. Dobson, W. Ridyard, J. Horner, Rev. G. H. Scott, with the clerk (Mr. Lee).

Before the minutes were confirmed, Mr. Ridyard asked if the instructions in reference to the drains at Carlton school had been properly carried out, as he was informed that a portion of them had not been cleared.

Mr. Dobson responding, said he thought everything that was necessary at present had been done.

ACCOUNTS.

On the motion of Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Dobson, the following accounts were passed for payment:—

	£	s.	d.
Robin Hood teachers' salaries ..	30	16	0
Carlton ,, ,, ..	37	5	0
D. Bell, attendance officer ..	2	1	8
J. H. Lee, clerk ..	7	10	0
Petty cash ..	2	1	8
J. W. Oxley, treasurer ..	4	0	0
Evening School Prizes ..	3	0	0

TEACHING STAFF.

A letter was read from Miss Lee, who asked for an advance of salary; she considered her remuneration was below the union rate for assistants, as she had only £55, she also drew attention to the fact that she was the only qualified certificated assistant under the Board.

Mr. Scott said his opinion was that Miss Lee was fully entitled to an advance, as the success of the schools was greatly due to her abilities, and if she went anywhere else she would certainly get it.

The other members objected to her saying that she was the only qualified assistant certificated teacher, as they considered that they had other teachers equally as competent although they did not hold as many certificates as Miss Lee.

Mr. Horner: The Board are to blame in reducing the teaching staff, and I contend that 60 children are too many for anyone to teach well, and before going in for an increase, I shall be in favour of appointing two assistants as they would be better able to instruct the children.

There being no motion before the meeting the question was allowed to drop.

A letter was read from Miss Annie Walton, forwarding her resignation as a teacher under the Board. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain the reason of Miss Walton's resignation, and report to next meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK.

Owing to the resignation of Mr. J. H. Lee who has been the clerk to the Board almost ever since it was formed, the Board had advertised for a successor 'well up in School Board work; state salary.' The consideration of the applications was taken in committee. The following were the applicants:—Mr. Joseph Chambers, Rothwell Haigh; Mr. G. W. Hollings, Lofthouse; Mr. Walt. Keightley, Carlton; Mr. B. Marshall, Lofthouse; Mr. A. Marshall, Rothwell; Mr. J. W. Rowlands, solicitor, Wakefield; Mr. H. A. Smith, Wakefield, and Mr. Albert Wilby, Wakefield.

After a long discussion, Mr. Horner proposed and Mr. Scott seconded, that Mr. J. Chambers be appointed clerk at a salary of £17 10s 0d. The late clerk's salary was £30 a year.

NEW WESLEYAN SCHOOLS.

As will be seen from our advertising columns, the memorial stones of the fine new Sunday School now being erected at Rothwell, will be laid, with considerable *eclat*, on Wednesday, October 25th. Efforts are being made to obtain promises of as many memorial stones as possible, and surely no one could spend £5 or £50 better than by helping forward so good a work. Children subscribing a guinea or half-a-guinea will also be allowed to lay bricks, on which their initials will be cut, and it is hoped there will be a goodly number of such mementos. The children are also encouraged to give and beg small sums, which will be enclosed in pretty purses or bags, and laid on the principal stone. Canvassers, ladies and gentlemen, are also empowered to solicit subscriptions from everybody, and it is hoped they may meet with the support they deserve. The total cost, with furnishing, will not be far short of £1500. The gifts and promises up to now will reach perhaps half of this sum, a very nice start, and one that should induce all that have the welfare of children at heart, to help forward this worthy cause. May we bespeak for the collectors all encouragement possible from every class of person, before the stone laying ceremony comes off.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Sept. 23rd, 1899, is £311; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £249, thus showing increase of £62. For the 12 weeks ending Sept. 23rd, the return is £3243, against £2908 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £335.

OULTON & WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD.

A meeting of the above Board was held on Tuesday, at the Board Schools, Woodlesford, Mr. H. Trinder (chairman) presiding. There were also in attendance the Rev. A. J. E. Irvin, Mr. Batt, Mr. Newsome, and the clerk (Mr. R. J. Smith).

FINANCIAL ESTIMATE

The Clerk submitted the following estimate of income and expenditure for the year ending September, 1900:—

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries of Officers.. ..	40	0	0
Legal and other expenses ..	15	0	0
Salaries of Teachers ..	730	0	0
Cookery	10	0	0
Books, apparatus, and stationery	60	0	0
Fuel, lighting, and cleaning ..	65	0	0
Repairs and furniture ..	20	0	0
Rates, etc.	10	0	0
Other expenses of maintenance..	30	0	0
Evening School	20	0	0
Repayment of Loans and Interest	297	0	0
Right of way, Legal & other costs	85	0	0
Sundry expenses	15	0	0
	£1397	0	0

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Grants	350	0	0
Fee Grant	165	0	0
Agricultural Rates Grant ..	31	2	8
Evening School	15	0	0
Sales	2	10	0
Letting of rooms	15	7	4
	£579	0	0

Balance to be obtained from the rates—£818. He had prepared a precept based on this estimate, for £425 to be served on the Overseers for the half-year ending March, 1900.

The Chairman: How do these figures compare with those of last year?

The Clerk: The precept was the same. It would not be safe to reckon on anything less than last year. After this year, unless there is something we do not foresee, we should be able to come down £100, I should think.

The Chairman: That will be about right we want to come down during the last year we are in office.

On the motion of the Chairman and Mr. Batt, a resolution was passed to serve a precept for the amount specified.

RIGHT OF WAY.

A communication was read from Messrs Ford and Warren, from which it appears arrangements are about completed for a settlement of the above question, the Board's solicitors having, according to instructions, arranged for the alleged right of way to be waived on condition that the Board pay the sum of £50 and legal expenses, which is estimated to bring up the figure to £85.

The Chairman: We have come very well out of it.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The prize distribution was fixed for Friday, December 22nd.

Mr. J. Greaves, the contractor for the removal of night soil, wrote asking the Board if they would employ a man to wheel the ashes across the school yard as no carts were allowed to pass over. It was decided that the District Council be written to and informed that the ashes have now to be barrowed across the yard so that any extra work involved might be taken into consideration when the new contracts are made.

LECTURE ON HEALTH.

On Monday last, the first of a course of six free lectures on Health was given in the Harold Hall, by Miss Ravenhill, (under the auspices of the Yorkshire Ladies' Council of Education and the County Council.) At 7.30 p.m, J.S. Calverley, Esq. took the chair, and after making a few suitable remarks concerning the lectures, he introduced Miss Ravenhill and called upon her to give her lecture. The first of the subjects was "The Human Body," which was treated under the following heads:—General division of the body—its framework—its covering—situation of its organs—the work they have to perform. The income and expenditure of the body—and the necessaries of life. There was a good attendance, and it is to be hoped that during the remaining lectures more will be present. The subject next week is "The air we breathe."

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Sir,

May I trespass on your space to draw the attention of the residents of Oulton and Woodlesford to the free course of Lectures on Health now being delivered on Monday evenings in the Harold Hall. At the first lecture, the attendance, though promising, was not quite so satisfactory as the importance of the subject demands. It cannot be that we all possess such a perfect knowledge of Hygiene as to keep the majority of us away. I venture to say the best amongst us will add to their store of knowledge from so useful a syllabus and so able a Lecturer as the Committee have provided. It will be a poor compliment to the twin villages if the efforts of the Institute to disseminate useful knowledge are not better appreciated than the attendance last Monday seemed to indicate. I am aware of the clashing with other duties, but that does not account for the absence of more than 80 per cent of those for whose benefit the lectures are provided. Will not the hundred and twenty members try and influence their friends? Don't let it be said we cannot appreciate a good thing when it is offered.

Yours very truly,
E. BOOTHROYD,
Hon. Sec. to the Institute.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

There was a good attendance at the above on Sunday last, when Mr. W. S. Featherstone was the speaker, his subject being "Elijah and the widow." The obscurity of Elijah, and God's protection and care as a reward of his obedience were touched upon, the value of faith in adversity, the dependence of great people on little things and insignificant individuals, as in the case of Elijah's dependence on the ravens and the widow for food, were suitably referred to; he applied his remarks by an earnest appeal to all to take God with them through life, and to live according to his precepts and commands. Miss Lucy Brooks, of Hunslet Carr, was the soloist, and very feelingly sang "Cast thy bread upon the water," and "Oh rest in the Lord." The service was a very profitable one.

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OULTON AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the above League was held in the Oulton Institute, on Monday evening last, under the chairmanship of Dr. Buck, who was supported by about fifty persons, mainly from Oulton, the only other clubs represented being Rothwell and Methley.

The secretary on behalf of the treasurer, Mr. Hulme, of Methley, who was unable to be present, read the financial statement which is as follows:—Income—Balance from 1898, 7s 7d; entrance fees (8 clubs at 10s 6d each), £4 4s; gate, winners versus rest, 7s 3d; levy, 8 clubs, 19s, £7 12s; total £12 10s 10d. Expenditure—Umpires' fares, 5s; printing rules, 7s 6d; Secretary's postage, 5s 6d; Treasurer's postage, 1s 10½; League winners' prize, £5 10s; bowling prize, 10s 6d; batting prize, 10s 6d; Secretary's salary, £5; total, £12 10s 10d.

The balance sheet was adopted on the motion of Mr. J. Cockerham and Mr. G. Abbey.

Mr. Hodson, the secretary, read the report as follows:—

"It is now 7 years since the League was formed, and I think if we consider this season's cricket it will compare favourably with any we have had since the League commenced. We have about the usual number of batsmen averaging over 20 runs, and the usual number of bowlers averaging under 7 runs per wicket, as we have had other years. Mr. S. B. Brook, of Lofthouse, carries off the batting honours with an average of 21.77, closely followed by Mr. G. M. Abbey, Oulton, with an average of 21 66. In the bowling department Mr. L. E. Greenwood, Oulton, heads the list with an average of 5 66 per wicket and Mr. H. Morgan, Rothwell, second with an average 5.71 per wicket. So you will see it has been a very close thing indeed both in the batting and bowling department between first and second. The Oulton team are to be heartily congratulated on coming out this year winners of the competition. They have been triers since the League commenced, and by perseverance and determination they have at last succeeded in winning the championship. I might mention here that Whitwood and Woodlesford have each had the honour twice, and Great Preston, Methley and Oulton once each. Whitwood have again shewn splendid form, they have no less than eight batsmen averaging double figures, or twice as many as any other team in the League. And in the bowling department they have also done remarkably well. All the other clubs have done as well as usual, with the exception of Methley, who have run off considerably since last season; last year they averaged more runs per wicket with the bat than any other team, this year they average the least with one exception. Mr. T Longley, Lofthouse, has had the honour of making the highest individual score during the season, viz: 79 not out, against Altofts. Mr. J. W. Jackson, of Whitwood, has secured the highest number of wickets, viz: 43. I may also mention that this player, took the whole of the ten wickets in one innings against Rothwell. The following is the final table shewing results at the close of the competition:—

	Pld.	Won	Lost	D'wn	Pts.
Oulton	14	10	1	3	23
Middleton Park	14	6	3	5	17
Whitwood	14	7	4	3	17
Altofts West Riding..	14	5	5	4	14
Lofthouse	14	4	5	5	13
Rothwell	14	4	6	4	12
Carlton	14	2	6	6	10
Methley	14	1	9	4	6

The batting averages are as follows:—

S B Brook, Lofthouse,	21 77
G M Abbey, Oulton,	21 66
E Boothroyd, Oulton,	20.71
E A Higgins, Oulton,	20 50
T Longley, Lofthouse,	19 77
C. Overton, Whitwood,	19 12
H Rinder, Carlton,	17.75
F Proctor, Whitwood,	15.33
O Inman, Methley,	14.36
T Parkin, Lofthouse,	14.20
J W Jackson, Whitwood,	14.13
J Walker, Rothwell,	14.00
L E Greenwood, Oulton,	13 44
J W Place, Middleton,	13 03
T Teasdale, Altofts,	12.75
W Barrett, Whitwood,	12 44
M Wainwright, Middleton,	12.37
A Ward, Whitwood,	11-80
E Rowley, Altofts,	11.72
R Phillips, Altofts,	11.60
H Morgan, Rothwell,	11.44
E Ward, Carlton,	11.40
T Ward, Carlton,	11.35
J Raynor, Whitwood,	11.33
W Westerman, Methley,	10.81
E Plimmer, Whitwood,	10.75
J W Tolson, Whitwood,	10.10

Out of the batsmen, the following have never failed to score:—T. Teasdale, and E. Rowley, Altofts; G. M. Abbey, and E. Boothroyd, Oulton; J. W. Jackson, and A. Ward, Whitwood.

The bowling averages are as follows:—

Wickets	Name	Average
42	L E Greenwood, Oulton,	5 61
32	H Morgan, Rothwell,	5.71
30	A Spink, Middleton,	6.43
23	E A Higgins, Oulton,	6.78
24	H W Higgins, Oulton,	7 04
24	J Newton, Carlton,	7.41
38	A Mosby, Altofts,	7.73
34	E Hawden, Middleton,	8.05
43	J W Jackson, Whitwood,	8.39
23	G W Hollings, Lofthouse,	8 69
36	J Sherwood, Methley,	9.00
22	J W Chadwick, Rothwell,	9.95
21	J Raynor, Whitwood,	11.09

The following players have scored 50 runs or more in one innings:—

T Longley, Lofthouse v Altofts,	x79
G Wainwright, Middleton v Whitwood	x72
T Ward, Carlton v Lofthouse,	x58
H W Higgins, Oulton v Carlton	x55
G H Place, Middleton v Methley	x52
J Keighley, Methley v Lofthouse	52
W Barrett, Whitwood v Middleton	52
E Hawden, Middleton v Whitwood	50

Averages with the bat per wicket:—

Middleton Park	12.41	Altofts W Riding	8.07
Oulton	12.29	Carlton	7.53
Whitwood	11.08	Methley	7.45
Lofthouse	10 76	Rothwell	6.12

Averages with the ball per wicket:—

Oulton	6.76	Whitwood	10.36
Middleton Park	7 38	Lofthouse	10 85
Altofts W Riding	9.57	Methley	13.28
Rothwell	10.21	Carlton	13.51

I may state that it has been decided to disband the League after this season. I believe the League has done, what it was originally intended it should do, that is to bring small clubs to the front, also to make the other clubs take a keener interest in the game, this, I think, has been done. At the same time I believe it has had a tendency to create a little ill-feeling in some quarters. This I think is one of the main reasons given for disbandment. I do not think there is one Club in the League that will have the slightest difficulty in arranging a good list of fixtures for next year. I hope as many as possible of our old friends will try and arrange games together, as there is no reason if the League is done away with, that we should not meet and play friendly games with each other in the future.

Dr. Buck expressed his thanks to the Committee for appointing him as chairman, and congratulated the Oulton team on winning the honour as champions of the League, and considered that the best all round team had won. He was pleased that the honour had gone round and come nearer home, but would have preferred it nearer still. He congratulated the Oulton players both individually and collectively. He thought that the League had improved the players by inducing them to take more interest in the fixtures, whilst it had proved a drawback in the tendency to over-excitement on the part of the spectators; personally, however, he was sorry that the League was being disbanded. In presenting the prizes, he would have to do so in an imaginary manner as the caps and coats had not yet arrived; whilst Mr. Brook, of Lofthouse, who had secured the batting prize, was away on his holidays, and Mr. Greenwood, of Oulton, who had won the bowling prize, was the only prizeman present.

Mr. Greenwood acknowledged his indebtedness for the prize, which so many had coveted.

Mr. C. Briggs, the captain of the Oulton team, said they had been trying to win the League for many years, and the success was mainly due to the players keeping well together; he hoped they would still uphold their honour. During the last three years they had run first, second, and third.

Mr. Boothroyd, as an old friend of the League, regretted the disbandment, although it would relieve him of a great deal of care; he was pleased that the Oulton club had succeeded in gaining the honour, which would be handed down to posterity. Several players had put themselves to great inconvenience in getting to the matches in order to help the club; the League had caused him to make many friends, and he hoped he would have the pleasure of meeting them during the coming seasons.

Mr. W. Smith proposed and Mr. E. A. Higgins seconded a vote of thanks to the officials of the League, which was heartily carried.

Mr. Hodson responded, expressing his thanks for the kind words which had been spoken, and said he had been connected with the League, like Mr. Boothroyd, since its formation.

Mr. Greenwood, in proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman, said the main reason of disbandment was that it was becoming too great a strain on the players who were bound to play every Saturday, and would suggest that a cup tie scheme be broached, and that a trophy be presented by some gentleman and friend of cricket. He had great pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Mr. Jowitt seconded.

The Chairman, in responding, said Mr. Greenwood's suggestion was very reasonable; there was no need to go to Wakefield for Cup Ties. The cup ties had made considerable difference to the League, and had been a very serious drawback: he hoped the suggestion would bear some fruit.

At 9 p.m. the members and those concerned adjourned to the Harold Hall, where a Smoking Concert was held; Mr. B. Higgins occupied the chair. Mr. L. E. Greenwood opened the proceedings by singing "Bonnie Wee Thing," and Mr. Abbey followed by singing "Our Jack's come home to-day." Then Dr. Buck was called upon to make a speech, which he did in a most suitable manner. Mr. Clark then sang "The Windmill."

Mr. Dykes, in proposing success to the Oulton Cricket Club, gave a capital speech, and said the honour which they had attained could not be spoken of too highly, especially when they had lost Mr. Green Price, who had been a tower of strength. Although he had being a rower and a football player, he (Mr. Dykes) was never much of a cricketer, but he trusted that although the League had broken up, the interest in the summer game would not lack. The greatest objection both to cricket and football matches was the foul language which at times they had to contend with; he hoped to see the time speedily come when they would be able to take their wives and families to see the various sports. He spoke at length from personal experience in giving sound advice to the large number of young men who were present, and urged them to play whatever game they took part in, in a sportsmanlike manner, to play for the honour of their team, and not from a selfish point of view; they should learn to play a losing game, like tame sportsmen, and then victory will safely follow.

Mr. Boothroyd in a few suitable remarks then proposed success to other clubs. During the rest of the evening, songs were rendered by Messrs B W Higgins, C. Higgins, P. Inman, J. T. Morrison, H. Clark, L. E. Greenwood, and A. Nickols, of Rothwell. The Rev. E H. Dykes gave a recitation, and Mr. Boothroyd gave a short reading. A most enjoyable evening's proceedings was brought to a close at eleven o'clock, by singing The National Anthem.

LOFTHOUSE NATIONAL SCHOOL.

Harry Wormald, who was a pupil teacher in this school, and is now a student at St. John's College, York, has been successful in obtaining a first Class in each part of his first year's certificate examination.

OLD FALSE TEETH BOUGHT.

Many ladies and gentlemen have by them old or disused false teeth, which might as well be turned into money. Messrs. R. D. & J. B. Fraser, of Princes Street, Ipswich, (established since 1833), buy old false teeth. If you send your teeth to them they will remit you by return of post the utmost value; or, if preferred they will make you the best offer, and hold the teeth over for your reply. If reference necessary, apply to Messrs. Bacon & Co., Bankers, Ipswich.

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GARDEN WORK.

COLD-FRAMES.

These are, or should be, full of winter-blooming plants as Cyclamens, Primulas, Cinerarias, Bouvardias, etc. No shade will be required now, but free ventilation should be given to harden the foliage. The watering must be carefully done; if a plant gets too much water now its career will not be a prosperous one. At the same time, enough water should be given to keep the roots in a healthy, active condition. The syringe may be used on Cyclamens in bright days just to dew over the foliage.

WINDOW GARDENING.

Fuchsias which have done flowering place outside to ripen. Less water will be required for most things now, especially Cacti and Zonal Geraniums; the last-named turn sickly if overwatered at this season, and Cacti must be kept dry in winter. Campanulas in hanging-baskets are still flowering freely. Tuberous Begonias as they go out of bloom will be better outside. Cuttings of Fuchsias, Myrtles, and all kinds of Geraniums may still be taken and inserted in pots of sandy soil. Repot Palms if they require more root space.

STOVE.

It is customary to give the inside of the plant stove a good cleaning with soap and water before arranging things for the winter, and this if not already done should have attention at once. Painting both inside and outside should be done every two years. Some proprietors think if the outside is painted frequently the inside does not matter so much; but really in these warm, damp houses the inside painting is more important than the outside for the preservation of the wood, and the insects are more easily kept out when the house is in a good state of repair as regards paint. The early propagated Poinsettias will now require a little warmth, and regular fires will be necessary; but for the general run of things sixty degs. at summer will be high enough. Shade will scarcely be required now except in the case of Ferns, and less moisture in the atmosphere, with free ventilation.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

Transplant early Cabbages as soon as the plants are large enough. These commonly follow the Onions, with just a light sprinkling of soot and a deep hoeing or light forking. Cabbages do best when planted in rather firm land, if sufficiently manured for the previous crop, which is usually done for Onions. Draw drills two feet apart, and set the plants eighteen inches apart in the drills. But for the earliest crop we always plant a patch of Ellam's or some other good early kind on a warm border ten inches apart, to be encouraged to heart early by tying up, and the stems are pulled up as soon as the hearts are cut. Land for this crop will, of course, be in good heart, and will be well trodden if at all light. Plant out plenty of hardy kinds of Lettuces on warm borders. The ground must be moistened before planting unless rain comes. Make up a series of Mushroom-beds in the house as fast as the manure can be obtained. Continue to earth up Celery, Leeks, and Cardoons. Harvest the main Onion crop. Onions will keep well in bunches, and hung up to the rafters in a cool shed. Lift all Potatoes as soon as the skins are set. If there comes much rain supertubering will take place.

FRUIT GARDEN.

Summer pruning, not yet finished, should have prompt attention. Grub up all old and useless fruit-trees, and prepare sites for young ones. When old wall trees are removed it will be better to remove all the old exhausted soil five feet square, and fill in with fresh soil from another part of the garden. Unless fresh loam can be had from outside, do not use any manure, except as a mulch, after the trees are planted. Root-pruning, if required, may be done during September to one side of the tree only, the other side of the roots to be pruned in a year or two. Open a trench half round the trees, and two feet from the trunk, or more, in the case of any large trees. The trench should be two feet wide, and deep enough to get under the roots. Undermine the ball so as to cut all roots descending vertically. In filling up the trench ram the soil in firmly. Those who have a crop of fruit will realise good prices this season. Green Gages are worth twelve shillings a bushel in our district, and other varieties are selling well. Victorias are bearing well, and those who have planted this kind freely will have their reward this year. The same remark applies to Lord Grosvenor and other Codlin Apples. Quarrendens are selling in the shops at sixpence per pound.

OUTDOOR GARDEN.

The Japanese Anemones are useful autumn flowers. They commence to flower in August, and continue till the autumn frosts cut them off. They have black, fleshy roots, which strike deeply into the earth, and consequently when other things are suffering severely from drought the Japanese Anemones look happy and comfortable, and their propagation is extremely easy. If a large stock is wanted to naturalise in the wilderness, cut up a few of the black roots into small pieces, and sow them in boxes like seeds and every bit will form a plant. When the lawn is the colour of the gravel path, and crimps under your feet as you walk across it is pleasant to have a few trees on or near it to look cool and green, and in many gardens even the trees have a scorched, burnt-up look. Limes are losing their foliage. Even the Birch in our dry soil appears to be suffering; but we have compensation in the Lawson Cypress. The Atlantic and Lebanon Cedars and the golden tint of the Arbor-vitæs and other golden-leaved shrubs are brighter where the sites were prepared properly.

CONSERVATORY.

Achimenes make splendid basket plants for the conservatory at this season. The scaly bulbs are started in small pots and transferred to the baskets when about four inches high, and if wire baskets are used the little plants can be worked in all round the bottom and sides of the baskets, and the top filled in at the finish. The baskets should be hung up in a warm, shady house for a time to start the plants into growth, and be moved to the conservatory when the flower-buds show. We start ours in a warm vinery in February or March, the shade of the Vines being suitable to them. Later on they are moved to a lighter house with an intermediate temperature. The following are very good varieties: Longiflora alba, White Scarlet Perfection, Mauve Queen, Longiflora major, purple; Magnet, orange; Rosea magnifica. Ivy-leaved Pelargoniums are splendid basket plants, and should now be in perfection. Tropæolums of the Lobbianum section, of which Fireball and Meteor are good varieties, are useful in the conservatory in winter or any other light house with a night temperature of fifty degs. or so. Cuttings struck in early spring, and planted out in the border of the house and trained up into the roof, where the young flowering shoots can dangle about, are bright and effective in winter. In houses where there are no borders available they may be grown in boxes or ten-inch pots. A new variety with yellow flowers, named Sunlight, will make a useful basket-plant, and may be trained up a pillar or rafter. It has a free-flowering habit, and looks as if it might make a good winter flowering plant, and the flowers being of good size and substance they should possess some value for decoration work in a cut state. Fuchsias, or any other plants which have ceased to be effective, should be placed outside to ripen wood. We always strike a lot of cuttings of the best varieties in August and keep them moving gently all winter, and these make early flowering plants in five-inch and six-inch pots in May, and come in useful for winter boxes or vases on the terrace, and the old stumpy plants can be planted out on the borders. Fuchsias are coming more into use for outside work. Good specimens plunged out on the lawn are very effective.—*Gardening Illustrated.*

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ROTHWELL CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL.

The annual harvest thanksgiving services were celebrated in the Parish Church, on Sunday and Monday, the congregations being as usual, very large, and the services of appropriate character. The decorations were not very extensive, but much taste was displayed in the adorning of the principal parts of the sacred edifice; and the bright singing and cheerful department of the large audiences made all the services very gladsome and enjoyable. In the morning the Rev. Canon Gibson, D.D., vicar of Leeds, preached a sermon suitable for the occasion, his known ability as a speaker being fully sustained in the excellent discourse he gave, as illustrated by the bounteous harvest, and the call for hearty thanksgiving and service. The evening preacher was the Rev. E. H. Dykes, incumbent of Oulton, when every seat was occupied. The choir gave the Evening Service in G by *Roberts*, and also rendered *Barnby's* beautiful anthem "I will give thanks." There was also a children's service in the afternoon.

On Monday evening, a special service was held, the Rev. F. L. Colman, vicar of Barwick, being the preacher. The Rothwell choir was augmented by the choirs from Oulton and Woodlesford churches, and several ladies, and the enlarged chorus effectively sang the above mentioned musical selections, with much success. The collections during the festival are divided amongst the Convalescent Homes, the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, the National Society, and the Society for Waifs and Strays.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE HARVEST FESTIVAL.

Last Sunday was a full day at the Rothwell Primitive Chapel, and everything passed off very well. The rostrum, communion, and choir pews were tastefully adorned with an abundance of fruit, vegetables, corn, etc, as well as a number of mottoes, and plants kindly lent.

In the morning the Rev. J. A. Alderson preached on "Sowing and reaping," and in the evening on "The blessings of harvest; the question of poverty and abundance, a problem for Christians." Anthems were rendered by the choir, including "Praise ye the Lord," "Daughter of Zion," and "The Lord is my Shepherd," and in the evening Miss Pemberton sang "The old, old story."

At the afternoon's meeting the place was crowded, a service of song entitled, "A sure harvest" being given, at which Mr. Bingley Wilson read the story, and the choir sang the various musical illustrations.

On Monday there was a public tea, after which the fruit and vegetables were sold, which, with the collections on Sunday, are for the benefit of the chapel funds. The total receipts, including the sacred concert, amounted to £11 13s, three guineas more than last year.

SACRED CONCERT.

A very tempting programme was provided for a sacred concert, to be given on Sunday evening in the Mechanics' Hall. The large room was quite filled by eight o'clock, many having to stand. Unfortunately, several of the ladies and gentlemen advertised did not turn up, and general sympathy was felt with the promoter, Rev. J. A. Alderson, in the disappointment thus caused. The Orchestral Society, however, played two or three additional items and thus made up partly for the missing violinist and elocutionist, Mr. Stenson and Mr. Bingley Wilson; their pieces were "The march of the Priests," "Selection from *Judas Maccabeus*," and "Twelfth Mass," and "The lost chord," cornet solo, by Master W. Fowler. Mr. R. H. Lewis conducted, and the band are to be thanked for so kindly filling up the places of two of the absent ones. Miss Pemberton and Miss Thacker took their assigned positions in the programme, the former lady singing the "Star of Bethlehem," and "The Gift," in a pleasing manner, although rather a light voice for the room. Miss Thacker had selected "The Flight of ages," and "At the minster gate." These ladies were cleverly accompanied by Miss Winifred A. Stone, L.R.C.M., whose services added greatly to the effect of the songs. In order to complete the programme which was still short of Mr. Norman Pound and Mr. J. Varley (both laid up with sore throats), Mr. Alderson pressed two ladies in the audience to assist him, to which they consented, Miss Suddaby giving a pathetic rendering of "O rest in the Lord," and Miss W. M. Marshall a new and much enjoyed setting of "Abide with me." A collection was taken during the evening, the amount being included in the sum total for the Primitive Harvest Festival Fund.

AN INTERESTING WEDDING.

A marriage of the above description took place on Tuesday, at one o'clock, at the Rothwell Primitive Chapel, the Rev. J. A. Alderson being the celebrant, and Miss L. Ellis and Mr. W. Clayborough the bride and bridegroom. Having both been scholars and teachers in the school all their life, much interest was evinced in the matrimonial finale, and many well-wishers assembled in and about the chapel during the ceremony. In honour of the event, the chapel was decorated, and a number of plants adorned the communion. During the proceedings Mr. Alderson's little daughter presented the couple with a copy of "The Hymnary" in case, while the teachers and members of the choir also showed their appreciation of past services by suitable gifts. It is to be hoped they will have a long life of happiness and usefulness.

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SHORT STORY.

A SPLENDID RUSE.

The old house was almost deserted. A football game was in progress, and half the town was lending its aid to the distant shout which came faintly up the hill; the other half was busy or had not been able to scrape together the price of admission. The leader of the glee club stood before the fire-place in the smoking-room and for the tenth time in the hour looked through the letters piled on the mantel. He was experiencing that species of hope deferred known as "looking for a cheque."

From the verandah at the side of the house came the sound of footsteps. Then the front door banged loudly to and the undergraduate and the junior looked in from the hall. The leader did not turn towards them, and he paid no attention to their greetings as they took off their coats. The undergraduate stooped before the fire and rubbed his hands together before the blaze.

"Why didn't you go to the game?" he asked.

The leader turned a lugubrious countenance upon him. Without a word he pushed his hands into his trousers pockets and turned both inside out.

"Broke?" asked the junior sympathetically.

The leader nodded sadly.

"Not a sou!" he said. "And unless the gods interfere I won't draw until the first of the month."

"Write for an advance," said the junior.

The leader drew a letter from his pocket.

"I did," he said. "Here's the answer: 'My dear son,—You are living upon an allowance.'"

The undergraduate took the junior by the hand and led him forward.

"Let me introduce to you," he said to the leader, "the financier of the age. I was in a bad way myself this morning. Money market all tied up. No cash and only distant prospects."

The junior adopted the manner of bashful modesty. The leader turned his back to the fire and looked from one to the other with interest.

"What did you do?" he asked.

He stepped to the table and laid in a line across it five five-pound notes.

"From poverty to affluence," he said dramatically. "This morning penniless, now a bloated capitalist—a Crœsus—and giving money away."

The leader approached and examined the notes curiously.

"They're the real thing," he said at last. "Let me into the secret."

The undergraduate gathered up the notes carelessly and thrust them into his pocket with the air of one tired of handling money. Then he waved his hand towards the junior.

"He did it," he said.

"For a consideration," said the junior. "You owe me a box of cigars."

"I'll keep you supplied with cigars for the rest of your life," said the undergraduate gratefully.

"I'm sorry we haven't a reputable witness to that statement," said the junior.

The leader of the glee club threw a treatise on mechanics at him.

"I am living on a monthly allowance," said the undergraduate. "An iron-bound allowance, calculated from my expenditure of last year, and labelled 'maximum.' It never lasts more than a week."

"Neither does mine," said the leader.

"No allowance ever does," said the junior, with the wisdom of experience.

"This morning," said the undergraduate, "I awoke to the pinch of poverty——"

"He had to have a box of cigarettes charged," interrupted the junior.

"I found myself in the nethermost gloom of——"

"Cut the oratory," said the leader. "What did you do?"

"I confided in the financier, and he asked me irrelevant questions about the methods and disposition of my stern parent," said the undergraduate.

"Every question had a definite aim," the junior put in.

"Side-tracks!" said the leader. "What did you do?"

"He took me to a telegraph office," said the undergraduate, "and wrote a telegram for me—a nice long telegram that went into all the particulars, and put in all the little words like 'the' and 'is,' and used 'so to speak' and 'as it were.' He took about fifty words to say that I needed money."

"I was writing for space," said the junior. "It's not my usual style."

"Then he marked it 'Collect,' and gave it to me to sign."

The leader dropped into a chair, grinning broadly.

"I begin to understand," he said.

"I sent it," said the undergraduate, "and we went for a walk. At the end of an hour I sent another."

The leader reached over and patted the junior on the head admiringly. The junior smiled a smile of conscious merit.

"We sent three," said the undergraduate, "and then I got this one."

He took a little bundle of telegrams from his pocket, and spread them out on his knees.

"It's short," he said. It says: 'Stop telegraphing at once.'"

"You can't swear by telegraph," said the junior in explanation.

"He sent it 'Collect,'" said the undergraduate. "He's a bright man, is the pater," he added proudly.

"I answered it right away," he went on. "He always told me never to wait about such a thing."

"It's not business," said the leader.

"I told him that he mustn't telegraph that way, because I had been obliged to borrow money to pay for it, and he had warned me never to get into debt. That didn't make it long enough, so I added something about poverty as a stimulus to crime."

The leader laughed.

"That must have brought him," he said.

"It didn't," said the undergraduate.

The junior shook his head.

"He's a most obstinate old man," he said reflectively. "Worse than mine!"

"We sent him two more," said the undergraduate. "Then I received this. It's longer than the other. 'If you do not stop telegraphing I shall take you out of college.'"

"He paid for that one himself," said the junior.

"It was a good thing. We might have failed for want of capital."

"It was a bluff, wasn't it?" asked the leader.

"A gigantic one," said the undergraduate. "And we took it up. I answered that probably that was the best thing to do, as I couldn't live here without money."

"It was a self-evident fact," said the junior, "but we made it stronger by mentioning some of the necessary expenses."

"Like cigarettes and beer?" asked the leader.

"No, like codfish and potatoes," said the junior.

"And we told him how much butter was a pound," said the undergraduate hysterically.

The leader lay back in his chair and laughed long and loud.

"That brought an immediate answer," said the undergraduate. "It was brief and decided. 'Pack up your things.'"

"He got it into four words," said the junior. "But we knew that he left out lots of adjectives."

"I sent him word that they were already packed," said the undergraduate. "And I asked him for money for the railway fare and a shilling extra to pay for his first telegram."

The leader sat up in his chair and surveyed the couple with amazement.

"Whose idea was that?—about the shilling, I mean," he asked.

"Mine," said the undergraduate proudly.

"It was diplomatic," said the leader. "But you gave him the idea that your indebtedness footed up to nothing. How much is your laundry bill now?"

The undergraduate subsided ruefully.

"I'll pay part of it out of this," he said sadly.

The junior favoured the leader with an unbelieving wink, and both laughed.

"We sent two more," said the junior, "and then he surrendered."

The undergraduate brightened up, and lifted the last telegram from his knee. He held it at arm's length and looked at it affectionately. Then he stood up on the table and read it aloud.

"'I telegraph you twenty-five pounds. Do not wire thanks.'"

The leader of the glee club rose and walked thoughtfully to the window. Then he turned and came back.

"Have you a spare telegraph form?" he asked.

[THE END.]

DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION.

A by-election being necessitated by the resignation of Mr. Cyril Sykes, of Lofthouse, the deputy clerk, Mr. M. Barret, has issued the usual notice, and two gentlemen have been nominated for the vacant seat. We refer to Mr. Thos. Pawson Whiteley, farmer, Lofthouse; and Mr. Wm. Armitage, stone merchant, Thorpe. The election will take place to-morrow week.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

In connection with the above Church, the choir, on Sunday afternoon last, rendered *Gaul's* Pastoral Cantata "Ruth," the sacred edifice being crowded in every part. All the copies of this work have been presented to the choir by Mr. T. Vickers (a member of the choir), also the orchestral copies have been kindly lent by the composer. The conductor, Mr. Abraham Smith, has evidently worked very hard in bringing his chorus up to such a pitch as to be able to render such a difficult work, and the greatest credit and praise are due to him. The following were the principals and characters:—'Naomi,' Miss Annie Coates, contralto; 'Ruth,' Miss Jessie M. Seanor, soprano; 'Orpah,' Miss Gibson, soprano; 'Boaz,' Mr. T. Stancliffe, baritone. After the introductory piece by the band, and a chorus, the items were proceeded with as follows:—Recit "Now go your ways my Daughters," and air, "A gracious Lord," Miss Coates; recit, "Lift up thy voice" and trio, "Farewell," Miss Coates, Miss Seanor, and Miss Gibson; air, "Entreat me not," Miss Seanor; recit and chorus, "Call me not Naomie," Miss Coates; chorus, "See the golden rays of morning;" choral recit, air, "Let me hie unto the field," Miss Seanor; recit, "Go my daughter," Miss Coates; air, "Go not from hence," Mr. T. Stancliffe, (bass); recit, "Why have I found," Miss Seanor; air, "Past all knowledge," Miss Seanor; recit, "I know the Godly deeds," Mr. Staincliffe; choral recit, duet, "With joyous heart," Miss Seanor and Miss Coates; choral, "Night fall;" intermezzo, "Daybreak," the Band; wedding chorus, "Hark, hark, the cymbals;" air, "Glory be to Thee, O God," Mr. Staincliffe; chorus, "Rejoice for blessings round us fall." Mr. H. Roberts presided at the organ, Mr Smith conducted, and Mr. T. E. Parker was leader of the band which comprised:—first violins, Messrs. T. E. Parker (leader), G. W. Jackson, W. Hudson, P. Stewart; second violins, Messrs. J. Vickers and J. Best; viola, Mr. J. W. Dixon, violincello, Mr. W. M. Pollexfen, contra bass, Mr. R. Morley, flute, Mr. S. Middleton, clarionette, Mr. J. Threapleton, oboe, Mr. A. Sunderland, bassoon, Mr. Lewis; cornets, Messrs Kitchen and Howarth; trombones, Messrs. T. Lear and H. Whitehead; tympani, Mr. G. Geldard. The work was admirably rendered, but improvement could have been effected had the chorus been numerically stronger, the band at times being too heavy, for the forty or so who constituted the chorus. The principals in their arduous duties made a very favourable impression, their items being much enjoyed and appreciated. Mr. Parker's band in the accompaniments had plenty to do and did it well, and to all who had worked so hard in the promotion of the musical treat, credit and thanks are due for providing such an enjoyable musical evening. A collection was taken during the service, which amounted to £5.

ROTHWELL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY'S TEA & CONCERT.

The local branch of the Leeds Industrial Co-operative Society held their annual tea and concert on Saturday last, in the Mechanics Hall, Rothwell. There was a good number at the tea, the trayholders at which were Mesdames G. Benton, G. Bulmer, B. Cromack, E. Chadwick, J. Dacre, Hainsworth, G. Hopkinson, J. Kirkby, T. Lunn, J. Moxon, W. Nunns, T. Taylor, and W. Trueman. The meeting and concert commenced at 7 o'clock, and was presided over by the new President of the Society, Mr. J. C. Gration. Amongst the directors present were:—Messrs. Councillor Jas. Tetley, (who in dealing with the progress of the society said that at the present time they were building 7 new stores, and had plans under consideration for 3 more), R. Milford, G. E. Eyre and B. Webster; the latter stated that for a long time they had been unable to deal with the growth of the butchering business at the Rothwell store. Now they were building a new shop, and he believed that when it was finished it would be the finest butcher's shop in Rothwell. The Leeds Co-operative Choral Society had been advertised to take part, but were giving a concert on behalf of the Grimsby Society, and were therefore unable to be present. However, what was lacking in quantity was made up in quality, and a very excellent concert was given by the following well-known artistes from the above named Choral Society. Miss S. French, who sang "Il bacio" (encore, "Joyous Life"); Miss Cliff "The way of peace" (encore, "Flight of ages"); and "Queen of Angels" (encore "The old casket"); Mr Brook "The Toilers" and "Mary." Miss Gressham "When the heart is young," and Mr. Cudworth "I'm a Roamer" (encore, "Bandilero)." The two duetts "Excelsior" and "Over the Hawthorn Hedge" were beautifully sung by Miss French and Miss Gressham. The whole of the artistes sang the two glees "Come away sweet love" and "The Fisherman's good night." The change was one which appeared to be much approved of, the whole concluding with a vote of thanks to all who had taken part, passed on the motion of Messrs. E. Chadwick and J. Lunn.

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RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

	Pl	Wn	Lt	Dn	Pts	For G	For T	For P	Against G	Against T	Against P
Normanton	4	2	1	1	5	5	3	19	1	4	14
Alverthorpe	2	2	0	0	4	3	4	18	0	1	3
Featherstone	2	1	0	1	3	1	4	14	0	1	3
Eastmoor..	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	3	1	1	5
Kinsley ..	2	1	1	0	2	2	5	19	2	4	16
Pontefract	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	2	0	1	3
York	2	1	1	0	3	1	3	11	2	2	10
Goole	3	1	2	0	2	1	1	5	1	3	11
Outwood O	3	1	2	0	2	1	2	8	2	1	7
Rothwell ..	3	1	2	0	2	0	2	6	5	3	19
Ossett	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	5	2	5	19

REFEREES FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

Goole v Alverthorpe. Mr. W Heley, Hunslet.
Normanton v Eastmoor. Mr F. Asquith, Outwood.
York v Featherstone. Mr. J. W. Wood, Leeds.
Pontefract v Rothwell. Mr. A. Fieldhouse, Holbeck.
Kinsley v Outwood.

E. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

ROTHWELL V GOOLE.

The encounter between the above teams took place on the Parkside grounds, on Saturday afternoon last, before a moderate company of spectators, and in very boisterous weather. Goole have always given a good account of themselves when they have visited Rothwell (whatever might be said about the matches at Goole), and it was anticipated that a good game would be witnessed. Great satisfaction and pleasure was expressed in Morgan and Johnny Morrell again donning the jersey, which makes a back division equally as good as any other junior organisation in Yorkshire. The Rothwell team turned out as selected, Pape standing down. Of the lastest arrivals, Joe Booth, of Horbury Athletic, was a treat, and reminded one of Wilson, (now of Hunslet,) who was so conspicuous in the front rank; his play throughout was of the highest order, but Kitson did not seem class enough. Goole won the toss, and the home team set the ball in motion against the sun and a strong breeze. The home backs were soon conspicuous with some good passing movements, and became dangerous, when B Morrell was very unfortunate in losing possession of the ball when over the line. Rothwell still kept up the pressure, their efforts resulting in a minor. Goole not to be daunted got a footing in the home quarters, Morgan and Hemsworth making marks in succession. Rothwell were now penalised, but nothing dangerous resulted. Goole were gradually driven back into their own territory, Fieldhouse making a splendid run from a pass by Morgan and from a scrummage in front of the visitors' goal, B Morrell dodged over the line, Morgan failing to land the goal from an easy place, although he had two attempts. Nothing further was registered up to half-time. After changing ends, Rothwell again did some good passing, Hoult being bored into touch, whilst Morgan on another occasion was held on the line. Rothwell pinned Goole in their own quarters, and scrummages were strongly contested, in some of which Goole were the strongest. Rothwell were again penalised, when Booth made his mark; Morrell's place kick went wide. Hoult, by a long kick, scored a minor, the wind taking the ball dead. Several times the wind caused the ball to go out of play. Eventually Rothwell were successful in scoring, B Morrell having the ball kicked from him as he was dropping, but Hoult waiting near the corner flag, the ball came straight to him, and he had no difficulty in registering the second try; the place kick again being unsuccessful. Rothwell still held the advantage and at the call of time, as we intimated last week, they scored the first victory of the season at the hands of Goole by 2 tries (6 points) to *nil*. Although there has been considerable improvement in the team, the front division would be materially strengthened by two or three big burly players.

ASSOCIATION.

OULTON V DEWSBURY.

This match was played at Oulton on Saturday last; a late start was made, the visitor kicking off up hill. Even play ruled for a time, and then Oulton were awarded a corner, but nothing came of it. Hampshire soon afterwards let a nice chance to score slip, by keeping the ball too long. Gomersal scored for the visitors and then the home forwards got up a strong attack, but Webster the Dewsbury custodian saved smartly. The visitors back line was remarkably safe, James on the left wing successfully repelling many dangerous on-rushes. From a pass by Hullah after a good run down the field, Murtland scored easily, Clegg afterwards headed through from a corner for Dewsbury which thus gave the visitors the lead again, and Westerman added another before half-time, the score then being Dewsbury 3 to Oulton 1. The home team scored from the foot of Hutchinson soon after the second half started, the home forwards as a whole playing better. From a combined rush by the visitors forwards Clegg had no difficulty in putting through; a penalty kick was awarded to Dewsbury but the shot at goal failed. The visitors had the best of subsequent play, the match ending with the score Dewsbury 4 to Oulton 2.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S V. OUTWOOD UNITED.

At Stourton, on Saturday last. The visitors won the toss, and took advantage of the wind. Puffett kicked off for Stourton, who at once rushed the ball up the field and Jessop sent the ball over the bar, half-time arrived with the score sheet blank. Outwood re-started, and the homesters took the ball down the field, Puffett scoring with a good shot. The same player scored twice in succession, then Ely added another. Time was called with the score Stourton 4 goals to Outwood *nil*.

ROTHWELL WHITE ROSE 'A' V. BEESTON HILL PARISH CHURCH.

The above match was played at Rothwell on Saturday last. The game throughout was evenly contested, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 2 goals to Rothwell 1.

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STOURTON WESLEYANS.

On Sunday last, the harvest festival was held at the above place of worship, Councillor Bowling, of Leeds, preaching in the morning and Mr. W. S. Featherstone in the evening. There were large congregations present on each occasion. The chapel was nicely decorated with fruit, grain, vegetables, and flowers, the offerings of the people, there being also amongst the adornments a miniature stack, in the front of the communion, and the usual motto "Harvest Home" The choir rendered the anthem "Ye shall dwell in the Land,"

On Monday, in connection with the above, a banquet and coffee supper was held in the school room, when the room was well filled, to participate in the good things provided. A musical programme was successfully gone through, provided by the able conductor Mr. T. W. Crossland. The chair was occupied by Mr. A. Webber, who, in opening the proceedings, made a few appropriate remarks. The following programme was gone through:—pianoforte duet, Mr. Crossland and Mr. Ashworth; song, "The Holy City," Miss Collins; song, "With the colours," Mr. Nash; song, "When the heart is young," Miss Calverley, (encore); mandolin solo, "Levante," Mr. J. Howarth, (encore "Rialto"); song, "I seek for thee in every flower," Mr. Speake; duet, "Over the Hawthorn Hedge," Miss Backhouse and Miss Collins (encore); song, "Queen of the Earth," Mr. Howarth; song, "The Dear Old Home song," Mrs. Varley; song "Every bullet has its billet," Mr. Oakley (encore); song, "The Last Watch," Mr. T. Crossland; song, "Mary," Miss Fanny Howarth.

COMING EVENTS.

TO MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

RUGBY.

At Pontefract—Pontefract v Rothwell.

ROTHWELL TEAM—Full back, B Cromack; three-quarter backs, J Fieldhouse, J Hoult (capt), J Morrell H Morgan; half-backs, B Morrell, F Robinson; forwards, J Ward, Joss Ward, J Parkinson, E Godley, E Williams, W Booth, H Hemsworth, W Pape, J Booth.

ASSOCIATION.

At Rothwell—Rothwell White Rose v Ossett.

WHITE ROSE TEAM—Goal, A Cripps; backs, J Beckwith, G Barnes; half-backs, J Smith, J Berry, T Bridges; forwards, W Bedford, T Page, H Dacre, W Jeffries, H Illingworth; Reserve, E Baber.

At Hunslet—Hunslet New Con. v Rothwell White Rose A

WHITE ROSE 'A' TEAM—Goal, W Cromack; backs, S Baber, J Nunns; half-backs, C Tiffany, A Field, G Tiffany; forwards, E Fox, C Ward, E Baber, W Blacker, A Cromack; Reserves, J Hargreaves, A Gibson.

Will the Secretaries of Football Clubs kindly forward List of Fixtures, Reports of Matches (both first and second teams), and List of players chosen as early as possible.

THE FORCE OF HABIT.—He decided to go and sign the pledge. The document was drawn, read, and proved; the party held up his hand and murmured the usual promise. The paper was then properly sealed and delivered. "What's to pay?" asked the pledge-taker. "Nothing, of course; this if a labour of love." "Nothing to pay?" returned the grateful but forgetful pledge-taker. "You're a brick! Let's—let's have a drink!"

PEACE AT ANY PRICE.—At a cricket match recently played near Derby between two rival village teams, a strong appeal against a batsman was made by the wicket-keeper, whom he thought had been run out. The umpire not being prompt with his decision, was addressed by the batsman: "I'm not out, am I, Jones?" He was astonished to receive the reply: "No, sir, but you'd better go to save a row."

A MORAL IN THE STORY.—The cook was leaving to get married. The mistress paid her her wages, and gave her a little present for herself. The tin box was on the cab, and Bridget was on the point of stepping in, when Fido waddled out as if to bid farewell. "Good-bye, old Fido," said Bridget, "here's a bob for you. I am sure you have earned it, seeing I have not washed a plate since I have been here."

WOULD RATHER WALK.—I overheard the following conversation between two Jack tars whilst travelling down to Margate in one of the L.C. and D. three-miles-an-hour expresses. "Bad job about my poor old mate," said first Jack. "What, Joe Stuffles! What's wrang with 'e?" "Why, he got in one of these blessed trains at Chatham and forgot to take some grub with him, and he died of starvation afore he got to London!"

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Further particulars later.

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MRS. CALVERLEY,
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COMING EVENTS REGISTER.

The proprietors of this journal have now opened a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at one be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

Nov 22 & 23—Rothwell Church Bazaar.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley
Friday, October 6, 1899.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.
ROTHWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH.

The last of this year's local Harvest Thanksgiving Festivals took place as above, and in many respects was a fitting close to these gladsome and timely celebrations. It is a pleasure to think how successful these gatherings have been this year, each of the various churches having had one of these appropriate services, and at least so far as Rothwell is concerned, the Primitive Methodists, Members of the Church of England, and the Wesleyans have visited one another's assemblies, and have felt that there is not so much difference after all, at least in spirit.

During Saturday last, a number of willing helpers busied themselves in decorating the orchestra, the rostrum, the communion table, and other parts of the commodious Wesleyan Church, with gifts of corn, flowers, fruit, vegetables, etc., while Mr. Fielding, as usual, generously allowed a number of his plants to be used about the communion rails, a lovely anchor in white chrysanthemums (the gift of Mrs. Lee) being placed immediately in front of the pulpit.

On Sunday morning, everything looked very pretty and tasteful, and the whole service breathed a spirit of gratitude and hope. The Rev. S. Arnold preached an exhilarating sermon on some of Joseph's last words, (Genesis 50th. chapter, 20th. verse) "But God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive," amplifying their meaning and fulfilment, both in the life of individuals and nations.

There was a large congregation in the evening, notwithstanding the continuous downpour of rain, and again the newly-appointed superintendent of the circuit, delighted and cheered his audience with his attractive and original manner of shewing God's hand in all things, demanding the thankful service of lips, hands, and hearts, of all men. (Ephesians 5th. chapter, 20th. verse, "Giving thanks always for all things.")

At both these services, special anthems were splendidly rendered by the ordinary choir, and appropriate hymns were lustily taken up by the people. As the same anthems were sung on the following evening, a more critical reference is given in the report of the Service of Praise.

With one or two exceptions, a sacred concert or Service of Praise, has been given on the evening following the Harvest Festival sermons, for a number of years, and the event has become pretty well known as one of the choicest musical evenings in the year. On all hands the opinion seems general that the Wesleyan Choir have never offered a finer programme than last Monday's. The entire list of items are considered to have been rendered with a high degree of excellence and taste, both chorus, artistes, and speakers being A1.

The Rev. S. Arnold having given out the harvest hymn, "Come, ye thankful people, come," which was sung as Yorkshire people know how, the Rev. J. A. Alderson offered a short and suitable prayer, and Councillor James Hargreaves was invited to take the chair. The programme was then proceeded with, exactly as printed, everything following on "as sweetly as a marriage bell"; choruses, vocal solos, organ recitals, and hymns by the congregation, being judiciously arranged and pleasantly varied.

The anthems selected for the choir were certainly as taking a trio as one could have, and considering that nearly all the young ladies have been under two years in harness, Mr. Idle is to be warmly congratulated on the success of his efforts in training them. The first was *Maunder's* "Sing to the Lord of Harvest," a simple composition, with a pretty bit for sopranos only. The second anthem was a new one by *Maunder*, of more pretentions and variety, including solos for soprano and bass, nicely sung by Miss F. Gibson and Mr. S. Armitage, and closing with an effective chorus based on a phrase in a well-known hymn-tune. The third anthem is also new, being the last of the "Ambrose" series, it is by *Turner*, entitled "O clap your hands together," and is full of beauty. After a chorus varying in expression from *pp* to *ff*, there is a lovely solo "But Thou Lord," charmingly rendered by Miss W. M. Marshall, followed by a very pretty quartette, sweetly given by Miss E. Sheldon, Miss Stephenson, Mr. Blackburn, and Mr. Tilley, and closing with two very diverse, but equally fine and original choruses. By general consent, these items were quite on a par with the excellence of the other portions of the programme, and evoked much commendation.

Of the soloists, Mrs. W. Stephenson was cordially welcomed, as a former member of the choir, and who has often given help to worthy objects; her selections were "The chord of love," by *Behrend*, and "The holy night," a new song by *Piccolomini*. In each of these items, there was the careful attention to the words of the story as well as to their musical beauties, which have so long characterised her efforts, and her singing was greatly enjoyed and applauded.

In Miss Olive Crosthwaite, contralto, of Halton, considerable interest was manifested, so beautiful and yet strong in her volume of voice, and still so young Her choice was "Entreat me not to leave thee," by *Gounod*, and "Behold, I stand at the door," by *Jude*. Pathos and power are indeed wonderfully developed, and the almost painful hush which fell on the audience during her singing, told of the effect that was being wrought on the people. The latter is also a specially difficult composition, changing key and time and tone constantly. Her contributions will not soon be forgotten.

Of Mr. Jas. Dobson, who kindly agreed to give assistance, we have frequently had the pleasure to write, but he certainly outshone himself in his singing of that grand sacred song "Cleansing fires," by *Gabriel*, and as he "let go" his really fine voice, there was no mistaking the delight experienced by his critical audience. Mr. Dobson's second song was the ever-welcome "Nazareth," by *Gounod*, and in this also, he proved an able exponent of our best composers' music, and was warmly applauded.

To Mr. Lawford Firth, who accompanied all the above songs, the artistes themselves feel indebted, and certainly his clever manipulation of the organ added vastly to the success of the singers. Mr. Firth also played three organ solos, to which musical Rothwell listened with special pleasure. They comprised *Rawling's* "Ave Maria," a very pretty composition, followed by an *Allegro* by *Flavell*, of a more florid character. Mr. Firth excels, we think, in his impromptu efforts, the second recital was what he calls a "Venetian Barcarolle," in which a pleasing phrase is repeated with numerous "stop combinations," and in several variations; a very clever piece of organ playing. The third item was by request, "The sweet by-and-bye," with variations, which, like the others, was much enjoyed and loudly appreciated.

During the evening, Mr. Hargreaves gave a short but excellent address on the objects which had drawn them together; in order to render thanks to God for his goodness, and also to enjoy the music the choir had provided, and acknowledge their services by a good collection. He had heard many people from a distance speak of the excellent singing by the choir, and it was always a treat to sit and listen to such a service as was being held that night.

Towards the close of the programme and before the collection, the Rev. S. Arnold read a short statement shewing the income and expenditure of the choir for the past year, (under £10). The services of the organist and choir are purely voluntary, and the collections at the Harvest Festival are the only source of income for organ tuning, organ blowing, purchase of books, etc. He then spoke in the highest terms of the delightful music to which they had listened, and felt proud of the choir which served the Rothwell church so admirably.

The collection having been taken, the chairman moved a resolution, very heartily thanking the choir, and the ladies and gentlemen who had assisted, for the very enjoyable evening they had provided.

The Rev. J. A. Alderson, in seconding the resolution, felt some difficulty in adequately expressing his thanks and appreciation of the high-class programme to which they had just listened, and remarked on the fact that everything was good from beginning to end; not a hitch in the arrangements, nor a drawback in any of the items. His play on the names of a number of prominent persons in the audience was rather a clever hit, and caused considerable amusement, without offence; and when he finished off by announcing that he proposed laying a memorial stone of the new Wesleyan Sunday School, on behalf of the Primitive Methodists, there was great applause.

The vote of thanks having been carried, Mr. Marshall briefly responded, on behalf of the choir, the choirmaster, the soloists, and himself.

A cordial vote of thanks was then carried with acclamation, to the chairman for his kind patronage, and to the donors of the fruit, etc.

The doxology and benediction concluded a very happy and successful service. Collections £8.

The fruit, vegetables, etc., having been removed into a class-room, Mr. Denton very kindly sold it to willing purchasers, and £1 11s 6d was realised for the benefit of the sick, who may need a few weeks' rest at a Convalescent Home during the coming year.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

The above Society opened its session on Monday evening last, the proceedings taking the form of a concert, coffee supper, and dance. There was a good number present, and if the remainder of the session continues as good as the beginning it will be a profitable one. The acting president, who has been undergoing an operation, could not be present, but sent a letter to the chairman, in which he said:—"At our last annual meeting you did me the great honour of electing me as your president, for which honour I thank you from my heart. Then, I had no doubt but that I should be able to be with you on our opening night. Now, I find it will be after Christmas, at the soonest, before I shall be able to be with you, unless I can get special permission from my club. I would have resigned but your committee were not willing I should do so. I hope all our members will do their best to make this the most successful session we have yet had. You will all agree that your committee have arranged a first-class syllabus for you, and it only remains for you to make the meetings a great success. Do not forget that the aim and object of a Mutual Improvement Society is to teach its members to speak. Other aims there are, but that is the chief aim, that I believe was the reason for the establishment of this society at the first. Therefore let me impress upon you, my young friends, the desirability of not being backward in speaking, not to make your remarks while other speakers are on their feet, but reserve them till they have done. A punctual attendance is also very desirable. I should like to say to those who love the latter half of our socials, come early to the first half so that a good start may be made, if not you will have to lose your full share of the second half. Your committee, considering your comfort, have taken the Central Hall for socials, and I hope you will turn up in numbers to justify what they have done" Mr. H. Westerman, vice-president, occupied the chair. The programme opened with a pianoforte duet by Mr. and Master Scott, which was well executed; Miss Clara Backhouse was heartily applauded for her singing of "By the fountain" and "Sweet Genevieve;" and Miss L. Brooks, of Hunslet Carr, was greatly appreciated in her rendering of "Let the winds blow;" Mr. Fred Ellison gave a sweet interpretation of "Mary;" although suffering from a cold, Mr. Phillips sang "The Raft;" "Sale of bachelors" and "Aunt Tabitha," were the recitations chosen by Miss Sarah Webster, of Hunslet, and were given in her usual excellent style; the comic was Mr. Percy Percil (of Percil Brothers) who brought down the house with his character song "I happened to be there"; it is not usual at these gatherings to allow encores, but in this case it was demanded and Mr. Percil responded. This brought the musical programme to a close. A coffee supper was then partaken of after which dancing commenced. Mr G. Fowler supplied the music, and Mr E. Keighley acted as M.C. The enjoyment was kept up until eleven o'clock.

The following are the items contained in the syllabus for the first half of the session, which ends with December:—social evening (last Monday); "Water and its known laws," Mr. T. Kale; "Astronomy," Mr W Denton; "Photography" (with illustrations), Mr. W Hill; "Fiction," Mr. H. Houlding; "Fractures, and how to treat them" (with stretcher exercises), Mr. A. Webber; social evening; "Poor law administration," Mrs. Dickenson; debate; "The way to remedy social evils," Councillor John Bulmer; "Electricity," Mr. F. Sheldon; social evening.

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A meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the temporary room, Whitehouse Street, Hunslet, Dr. Hawkyard (chairman) presiding. The other members present were Mr. Fryer (vice-chairman), Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Woodcock, Messrs. Banks, Hargreaves, Butterick, Robb, Charlesworth, Houghton, Seddon, Tomlinson, Edwards, Knight, and Rev. M. J. Dillon, with the clerk (Mr. Mee) and assistant clerk (Mr. Ward.)

WORKHOUSE VISITING COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the above Committee, held on the 27th. September, Messrs. Banks and Fryer reported upon their visit to the Workhouse during the past fortnight.

The letter from Mr. Boden, offering to give two entertainments at the Workhouse during the winter months, was considered on a reference from the Board.

It was proposed by Mr. Seddon that the offer be accepted, and the 9th. November, and 15th. February, named as suitable dates. Seconded by Mr. Houghton and carried unanimously.

Mr. Seddon asked permission to invite the old people able to go to a tea and entertainments at the Queen's Hall, on Tuesday the 24th. prox.

It was proposed by Mrs. Dickenson that permission be cheerfully given. Seconded by Mr. Dillon and carried unanimously.

The advisability of appointing an officer or officers under the Infant Life Protection Act was also considered on a reference from the Board.

It was proposed by Mr. Dillon, that the matter be adjourned for a fortnight and that in the meantime the clerk make inquiries on the subject. Seconded by Mr. Seddon and carried unanimously.

It was reported that the Cook had complained that she could not go on any longer without more assistance.

Resolved that the Committee appointed on the 16th ult. be asked to report at the next meeting, and that in the meantime it be left in the hands of the Chairman and Clerk with power to engage temporary assistance.

The minutes were duly confirmed.

LETTING OF CONTRACTS.

A special meeting of the Board had been held the previous day, when tenders for provisions and appointment of tradesmen for the supply of goods and the execution of work during the current six months occupied the attention of the Board. The following were the tenders accepted and appointments made:—For the supply of butcher's meat to the Workhouse, Mr. A. Swales, Hunslet; flour, Messrs. Rishworth, Bros.; groceries, Mr. F. Broadbent; tea, Mr. G. W. Hope; yeast, Messrs. J. Mann & Co.; potatoes, Mr. J. W. South, Leeds; coals, Messrs. J. & J. Charlesworth, Ltd.; drapery, Messrs. R. Casson & Son; leather, Messrs. Tallant Bros. For the Homes—Butcher's meat, Mr J. Kinchley, Hunslet; flour, Messrs. Rishworth Bros.; groceries, Messrs. C. Ward & Sons, Rothwell; tea, Mr. A. Drew, Rothwell; coals, Messrs. J. & J. Charlesworth; drapery, Mr. S. Batty, Rothwell; leather, Messrs. Tallant Bros.; coffins, Mr. W. S. Copley, Rothwell. The tradesmen appointed were:—Druggists, Messrs. Hirst, Brook and Hirst; printer and stationer, Mr. W. Davey; joiner, Mr. H. J. Pulford; plumber, Mr. J. Sutcliffe for the Workhouse, and Mr. G. Wilson, Rothwell, for the Homes; joiner for the Homes, Mr. W. S. Copley; tin ware, Messrs. Hick Bros, Leeds; hair-dresser, Workhouse, Mr. F. Scott, Hunslet; Homes, Mr. A. Blakeley, Rothwell. There were no applications for the bricklayers work, and the Clerk was instructed to communicate with several tradesmen, pointing out that the Guardians were still open to receive applications for the work.

CHILDREN'S HOMES.

It was reported to the above Committee that the boys were served with oatmeal porridge as desired, but that the girls refused to have it. It was agreed that the porridge be continued to be served, except in cases where the Medical Officer ordered otherwise. Inquiry was made by the Leeds officials as to the number of boys likely to attend the swimming baths at Hunslet. The Clerk was instructed to state that there would be ten boys who would visit the baths, but that as yet none had attended owing to the weather. A further profit of £4 9s 0d on garden produce was reported. The receipts were smaller this half-year than in the corresponding half of 1898, owing to the failure of the turnip crops and the small yield of potatoes.

The minutes were approved on the motion of Messrs. Butterick and Hargreaves.

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee passed accounts amounting to £1168 6s 1d.

A letter had been received from the West Riding Accountant, stating that the probable amount of the County Rate would be 3d, and for police purposes 2d in the £. The calls were:—

	£	s.	d.
Hunslet ...	4,561	3	1
Middleton ...	508	13	0
Osmandthorpe ...	292	17	0
Oulton and Woodlesford	623	11	4
Rothwell ...	1,772	16	2
Templenewsam ...	477	8	0
Thorpe Stapleton ...	9	8	1
	£8,245	16	8

It was agreed that the same be approved, and that the Guardians be authorised to sign contribution orders in accordance therewith.

The transference of several of the districts named from the Lower Agbrigg to the Skyrack Division will make some alterations in the calls, Rothwell for instance being increased, whilst that of Thorpe Stapleton decreases.

IRREGULAR VACCINATIONS AT STOURTON.

Dr Ambrose had an interview with the Board regarding irregular vaccinations at Stourton. The interview and evidence were taken in Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It was reported that the charge nurse had resigned.

On the motion of Messrs. Seddon and Dillon it was agreed that on the 16th inst, when Messrs. Barnum and Bailey's show visits Leeds, the inmates be allowed to go out early after breakfast, in order that they might see the procession.

Mr. W. Wharam's tender of £80 was accepted for the installation of electric lighting in the new offices.

Mr. W. E. Rishardson was to be asked to ascertain the cost of several kinds of memorial tablets for the new offices.

Several items in the estimate for the new Workhouse had been revised by the Committee and Architect, the figure being brought down to £66,150.

A parcel of papers had been received from Mrs. Woodcock for use in the Workhouse.

The number of vagrants relieved during the fortnight was 211, against 286 during the same period last year.

BAZAAR AT ROTHWELL.

The members of the Rothwell Old Band have been making efforts to raise money in order to pay for their new uniform. It had been hoped that Mrs. J. Barff Charlesworth, who has been a friend to the band for many years, would have been present to open the Bazaar, but not being able she sent a large parcel of goods, and the duty was kindly undertaken by Wm. Hargreaves, Esq., our worthy representative on the West Riding County Council.

The bandroom was neatly decorated, and the stalls presented a very attractive appearance on Wednesday afternoon, being filled with the usual variety of fancy and useful articles.

In opening the Bazaar, Mr. Hargreaves expressed his regret that Mrs. Charlesworth was unable to attend, and assured them that although she could not be with them, she had generously remembered their bazaar in the gifts she had sent. He was proud of the two excellent bands they had in Rothwell, and trusted they would continue to work agreeably together. He urged the members to strive after still greater perfection in their playing, so that no one should be able to complain of any point. He hoped there would have been a larger attendance, but trusted they would sell all their goods, and get their uniform paid for; he had pleasure in contributing a guinea to the fund, and declared the Bazaar open.

The Rev W. B Pierson and Mr. H Wormald spoke to a resolution thanking Mr. Hargreaves for his services, and the buying and selling proceeded.

The stall-holders were Mrs. W Hayward, Mrs. C. Fowler, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. M. Fowler, and Mrs. G. Bedford; the refreshments were under the care of Mrs. E. Jackson, Mrs A. Fowler, Mrs. S. Fowler, Mrs. H. Fowler, and Mrs. T. Fowler; fancy stall, Mrs. Horner and Mrs. Copley; advertisement stall, Mrs. A. Smith and Miss L. Fowler.

Musical selections were given on the pianoforte by Mr. Lawford Firth and Mr. G. Fowler; cornet, Mr. W. Fowler; and by Miss N. Parker, of Huddersfield, whose clarionette playing was a speciality and much enjoyed. Impromptu songs were also given by Mr. W. Smith, Miss Mary Smith, and two little folks.

The Bazaar was re-opened on Thursday, and as will be seen in our advertising columns, a finish is to be made to-morrow, when it is hoped the necessary amount will have been got into the treasurer's hands.

OULTON CRICKET CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Oulton Cricket Club was held at the Oulton Institute on Friday evening last, under the chairmanship of Mr. B. W. Higgins, and supported by about 30 members. The minutes of the last general meeting and a special meeting were approved as read. The attendance of the committee was reported as follows:—25 meetings; B. W. Higgins 16. Dr. James 7, G. M. Abbey 21, C. Briggs 17, L. E. Greenwood 10, C. Hutchinson 21, J. Hutchinson 9, W. Inman 24. O. Inman 15, E. Jowitt 22, W. Smith 26, W. Walker 14, J. Cockerham 23, E. Boothroyd 22. The election of officers resulted as follows:—president, J. Selwyn Calverley, Esq.; vice-presidents, Dr. James and Mr. B. W. Higgins; honorary treasurer, Mr. J. Cockerham; honorary secretary, Mr. E. Boothroyd; captain, first team, Mr. W. Smith; vice-captain, Mr. E. A. Higgins; captain, second team, Mr. J. Morley; vice-captain, Mr. A. Cain; committee—Messrs. G. M. Abbey, C. Briggs, L. E. Greenwood, E. A. Higgins, C. Hutchinson, J. Hutchinson, W. Inman, E. and W. Walker. Mr. Poole proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, which was seconded by Mr. E. A. Higgins and responded to by Mr. B. W. Higgins. The auditors appointed were Messrs. J. W. Morley and T. Murtland. It was decided that the re-union take place on October 13th., and take the shape of a tea and smoking concert. A vote of thanks to the chairman, concluded the meeting.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

On Sunday last Mr. Paul presided, when an address was given by Mr. Wood, of Hunslet Carr, on "A vital question deferred," Mr. J. W. Street. of Hunslet, was the vocalist and sang "Nazareth," (*Gounod*) and "Man of Sorrows," (*Adams*). Mr. Crossland accompanied.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Sept. 30th, 1899, is £330; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £263, thus showing increase of £67. For the 13 weeks ending Sept. 30th, the return is £3573, against £3171 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £402

EPPS'S COCOA—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette*.—Made simply with boiling water or milk.—Sold only in packets and pound tins, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & Co., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London."

LITERARY EXTRACTS.

THIS I know—and this may by all men be known—that no good or lovely thing exists in this world without its correspondent darkness; and that the universe presents itself continually to mankind under the stern aspect of warning, or of choice, the good and the evil set on the right and the left.—JOHN RUSKIN.

SELF-CULTURE.—Self-culture is possible, not only because we can enter into and search ourselves—we have still a nobler power, that of acting on, determining and forming ourselves. This is a fearful as well as glorious endowment, for it is the ground of human responsibility. We have the power not only of tracing our powers, but of guiding and impelling them; not only of watching our passions, but of controlling them; not only of seeing our own faculties grow, but of applying to them means and influences to aid their growth.—W. E. CHANNING.

HOW TO JUDGE OF OTHERS.—Poor humanity is like a crow's nest up a high tree in a windy day—how many of the sticks remain is the wonder, not that a few of them snap, or get in such shape we don't know where they had been lying before. I have long noted down practical rules for life, as they came evidenced to my mind, either from wise books or the conversation of men of experience, or what had been forced upon me by my own convictions. One is simple, but it carries me far—to put the best construction on every human action till a bad is proved, and call that bad no worse than it is proved to be.—LEIGH HUNT.

SOME MECHANICAL ANIMALS.—The machinist employs a dog on his lathe; he takes a hog cut, if the tool will stand it, and the castings are made from pigs of iron. A mechanic puts his work upon a horse or buck, and punches or bends it by a convenient bear. Hoisting is done by a crab, and a convenient cat is a part of the outfit of a shop crane, and a kit of tools is ever at hand. A crow helps to straighten work, a jack to lift it; a mule pulley aids in driving machinery that a donkey engine turns. A fish connects parts end to end, or strengthens a broken beam; shells are used all over; a worm does powerful but quiet work. A cock shuts off the water, one kind of ram lifts it and another does heavy work. A printing press has a fly; the first locomotives had a grasshopper valve motion, and drive and butterfly valves are common. Herring-bone gears are used by the best builders; turtles fit printing press cylinders, and fly wheels are running all over the world. In drilling, even, an old man is called into service, and doctors prevent faulty lathe work.—*Plain Dealer*, Cleveland, U.S.

WALRUS WHISKERS.—"Of all the curious articles of commerce that you have ever mentioned in print I have never seen one more strange than a 'line' I regularly send to China, to the Brazils, and in very large quantities to Russia." The speaker was a "foreign merchant," and he was addressing a contributor who has made a speciality of paragraphs dealing with out-of-the-way occupations. "The articles I refer to are toothpicks that are made from walrus whiskers. Vast quantities of the stiff, thick whiskers of the walrus are shipped, from Alaska chiefly, to myself, and to some others in England. Those who send them pull them out one by one with special tweezers, and after the whiskers have been trimmed and stiffened here they are made up into bundles and sent abroad. The higher class Chinese seem to use no other kind of toothpicks, and the more wealthy of the Russians always use them at their clubs and hotels. I send out some thousands of bundles yearly, and though to the buyer they are much dearer, as well as more ornamental, they leave plenty of profit to the dealer."

DUTCH CLEANLINESS A MYTH.—Dutch cleanliness! Another common fallacy! True enough, scrubbing and washing appear to be the sole occupation of the Dutch housewife; women and children are always spotless in their attire, bright and clean as far as their persons are exposed to the public eye; but in Volendam at least—I will not vouch for the rest of Holland—this cleanliness is only on the surface, so much so that artists are positively afraid of taking a model to their studio. That sea-water could be used for bathing, never seems to strike the intelligence of the natives; at least, I do not think that their dread of water is merely due to their fear of getting in direct touch with the unpleasant things which are floating on the surface of the Zuyder Zee, amongst which rotten cabbage leaves are certainly not the most objectionable. And what is the use of washing and cleaning linen and household utensils from morning to night, if the water used for the purpose is of the nature of Volendam canal—a stagnant pool, the receptacle for the refuse of the whole village? Milk cans, table linen, spoons and forks and plates are dipped indiscriminately into the evil-smelling, grimy liquid, which cannot but nourish the germs of typhoid fever and other infectious diseases. That is the much vaunted Dutch cleanliness.—P. G. Konody, in the August *Pall Mall Magazine*.

HOW TO BEHAVE IN A CARRIAGE ACCIDENT.—Describing the accident to a party of tourists while ascending the Schneeberg, in Austria, when a rope-railway wagon ran off the line and fell, with its occupants, about 60ft., Herr von Ompteda, the well-known German novelist, who broke a rib, wrote to a friend: "It is psychologically interesting that none of us screamed as we fell. I knew exactly what to do. I waited until the wagon was in the middle of its fall, and then crossing my arms over my head, jumped off sideways, for my thought was—before all don't get under the wagon! The violinist (who was killed) was standing near me, clinging convulsively to the wagon, and I was just about to cry to him, 'Let loose,' but it was too late. Singularly I felt sure that my wife was safe. I somehow believed she had not fallen, and wanted to stand up and give her a sign. But I could not move. All at once she bent over me, with blood running out of her mouth, and cried, '*Mon petit es-tu mort?*' I said, 'No, I can move,' but I could not move. My glorious wife thought only of me, and not for a moment of herself! Her left side is frightfully torn and bruised, but she is brave and keeps up. I am obliged to lie still. So! enough!"

LOOKING INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.—Writing in the *Queen*, Sir Walter Besant says:—"The next century will bring with it many changes. The working classes especially will show, at least, the result of the nineteenth century, which has been a century of revolution of manners and ideas as well as everything else. The people will begin to dance again—there is a revolution for you! All classes will dance; there will be public dancing gardens and public dancing rooms; they will be kept jealously 'respectable.' That is the first reform which is to come; dancing is an instinct with young people. Let us turn on the electric light and invite them all to come and dance. Next, there will be a great deal more music; boys and girls will all learn, but not at the ratepayers' expense, to play some instrument; and there will be a great deal more singing. There will also be more social intercourse. The nineteenth century custom, in which every family separated itself, and sat by itself every evening in its own railed off strip of ground, will be abandoned for more gregarious ways. There will be in every quarter an accessible theatre at moderate prices, a free library, an assembly hall, a concert and lecture room, a museum for loan collections, schools for home arts, exhibitions of pictures. Life will become more cheerful and more varied. Travelling will be cheaper, we shall learn more of our neighbours. Other changes are coming, of which I know nothing. Most likely war will be rendered impossible by the discoveries of men of science; perhaps medicine may make advances and cure the incurable; these things are beyond me. But on the social side I seem to see the future more clearly. The dulness of my own century, the jealous seclusion of the family, the ridiculous social distinctions of the middle order are already vanishing slowly, and leaving the way open to a richer, fuller, and happier life."

Moscow's orphan asylum, founded by Catherine II., is supported by a tax on playing-cards

INTERESTING WEDDING AT METHLEY.

There was a large gathering at St. Oswald's Church, Methley, on Wednesday, to witness the marriage of Miss Agnes Atkinson, daughter of Mr. A. Atkinson, of Scholey Hill, Methley, to Mr. Edward Bagshaw, of Headingley. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. D. C. Bagshaw, as best man. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an ivory Duchesse satin dress, trimmed with lace, chiffon and orange blossom, and a tulle veil with a wreath of orange blossom fastened by a diamond brooch, the gift of the bridegroom and carried a shower bouquet of white exotics. She was attended by five bridesmaids, Miss Atkinson, Misses M. and G. Atkinson, sisters of the bride, and Misses K. and S. Jollie, nieces of the bridegroom. The chief bridesmaid wore pale green Bengalene silk trimmed with white lace, and black velvet picture hat with plumes. The four younger bridesmaids wore white muslin over green silk with tulle sashes, and white picture hats with plumes. Each of the bridesmaids carried shower bouquets of yellow and white, and wore gold bangles and brooches. the gift of the bridegroom. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. H. Armstrong Hall, rector of the parish. The Wedding March was played by Mr. A. D. Kaye, organist of the Tadcaster Parish Church, friend of the bride. Afterwards a reception was held at the home of the bride, and later Mr. and Mrs. Bagshaw left for London en route for Paris. The wedding presents included the following:—

Bridegroom to Bride, diamond brooch
Bride to Bridegroom, diamond ring
Father and Mother of the Bride, piano and music stool
The Misses Atkinson, solid silver sugar basin & cream jug
The Misses M. and G. Atkinson, silver egg stand
Messrs. J. and M. F. Atkinson, silver waiter
Mr. and Mrs. C. Atkinson, solid silver muffineers
Mrs. Robinson, toilet cover and mats
Messrs. D. C. and J. H. Bagshaw, silver mounted claret jug and spirit cabinet
Misses Jollie, copper plant pot
Mrs. Bagshaw, solid silver mustard pot
Miss Shawcross, copper afternoon waiter
Mr. Guernsey, pair of vases
Misses Cooke, picture
Mr. A. D. Kaye, gong
Mr. and Mrs. Warrington, solid silver mustard pot
Mrs. Reem, silver fish carvers
Mr. and Mrs. Beck, photo frame
Mr. and Mrs. Wigin, solid silver bon-bon dish
Mr. Dyson, silver sugar basin and sifter
Mr. and Mrs. J. Vickers, photo frame
Mr. and Miss Burgess, copper kettle and stand
Mr. Riley, solid silver spoons and tongs
Mr. and Mrs. Feulds, pedestal
Mrs and Miss Nixon, case of carvers & netted d'oyleys
Miss Schofield (Mrs. Atkinson's maid), afternoon tea cloth
The Misses Vickers, afternoon tea service
Mr. and Mrs. Wardle, silver vegetable dish
Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson, silk table centre
Miss Ash, silver nut cracks
Misses A. and M. Ash, silver grape scissors
Mr. and Mrs. Sneath, solid silver salts
Mr. and Mrs. Mills, silver asparagus dish
Mr. and Mrs. Schofield, silver crumb gatherer
Mr. G. and Misses Hollings, solid silver fruit spoons
Mr. J. Earle, solid silver fish knives and forks
Mr. and Mrs. Dorey, silver fruit spoons
Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, silver bread board and knife
Mr. H. Scarth, solid silver toast rack
Mr. and Mrs F. Robinson, solid silver salts
Madamoiselle Oppliger, Irish ornaments
Miss Hughes, brass inkstand
Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook, silver candlesticks
Mr. Harris, silver hot water jug
Mrs. Mortimer, silk table centre
Mr. H. C. Mortimer, solid silver and glass jelly jar
Miss Mortimer, silver butter dish
Miss Braime, gilt crumb brush and tray
Miss Barlow, plant pots
Mrs. and Miss Wise, worked table cloth
Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson, afternoon tea service
The Staff of the Phœnix Fire Office, barometer
Mr. and Mrs. Foster, picture
Mr. and Mrs. Wootton, silver bread dish
Mr. and Mrs. Bingham, flower stand
Miss Cowell, pair of vases
Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, inkstands and candlesticks to match
Mr. Atkinson's workmen, solid silver salts
Mr. and Mrs. Hutton, silver cheese scoop
Mr. and Mrs. Enderby, silver cheese scoop and bread fork
Mr. and Mrs. Cheetham, carved tray
Miss Foster, carved stool
Mr. Wise, music cabinet
Mr. Haslam, solid silver candlesticks
Misses Read, solid silver hand-glass
Miss Owen, solid silver serviette rings
Misses Bickerdyke, salad bowl, fork and spoon
Misses Green, mirror in carved frame
Mr. and Mrs. Fearnley, chule clock
And Others.

SACRED CONCERT—EXPLANATION.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your generous remarks *re* the unfortunate position I was placed in at the Sacred Concert the other evening. Having ascertained the cause of the absence of some of the principals, I would like briefly to state same, as per promise. The solo violinist wrote on the Friday previous, stating his inability to attend owing to a technical error—this letter did not reach me until Sunday evening at 10 o'clock. The baritone was taken ill, and a letter asking for a substitute to be appointed was posted on *Saturday morning* at Leeds and *duly* reached me on *Monday evening* per one of Her Majesty's sub-officials. Too late of course. To add to this bungling, our friend, Mr. Varley, had a contracted throat and was unable to sing. The elocutionist turned up in the afternoon, but vanished after the service, with a thorough understanding that he would return for the concert at 8 p.m. *He is still coming!* I appreciated the presence of so large a company, and greatly regret—through no fault of my own—that I was unable to give the programme announced. To the kind lady friends who so nobly came to the rescue, and the Orchestral Society for their additional help—I am deeply grateful. I need hardly say that no trouble shall be spared on my part to make such a recurrence in the future simply impossible.

Yours faithfully,
J. ARTHUR ALDERSON.

MR. B. PICKARD, M.P.

At the last meeting of the Woodlesford School Board, it was agreed that the member for this division should be asked to distribute the prizes to the children attending their schools, and we are now informed that the hon. gentleman has consented to do soon December 22nd.

We regret to find that in our report of the last Board meeting, we omitted the name of Mr. J. T. Lygo, as being present.

OLD FALSE TEETH BOUGHT.

Many ladies and gentlemen have by them old or disused false teeth, which might as well be turned into money. Messrs. R. D. & J. B. Fraser, of Princes Street, Ipswich, (established since 1833), buy old false teeth. If you send your teeth to them they will remit you by return of post the utmost value; or, if preferred, they will make you the best offer, and hold the teeth over for your reply. If reference necessary, apply to Messrs. Bacon & Co., Bankers, Ipswich.

YOUNG FOLKS' COLUMN.

A GENTLEMANLY BOY.

A gentle boy, a manly boy,
Is the boy I love to see;
An honest boy, an upright boy,
Is the boy of boys for me.

The gentle boy guards well his lips,
Lest words that fall may grieve;
The manly boy will never stoop
To meanness, nor deceive.

An honest boy clings to the right
Through seasons foul and fair;
An upright boy will faithful be
When trusted anywhere.

The gentle boy, the manly boy,
Upright and honest, too,
Will always find a host of friends
Among the good and true.

He reaps rewards in doing good,
Finds joy in giving joy,
And earns the right to bear the name—
"A gentlemanly boy."

H. L. CHARLES.

WHAT A BOOK SAID.

"Once on a time," a library book was overheard talking to a little boy who had just borrowed it. The words seemed worth recording, and here they are:

"Please don't handle me with dirty hands. I should feel ashamed to be seen when the next little boy borrowed me.

"Or leave me out in the rain. Books can catch cold as well as children.

"Or make marks on me with your pen or pencil. It would spoil my looks.

"Or lean on me with your elbows when you are reading me. It hurts.

"Or open me and lay me face down on the table. You wouldn't like to be treated so.

"Or put in between my leaves a pencil or anything thicker than a single sheet of thin paper. It would strain my back.

"Whenever you have finished reading me, if you are afraid of losing your place, don't turn down the corner of one of my leaves, but have a neat little book-mark to put in where you stopped, and then close me and lay me down on my side, so that I can have a good, comfortable rest.

"Remember, that I want to visit a great many other little boys after you have done with me. Besides, I may meet you again some day, and you would be sorry to see me looking old and torn and soiled. Help me to keep fresh and clean and I will help you to be happy."

"WHAT are you doing there, Johnnie?" inquired the school-teacher of the scholar who had just taken off his shoes and stockings.

"I want to know how many are four times five. I've used up my fingers, so I'm counting on my toes."

SOME children were being taught grammar in a village school. After having drilled into the children the names of the vowels, the mistress went on for some time. Suddenly she went back and asked: "What is a vowel?"

A little girl held up her hand, and said: "Please, mum, it's a young chick growed up!"

LITTLE Edith had a habit of eating the soft part of her bread and tucking the crust under the edge of her plate.

Her mother had frequently reproved her for this, but it appeared to have no lasting effect.

The other evening she was detected at her old trick. Her mother said:

"Edith, how often have I told you about leaving your crusts? There may come a day when you'll want a crust badly."

"Oh, mamma!" replied Edith, "may I save them for then?"

"WELL," said little Ruth, "I don't know what charity means. Do you?"

"Yes," replied Dot. "Charity is giving away what you don't want."

THE FAIRY FIREFLIES.

In her story of life amongst the curious little Japs, entitled, "A Diplomatist's Wife in Japan," Mrs. Hugh Fraser has many charming incidents to record. Here is one of them, with a fairy tale thrown in:—

"I went to a night fair two or three evening's ago, a humble show where little more than cakes and sweetmeats and straw sandals were sold; but there was one stall full of winged lights, tiny stars of green fire clustering all over it. I bought about a hundred Princess Splendours in a black horse-hair cage, and brought them home with me. Do you know the story of Princess Splendour?

She was, it seems, a tiny moon-child, so like a firefly that the old woodman (of fairy tales all the world over) picked her off a bamboo branch in the moonlight and brought her home to his wife. She grew lovelier and brighter for twenty sweet years till all the brown cottage shone with her beauty at night and basked in it by day. Every one loved her, but most of all the Emperor, whom she loved too. But she could not marry him, because all her life was only to be twenty years, and the time was nearly up.

And he hoped to keep her; but at last the day came when she had to go, and Princess Splendour travelled home on a moonbeam, crying silver tears all the way, till Mother Moon took her in her arms and folded her to her warm white heart, quite away from the Emperor for ever. All her tears took wings and go flying about the woods on warm nights looking for the Emperor still, though he died an old, old man hundreds of years ago.

But the keeper of the strange stall at the fair (and I could hardly see it in the darkness) had captured scores of the winged lights, and sold them by ones and twos in a dainty cage two inches long, with a green leaf for provisions, for two rin, a sum so small that we have no equivalent for it. I stood for a minute before the firefly stall and then told the interpreter to say that I must have *all* the flies in *all* the cages. I carried them all home in the horsehair box, and when everybody had gone to bed I crept out into the balmy darkness of my garden, opened the box and set all the lovely creatures free. This way and that they flew, their radiant lamps glowing and paling like jewels seen through water, some clinging to my hair and my hands, as if afraid to plunge into the garden's unknown ways. I felt like a white witch who had called the stars down to play with her.

A CLERGYMAN'S little daughter, who had been to church for the first time and heard her father preach, was questioned by him on reaching home as to how she liked his sermon. There was an embarrassed silence.

Then the little maid, tired out with the long strain of "being good," and yet anxious not to offend in any wise, made answer, with a long-drawn breath of patient resignation:

"You preached awful long, papa, but I beared it."

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Play slowly, distinctly, and in correct time, repeating it till the bird begins to try himself. He must not see the teacher nor hear any noise to distract his attention from the notes he is to learn. It may take hours, possibly twelve, before the bird learns his lesson.

When he sings his notes he should be rewarded with something he likes, or praised a little.

However well he may know his song he will forget it the first time he moults, unless carefully repeated to him every day while moulting.

A LITTLE girl one day heard a tale spoken of as a narrative. Next morning when her mother entered the nursery the little dog began frisking about, when the little girl exclaimed:

"Oh, mother! see how Toby is wagging his narrative!"

Algeria and Argentine are the only countries in the world where the horses outnumber the human beings.

FOOTBALL

NORTHERN UNION—SECOND COMPETITION—EAST DIVISION.

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

	Pl	Wn	Lt	Dn	Pts	For G	For T	For P	Against G	Against T	Against P
Normanton	5	3	1	1	7	6	6	30	1	5	17
Alverthorpe	3	3	0	0	6	5	5	25	1	1	5
Kinsley ..	3	2	1	0	4	3	9	33	2	4	16
York	3	2	1	0	4	1	4	14	3	2	12
Rothwell ..	4	2	2	0	4	1	4	14	5	4	22
Featherstone	3	1	1	1	3	2	4	16	0	2	6
Eastmoor..	3	1	2	0	2	0	2	6	2	4	16
Pontefract	3	1	2	0	2	1	1	5	1	3	11
Goole	4	1	3	0	2	2	1	7	3	4	18
Outwood	4	1	3	0	2	1	2	8	3	5	21
Ossett	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	5	2	5	19

REFEREES FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7.
Ossett v Kinsley—Mr J Oakland, Outwood.
Goole v Normanton—Mr A. Fieldhouse, Holbeck.
Rothwell v York—Mr F. T. Wilkinson, Leeds.
Eastmoor v Outwood—Mr. F. Morton, Castleford.
E. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

ROTHWELL V. PONTEFRACT.

The encounter between the above teams was played at Pontefract on Saturday afternoon last, before a poor attendance of spectators. Williams set the ball in motion against a wind. At first it seemed as though the Pontefract forwards were too smart for their opponents. Several scrimmages took place and the home team went through the pack with the ball at their feet and soon became dangerous. From a scrimmage, passing took place by England and McDermott to Harvey, ending in the latter player scoring a fine try, but the same player failed to kick a goal. This seemed to make Rothwell play up better, the forwards worked better in the pack, and Rothwell were constantly getting possession of the ball. Hoult distinguished himself by making a fine run down the field, and when about to be tackled near the goal line, he passed to Kelly, but the ball hit the player's chest and bounced away from him, and so the chance of scoring was lost. From a scrimmage Robinson ran round the pack and got nearly over the line before passing smartly to Hemsworth who scored a try; Morgan's kick at goal went just outside the post. Nothing more was scored up to half-time although Rothwell appeared to be having the best of the game. In the second half, Harvey saved splendidly a strong attack on the Pontefract line. Some very good kicking followed. After about ten minutes play in the second half, Hemsworth scored the second try for Rothwell; the ball was kicked over the home goal line, alighted on its point, and came back towards the field of play, when Hemsworth who had followed up well, received it from the bounce and scored; the ball was placed for Morgan who scored a splendid goal amidst the cheering of the Rothwell spectators Morrell and Robinson were conspicuous for Rothwell by some good play. Near the finish of the game Pontefract became dangerous owing to the ball being knocked by a Rothwell player over his own goal line—hence a scrimmage in a dangerous position, it was at this point that the Rothwell forwards showed their supremacy in the pack, for by sheer strength and determination, they pushed the Pontefract forwards quite half-a-dozen yards and took the ball with them into the centre of the field. Shortly after this the whistle blew, and Rothwell were the winners by 1 goal 2 tries (8 points) to Pontefract 1 try (3 points). B Morrell and Robinson played cleverly together and their smartness was greatly admired by the home spectators. Morgan and Hoult played well at centre. The game was keenly contested, but the visitors although lighter proved themselves too smart. McDermott and England were the pick of the homesters, Rothwell expect a stiff tussle with York on Saturday, and seeing that they have got in the winning vein once more, it is anticipated that they will use every endeavour to add another couple of points to their account.

ASSOCIATION.

OULTON ST. JOHN'S V. NORMANTON DODSWORTH.

Normanton visited Oulton Green on Saturday last, with every intention of repeating a previous prescription for the health of the homesters, and with every prospect of so doing for their team was obviously a decided improved one, whilst the Oultonians had not an enviable record in this season's fixtures, which their Committee evidently thought necessitated a change in the front rank, Bedford and Hullah standing down for Dobson and Crosland. Mr. Wild, Altofts, officiated as referee, and the visitors playing down the slope speedily showed signs of danger and numerous were the shots which Higgins, the home custodian, should have had to deal with in goal, but none of the forwards seemed to notice the crossbar was only 8 ft. from the ground. A succession of lively scrums looked decidedly dangerous for the Owls, who had not very much opportunity for testing their sighting powers on the top goal, the visitors forwards, getting through the defence time after time, but lacking the ability to score. Albeit, the home backs were frequently in evidence, etc., and with Higgins frustrated many excellent attempts, W Inman in particular jumping up heading out from under the posts, when the custodian had left his position to repel another assault. Half-time arrived with a clean sheet and the spectators anticipated success from the manner in which their team had combined to defeat the smart work of the visitors in the open. There was not long to wait for the initial event, as the Oulton first string, lead by Murtland and Hutchinson on the left, came down with a rush, and shady tactics by the opposing back resulted in the referee very properly ordering a free kick some ten yards out of the goal. Hutchinson took the opportunity very successfully, hooking the ball to the head of Murtland, who added impetus and after cannoning off one or two of the defence, it landed beautifully in the net. The applause was well deserved, Hutchinson being the means of scoring one of the prettiest points we have ever had the pleasure of witnessing, and proving himself as full of resource as an old hand. This reverse only served to enliven the visitors, who made several smart attempts to get through, but bar-shooting neutralised their excellent combined play in the open. The homesters rallied and after a very good rush by Crosland and O Inman, the latter drove in a very low shot which left the custodian no chance and for a time Normanton were a beaten team. The referee had now to use his authority, Hampshire and one of the visitors coming into a contest of words over a very trivial matter, which necessitated a caution from Mr. Wild, and both using their oratorical powers to him he decided on their removal. This roused the visitors, and after numerous well-directed efforts they obtained a free kick for Higgins over striding the limit, and his return cannoned off one of the forwards through the goal, thus making the game 2 goals to 1. Only a few minutes remained for play, but during that time the homesters had all their work set to save the draw but managed to hold their lead until time was called, with the score Oulton 2 goals Normanton 1. The teams meet in the first round of the Association Cup and methinks Oulton will avenge their quietus of last yea. Higgins played a capital game in goal whilst Murtland and Hutchinson on the left and Dobson on the right amongst the forwards, were responsible for the improvement on the previous week. Crosland requires more experience, and W Inman used splendid judgment at full-back. Butterick is promising well and the halves kept up last year's standard. With the assistance of two experienced recruits whose services, we understand, the Oultonians have secured, the team will take a creditable place before the end of the season.

The match versus Dewsbury at Oulton September 23rd. has been cancelled; Dewsbury have the points taken off for playing five unregistered men, but no points are given to Oulton.

ROTHWELL WHITE ROSE V. OSSETT.

A League encounter between the above teams took place on the Royds lane ground on Saturday afternoon last, before a good company of spectators. The homesters commenced play with the wind in their favour, and Ossett were the first to show signs of danger, but were ruled off-side and the homesters cleared by the aid of a penalty. The Rose had a couple of corners which were fruitless. Barnes cleared nicely. Illingworth became dangerous. The visitors were now penalised twice in succession. Illingworth scored for Rothwell after good play by Berry. Both teams attacked in turn, the backs being specially fine. Ossett spoilt several good chances by off-side play. Half-time score was Rothwell 1 goal to Ossett nil. Ossett restarted, and at once became dangerous, kicking twice over the line,. Rothwell were penalised for off-side. Ossett gained a footing in the home quarters. The Rothwell backs defended well. Cripps cleared a nice shot finely from a corner. Stubbs headed the ball on to the cross-bar, the ball bouncing over. Ossett again attacked, Bridges cleared well. Ossett were again penalised for kicking. Rothwell had a corner which Ossett cleared. The visitors at length after good play equalised. Both teams tried hard to gain the supremacy but time being called more than five minutes short owing to an oversight by the Referee, Mr. Fred Bradley, of Oulton, the game ended in a draw of one goal each. The Rothwell team are to be complimented on the stubborn resistance which they offered to Ossett; Illingworth and Bridges, being the pick of the field, whilst Cripps, Beckwith, and Barnes played a good defensive game. The forwards were not combined at all, and one or two places will do with changes. The new recruits from Somersetshire, Barnes and Jeffries gave a very creditable account of themselves, although the latter player was playing in the forwards instead of at half-back.

HUNSLET NEW CONNEXION V. ROTHWELL WHITE ROSE 'A'

Played at Hunslet on Saturday last. Rothwell kicked off against the wind about 3.35 p.m. After playing a very fast game for about ten minutes Beaumont, of Hunslet, managed to score. Hunslet continued to keep the ball well in motion, Hill, of Hunslet, neatly heading the ball through from a corner. Hunslet continued to play a very combined game, keeping the ball well towards the Rothwell goal. Rothwell now began to show form, and it resulted in Blacker scoring neatly. Kilburn made a very good attempt at defence. Raynor, of Hunslet, now scored another goal. Half-time score Hunslet 3 goals to Rothwell 1. Hunslet commenced to press very hard, shooting again and again without success. After more vigorous play Fisher managed to send the ball home, scoring another goal for Hunslet. Fox, of Rothwell, now got a fine opportunity, and made the most of it, thereby scoring another goal for Rothwell. Both teams now began to tire, neither of them scoring. The result was Hunslet 4 goals to Rothwell 2.

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

RUGBY.

At Rothwell—York v Rothwell.

ROTHWELL TEAM—Full back, B Cromack; three-quarter backs, J Fieldhouse, J Hoult (capt), J Morrell B Kelly, H Morgan; half-backs, F Robinson, B Morrell; forwards, J Ward, Joss Ward, E Godley, E Williams, W Booth, H Hemsworth, A Pape, J Booth, J Parkinson.

ASSOCIATION.

At Leeds—Rothwell White Rose v Royal Artillery.

WHITE ROSE TEAM—Goal, A Cripps; backs, J Beckwith, G Barnes; half-backs, J Smith, J Berry, T Bridges; forwards, W Bedford, R Whitehead, H Dacre H Illingworth, W Jeffries; Reserve, E Baber, C Ward.

At Oulton—Oulton St. John's v. Featherstone.

OULTON TEAM—Goal, C Higgins; backs, W Inman, (capt), H Butterick; half-backs, D Raybold, O Inman, F Bell; forwards, E Dobson, W Hutchinson, T Page, H Bedford, A T Murtland; Reserve, W Crossland.

At Leeds—Oulton 'A' v. Leeds Brunswick.

OULTON 'A' TEAM—Goal, W Moore; backs, A Higgins, C Jeffrey; half-backs, S Lockwood, P C Higgins, P Inman; forwards, C F Hullah, T Smailes, F Arundel, W Killingbeck, W Crossland; Reserves T Maundrill, L Lockwood.

Will the Secretaries of Football Clubs kindly forward List of Fixtures, Reports of Matches (both first and second teams), and List of players chosen as early as possible.

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J Stead	12	2	59	154	15.4
J Walker....	13	0	56	174	13.38
M Fowler ..	11	2	24x	118	13.11
H Wormald..	13	1	31	150	12.5
O Wilkinson	8	2	27x	69	11 5
A Denton ..	8	0	12	38	4.75
Less than 7 Innings.					
W Richardson	4	1	18	41	13.66
Dr Buck....	5	1	14	38	9.5
T Hampson..	5	2	10	20	6.6
J Wilkinson..	5	0	9	11	2.2
Dr. James....	2	0	4	4	2.0
W Inman....	1	0	2	2	2.0
P Inman	2	0	3	3	1.5
J W Haigh ..	3	0	3	3	1.0
G Lunn......	3	0	2	2	,66
C P Ward....	1	0	0	0	
H Forrest....	1	0	0	0	
J Elstob	2	0	0	0	

x Signifies Not Out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg
E Milner....	123	20	332	46	7.23
O Wilkinson	43	10	88	12	7.31
J Walker....	127	29	292	38	7.68
Less than 7 Matches.					
W Inman	2	0	3	2	1.5
W Richardson	10	2	25	6	4.16
J Stead	12	4	25	2	12.5
T Hampson..	15	8	77	1	77.0
H Wormald ..	3	0	14	0	

OULTON INSTITUTE.

On Monday evening last, the second of a series of six free lectures was given by Miss Ravenhill, in the Harold Hall; Dr. James occupying the chair. The subject was on "The Air we breathe," under the following heads—where it comes from—what it carries—how it is polluted—how it is purified—effects on health of impure air—what is ventilation—overcrowding—cubic space. The attendance was very good indeed, and those present seemed much interested, and no doubt learned some very useful hints, particularly regarding the various ways of ventilation. It is to be hoped that the attendance will be as good during the remaining lectures, and that those who have not yet been able to attend will try their best to do so. The subject next week will be on "Our water supply," and Mr. B. W. Higgins will preside.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE A.B.C.

The first meeting of the above class for the present session took place last Sunday afternoon, when a good and auspicious beginning was made. There was a large attendance, which goes to prove that the capital meetings of last session have not been forgotten. Mr. Eli Ward occupied the chair and a powerful address was given by Mr. J. Gale, of Leeds, on "The sins of Cæsar's household." The old scholars' choir rendered two anthems, "I was glad" and "Cry out and shout." Mr. A. Adamson is the organist, and Mr. G. Bramley conductor, for the session.

ROTHWELL CHORAL SOCIETY.

The above Society, as will be seen from advertisement, will hold its first rehearsal on Tuesday next, and it is earnestly to be hoped that all vocalists in the district will endeavour to attend, and enable the promoters to carry on a thoroughly successful Society.

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At three p.m.

The STONES will be laid by the following ladies and gentlemen:—J. R. Seanor, Esq., J.P., Mrs. W. Stephenson, Mr. C. Ward, Rev. J. A. Alderson (for the Rothwell Primitive Methodist Church and School), Rev. G. H. Armitage, Councillor R. Pickersgill, Dr. Buck, Mr. D. McAdoo. Mr. J. Butterick, Mr A. Ward, Mr. J. Morton. Mr. J. Goodall, Mr. J. Nunns, Mrs. A. Armitage, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Batty, and Miss Gertrude Hargreaves.

MEMORIAL 'BRICKS' will be laid by Young People, and beautiful purses of money will be placed on the principal stone by the Children.

The Chairman of the District, the
Rev. PROFESSOR BANKS,
will give an Address. He will be supported by The REVS. E. MARTIN, (of Leeds), G. H. ARMITAGE, (of Barnsley), J. A. ALDERSON and the CIRCUIT MINISTERS.

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NOTICE is hereby given, in reference to the above District, that:—

1. The above School Board have (subject to the approval of the Education Department) made certain Bye Laws in pursuance of the powers given to the School Board by s. 74 of the Elementary Education Act, 1870 as amended by the Elementary Education Acts, 1876, 1880, and 1893.

2. A printed copy of the proposed Bye Laws will continue deposited, for inspection by any ratepayer, at the Council Offices, as the Office of the School Board, for one calendar month from the date of the publication of this notice

3. At the expiration of the said calendar month, the said proposed Bye-Laws will be submitted to the Education Department for approval.

4. The School Board will supply a printed copy of the said proposed Bye Laws gratis to any ratepayer.

ANDREW MARSHALL,
12th October, 1899. Clerk.

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COMING EVENTS REGISTER.

The proprietors of this journal have now opened a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

Oct. 25.—Memorial Stone Laying of the Rothwell Wesleyan New School-room.
Nov 22 & 23—Rothwell Church Bazaar.
Jan. 30, 1900—Rev. J. Arthur Alderson's Second Grand Evening Concert.

Rothwell Times,
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ROTHWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A monthly meeting of the above Council was held on Wednesday night, in the Council Chamber, Councillor G. Armitage presiding. There were also present Councillors J. Abbishaw (vice-chair), W. W. Harrison, J W. Bulmer, J. Smith, J. Hargreaves, Jas. Armitage, B. Taylor, W. Hargreaves, J. Stead, H. Nichols, P. G. Milner, and the new member for Lofthouse, Mr. T. Pawson Whiteley, with the deputy clerk (Mr. M. Barret), medical officer, (Dr. Stevenson), surveyor (Mr. J. T. Pears), nuisance inspector (Mr. R. R. Jones), and assistant clerk (Mr. Wilkinson).

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

Before the ordinary business of the Council commenced, the Chairman proposed that the Council's sympathy be conveyed to Mrs. Oliver and family, of Carlton, in their sad bereavement. In the death of Mr. Oliver, the Council had lost a most valuable member, and a friend. It had been his pleasure to be associated with him in public work, and it had been a pleasure to work with a colleague possessed of such varied experience. In highway matters no member had taken a greater interest or given more time to the work. As a member of the Sanitary Committee, too, he had rendered valuable assistance. Every inhabitant of Carlton felt Mr. Oliver's death as a personal loss, and his place on the Council would not be easily filled.

It was with deep regret Mr. J. Hargreaves rose to second the resolution. He had had the pleasure of working with Mr. Oliver since he became a member of the old Local Board. Especially in highway affairs was he greatly interested and anxious for the roads to be kept in a state of good repair, not only in his own district, but throughout the Council's area. If he had lived, he believed he would have been elected a member of the Council for the Carlton Ward as long as he cared to sit on it.

Mr. Walter Hargreaves, (as a member who had had an uninterrupted run of 14 years in the service of the public along with Mr. Oliver), and Mr. Taylor, (as a member whom Mr. Oliver had done his best for in the way of initiating him into the various branches of the Council's work), having briefly spoken, the resolution was carried, all the members standing.

THE NEW MEMBER.

The Chairman extended a friendly welcome to the new member for the Lofthouse and Thorpe Ward, Mr Whiteley, and he trusted he would have health and strength to come amongst them for years. He proposed that he be placed on the same Committees as his predecessor, Mr. Sykes; this resolution was seconded, and carried unanimously.

HIGHWAYS.

At a meeting of the Highways Committee it was agreed the streets at Rothwell and Stourton lately paved and taken over as public roads, be swept by the Council. The Surveyor was instructed to cover with granite the main roads at Lofthouse and Carlton. An application from F. Charlesworth, the road roller tender, for an advance of wages, was considered, and an advance from 27s to 30s conceded. Other applications for advances of wages from Messrs. W. Ely, T. Thorpe, and L. Askew were not entertained. A letter from the Wakefield City Omnibus Company, re the application made for power to construct tramways within the Council's area was considered, and postponed until the Committee knew where the Company propose carrying their lines.

Mr. J Hargreaves proposed and Mr. Taylor seconded the confirmation of the minutes.

Mr. Stead asked when it was anticipated the new bridge in Meynell Avenue would be commenced.

Mr. J. Hargreaves replied that tenders had been asked for the work, but none had been sent in, and he did not expect that builders would like to start of the job at this period of the year. It would be next summer now before the work was begun.

Mr. Stead also called attention to the need for the traffic on Bell Hill being properly regulated, the strings of coal carts which were allowed to wander all across the highway was a great danger to traffic.

Mr. J. Hargreaves said this was a matter for the police to deal with.

Mr. Bulmer said he was glad to hear from the minutes that the wages of the engineman were going to be advanced, but he would like to know the reason why the other three applications were not entertained

Mr. J. Hargreaves said he had very little to say on the matter, the Council could advance these wages if it liked, but the Committee, so far as it was concerned, did not deem it advisable.

In answer to a question it was stated that Ely had 18s per week, but was not considered a permanent employee of this Council; Thorpe, the pavior, had 34s, the wages he had asked for when appointed, and Askew £1. It was also stated that Askew was fonder of playing with donkeys on the road side, and in other ways wasting his time, instead of spreading stones.

Mr. J. Hargreaves said it was the opinion of the Committee that Askew was getting more now than he was worth, and there had been much complaining about him.

Mr. W. Hargreaves: You should have the courage of your convictions and discharge such men Why don't you discharge him, Mr. Surveyor?

Mr. Bulmer said he did not rise to support Askew, as he had heard complaints about him, and from the Highways Committee, that he did not do his duty, but he thought Mr. Taylor could not justify his position with regard to the statement that Ely was not a permanent employee of the Council. He had been a workman all his life and if they pulled him up to £1 he thought they would only be doing their duty. He proposed that Ely have £1 per week.

Mr. W. Hargreaves: And that the other man be discharged.

Mr. Bulmer: No, I will not ask for that.

Mr. Bulmer's resolution was not seconded, and the minutes were confirmed in their entirety.

In answer to Mr. Nichols, Mr. James Hargreaves said that the Great Northern Railway Company was being pressed to attend to the repair of the road under their bridge on the Wakefield road.

Mr. J. Hargreaves drew attention to an encroachment by the Midland Railway Company in Bullock Lane, by the widening of the bridge. He proposed that the Railway Company be written to, and also that the Sergeant of Police be asked to take steps for the better regulation of the traffic on Bell Hill.

Mr. Harrison, in seconding the resolution which was carried, said the new structure in Bullock Lane projected into the road four feet, and that the water course is interfered with.

SANITARY COMMITTEE.

The above Committee approved of the proposed slaughter house arrangements by Mr. T. Wilkinson. In answer to a letter from the West Riding Authority re the arrangements for a Joint Infectious Diseases Hospital, and it was decided to abide by the arrangements made at the meeting of the representatives concerned in the scheme, and that the Committee had no further suggestions to offer.

The minutes were confirmed.

THE HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT.

The Medical Officer reported that during the past four weeks there had been in the Council's district 37 births (18 males and 19 females), 25 of which were in Rothwell, (13 males and 12 females), and 12 in Lofthouse and Carlton (5 males and 7 females). During the same period there had been 17 deaths (9 males and 8 females), 9 in Rothwell (2 males and 7 females), and 8 in Lofthouse and Carlton (6 males and 2 females). Four cases of infectious disease had been reported, three of typhoid fever and one of diphtheria, two fever cases being at Ouzlewell Green, and one at Carlton, and the case of diphtheria at Westgate, Langley. The general health of the district was very fair.

THE DAMAGE TO LEADWELL LANE BRIDGE.

Messrs. Berry and Ramsden, parents of the boys who at last meeting it was reported had damaged the stone work of the Leadwell Lane Bridge, came before the Council, and were spoken to by the Chairman, on the serious damage that was being done throughout the district, both to public and private property, by such acts as their boys were charged with. Mr. Berry held that the damage done was not of so serious a nature as had been made out, the stone having only been damaged by the straightening of a nail for a broken-down bicycle.

The Chairman however maintained that a nail could not do the damage, and that it had been done with a hammer.

Mr. Harrison, chairman of the Lamps Committee, said that damage to the street lamps to the tune of £16 per year was being done wilfully, and when such offenders were caught they should be made to remember.

Mr. Berry expressed his sorrow that the lads had done any damage, and agreed to sign a written apology and to reprimand his lad. Mr. Ramsden also agreed and the matter ended.

LAMPS AND GAS.

At a meeting of the Lamps and Gas Committee, it was reported that the Rothwell Gas Light Company could not deviate from their quoted price of gas for street lighting. It was agreed that new lamps be fixed in Holmes Street and Chapel Street, Rothwell, and that the Great Northern Railway Company be pressed for payment of the cost of lighting the lamp in Springfield Street, Stourton, necessitated by the alterations made in the construction of their branch railway. The Gas Company's account for gas was ordered to be paid, less £10 13s 8d the amount still remaining in dispute. A number of wind-proof lanterns were ordered to be purchased, in order to be tried with the incandescent lights.

Mr. Harrison proposed the confirmation of the minutes, and in reference to the disputed balance of the Gas Company said the Committee had not yet been convinced that they owed it.

Mr. Bulmer, in seconding the motion, said he hoped the Council would do its best to get the price of gas reduced

Mr. James Hargreaves complained of the late lighting of a portion of the Stourton lamps.

Mr. Harrison said that no such complaint had been made to the Committee or by the Stourton representatives. He promised, however, that the matter should receive attention.

The price of gas quoted by the Gas Company was 3s 11d per thousand, less 7d discount for prompt payment.

The minutes of the Committee were confirmed, after a discussion, which took place in committee, on the price of gas and the disputed account.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Notice was given of the Council's intention to lay a rate at 1s 6d in the £ for the current half year.

Plans for two houses at Stourton, by Mr. Thomas Dobson were referred back, the bedrooms not being shewn to be of the proper height, whilst there was not sufficient provision made for the removal of night soil. Plans were approved for a forcing shed for Mr. A. Walker, of Wood Lane, for the alteration of a house at Robin Hood by Messrs. J. and J. Charlesworth, and for Mr. T. Wilkinson's slaughter house.

Mr. J. Hargreaves reported that in connection with the wooden erections question, Mr. Armstead had expressed himself prepared to meet the Committee. Mr. Taylor had undertaken to have his building removed to such a distance as to make it compliable with the bye-laws, whilst Mr. Lunn had had his building pulled down, so that this unpleasantness would now end.

OLD FALSE TEETH BOUGHT.

Many ladies and gentlemen have by them old or disused false teeth, which might as well be turned into money. Messrs. R. D. & J. B. Fraser, of Princes Street, Ipswich, (established since 1833), buy old false teeth. If you send your teeth to them they will remit you by return of post the utmost value; or, if preferred, they will make you the best offer, and hold the teeth over for your reply. If reference necessary, apply to Messrs. Bacon & Co., Bankers, Ipswich.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT BAND OF HOPE UNION.

LECTURE BY THE REV. J. A. ALDERSON.

In the Rothwell Primitive Methodist Chapel, on Tuesday evening last, a lecture on "The tongue, the best and worst of everything," was delivered by the above gentleman, under the auspices of the above Union.

Mr. J. Butterick was announced to preside, but was prevented from doing so, Mr. A. Chambers, the secretary of the Union, very kindly filling the vacancy.

Mr. Alderson, in his opening remarks said he was pleased to respond to the Chairman's call and to make a humble effort on behalf of the Band of Hope Union. It was a Union he had every sympathy with and he was only sorry it did not meet with greater appreciation. People in glass houses should not throw stones, however; his own church, he believed, was a great sinner in this respect, not because they lacked enterprise and spirit, but because they had so many irons in the fire that they could not get workers for this branch of work amongst the young. As Peter Mackenzie had said, his subject was in everybody's mouth. He had not read the life of Peter Mackenzie, neither had he heard him lecture, so that he could not be said to be following on his line. His (Mr. Alderson's) line would be his own. Nothing was so good as the tongue, the tongue was the best and the worst of everything. There was nothing more useful and there was nothing more injurious. The tongue no man could tame. Samson slew thousands with the jaw bone of an ass, but they were nothing in comparison to what the jaw bones of many asses were doing to-day. Women (laughter) of whom one writer had said "from big guns and women's tongues good Lord deliver us," were proverbial for the use of the tongue, but he did not believe that in this respect men were less liable to err than women. They could hear as much gossip and slander in a barber's shop as round the wash tub; of the bad tongues that of the grumblers found a conspicuous place; they were as numerous as the frogs of Egypt, and if the Queen had called all of them out that were to be found in this country, there would have been no need to call out the first class reserve for the Transvaal. Of all grumblers the religious grumblers were the most despicable; and their grumbling was very frequently about the parson (laughter); either he was too weak or too strong, some too short and some too long, some too stout and some too thin, some always out, others never in. No religious diet would ever suit them, it was impossible to please them and foolishness to try. The conceited tongue was perhaps as dangerous to the possessor as to anybody else, for nothing brought a man into contempt sooner than for him to try and make people believe he was cleverer than he really was. "Be yourself," he said, "and don't ape at having qualities you never possessed." The lying tongue which largely predominated in this country was a sinful member, and of the blasphemous tongue he said that he had passed the "Lane Head," and heard young men cursing and swearing most vilely. It was a very pernicious habit and one that appeared to be growing amongst masters, foremen, managers, and overlookers; no workman, however, would work any harder for it,—kindness might more likely have the desired effect. The flatterer's tongue was amongst the worst kind of traitors, it would encourage a man in all kinds of evil, but guard him against none. Another tongue was that of filthy conversation, and was sometimes found in Christian Churches. Some people seemed to glory in using obscene language, not perhaps in a straightforward manner, but rather by insinuation. They got hold of a story that had a little bit of a tendency to the obscene, and they rolled it about under the tongue as a tasty morsel. They were all right if they could get hold of a little bit of smut. These individuals were a curse to the church, and to the community to which they belonged. The tattling tongue was another species that came in for scathing criticism, and was, the lecturer said, close cousin to that of the slanderer. It was common to hear this tongue say, between you and me—or more properly it should be, between you and me and the devil—have you heard so-and-so, what do you think of so-and-so, now?—and a member of the Church too. It was always paining somebody; it was always well posted up, especially about things connected with the minister. This tongue had said that a certain minister had been ordered by the County Court to pay 5s per week for furniture he possessed, and that minister lived in Rothwell; or that on the trip to Morecambe the minister had been seen drunk in company with the wife of the circuit steward. If he had his way all these tattling tongues should be kippered, and perhaps they understood what that process meant. A man who had a bad name was half-hanged already, no matter how innocent he might be. In the second part of the lecture, Mr. Alderson had to hurry quickly, as the time had nearly expired, and he contented himself with just enumerating some of the "best of everything," which included the power of the tongue in moral and spiritual things, the sin-confessing tongue, the praise-offering tongue, the gospel-preaching tongue—by God ordained, the tongue of the Sunday School teacher and the Band of Hope worker, and the sin-reproving tongue; all their prayers should be "let the words of our mouth and the meditation of our heart come up acceptable to Thee, oh, Lord, our strength and our Redeemer." This synoptical review of the lecture will only give a faint reflection of the many useful and pointed lessons pressed home by many original and telling anecdotes, and it is to be regretted that there was not a crowded chapel to listen to and profit by Mr. Alderson's plain-spoken words on such a prolific subject.

A collection was taken at the close on behalf of the Union's funds.

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WOODLESFORD PARISH ROOM.

MEMORIAL STONE-LAYING.

The long talked-of and greatly needed parish room at Woodlesford is now in the initial stage of erection, and before long will be ready for use by the parish workers in their various endeavours for the good of the inhabitants of the village. There has been quiet work going on for a number of years in the way of soliciting financial aid, Mrs. Irvin, the vicar's worthy wife, having done good service in this particular.

The cost of the buildings, which are being erected near the vicarage, on land generously given by J. S. Calverley Esq., including boundary walls, fencing, gates, and the furnishing of the rooms, is estimated at £575. The building has been designed by Mr. W. Lockwood, of Oulton, and is being carried out under the supervision of a building Committee representing the subscribers, with Mr. J. W. Hampshire as hon. secretary. When finished, the building will be a neat, substantial erection of pitchfaced stone, with tooled ashlar dressings, and lined with brick The scheme for the present provides for Parochial purposes only, and consists of one fairly large room, with a raised platform under a recessed arched opening in the centre, at one end. On one side of this platform there is a lavatory, &c. and on the opposite side a scullery work-room with copper, sink, and side table, and into this useful room the back entrance door opens. Behind the platform there is a closet, through which separate access to the platform is gained; this closet will be furnished with cupboards. Over the platform and offices a roomy loft is formed for the storage of articles only occasionally required. The entrance to the main room is through a porch with double folding doors.

The contractors are:—mason and bricklayer's work, Mr. W. Ripley; carpenter and joiner's work, Mr. Lockwood; slating, Mr. Shevill; plastering, Messrs. J. P. Mountain & Son; painting, Messrs. A. & G. Barker.

The memorial stone-laying took place on Saturday afternoon last, in fine weather, Mr. Calverley, of Oulton Hall, very kindly undertaking the act. Shortly after three o'clock the surpliced choir arrived at the building singing a suitable hymn; the clergy present were the Bishop of Richmond, the Rev. W. B. Pierson, Rothwell; Rev. E. H. Dykes, Oulton; Rev. R. Garrard, Oulton; Rev. F. G. Witt, Rothwell; Rev. N. Bergheim, Swillington; and Rev. Mr. Butler, Farnworth vicarage, Bolton, and formerly vicar of St. Barnabas', Hunslet. Much regret was felt that the vicar of the parish, the Rev. A. J. Irvin, on account of illness, could not be present. The Rev W. B. Pierson conducted the service, which was a quiet and impressive one.

The Bishop of Richmond, in delivering an address, said:—It will be a matter of great regret that your vicar is not able to be present. When one has been looking forward for some time to the beginning of a new work in the parish, and felt excitement and interest as the work developed, it is a matter of much regret that such an one cannot be present with us to join in such an interesting ceremony as we are now engaged in. If not with us in body, Mr. Irvin is with us in spirit, and looks forward to this parish room becoming of great value to the work of the church here. There is no class of work that has lately been increasing so much as the social side of church work. We have been in parish after parish building rooms such as this, and this event means that the increasing needs for carrying on the many classes of meetings which are such a happy feature in all our church work, are being attended to. But as we build room after room for this sort of work we must remember that it is only a means to an end; it is only that the spiritual fabric may be built up, that individually and collectively we may be strengthened to fight side by side in the serious battle of life. Just as those great buildings of old were erected as a result of each individual doing his share of the work, so now and here in the building up of the fabric of the church, each one had his own share of work to do. We trust that when this new building is completed we shall each have a new sense of our responsibilities, and as we see the material fabric growing we shall strive as true believers to build up the church which we love and believe to be a great instrument in God's hands for the blessing and strengthening of this nation to which we belong. I have now to ask Mrs. Calverley to lay the stone, and I am sure we shall all thank her for her kindness in coming amongst us to day. (Applause).

Mrs. Calverley, who was present with Mr. Calverley on the platform, then came forward and "In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost," placed the stone in position, Mr. Lockwood having previously presented her with a silver trowel and neatly worked mallet as a memento of the occasion.

The service was shortly afterwards concluded.

OULTON CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL.

The annual harvest thanksgiving service was held in St. John's Church, on Thursday, the 5th. The church was beautifully decorated, and at the evening service every seat was occupied. The choir, which was augmented by the choirs from Rothwell and Woodlesford churches, and several ladies, sang the 'Evening Service in G' by *Roberts*, and *Barnby's* beautiful anthem "I will give Thanks," with much success. The Rev. A. G. Rawstorne, vicar of Crofton, and late Incumbent of Oulton, preached a most suitable sermon for the occasion, taking his text from the 2nd verse of the 103 Psalm. The services were continued on Sunday last, the sermon in the morning being preached by the Rev. R. Mallison, vicar of Manston, and the preacher in the evening was the Rev. W. L. Robbins, curate of Garforth. Special psalms were sung both morning and evening, and the lessons were read by Mr. Calverley. The offertories which amounted to over £14, will be given to the Scarbro and Harrogate Convalescent Homes, and also to the Royal Benevolent Society.

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YOUNG FOLKS' COLUMN.

TWO WAYS OF GETTING UP.

When we tumble out of the right side of the bed,
How bright the sun shines overhead!
How good our breakfast tastes—and, O!
How happily to school we go!
And o'er the day what peace is shed,—
When we tumble out of the right side of the bed!

When we tumble out of the wrong side of the bed,
How dusky the sky frowns overhead!
How dull our lessons, how cross our mothers;
How perfectly horrid our sisters and brothers;
(And they all say, too, it's our fault instead!)
When we tumble out of the wrong side of the bed.
The Outlook.

PLEASED WITH HIMSELF.

I saw a little wiggling worm,
Uncertain what to do,
Who simply squirmed his little squirm,
Until the day was through.

"I want to know," the little worm
Exclaimed as he expired,
"If one but wiggles all day long,
What more can be desired."
THEODORE C. WILLIAMS.

AN IDEAL BROTHER.

"Guy is coming, mother," said little Walter, running up to the steps; "I can see him on the car; can I go and meet him?"

"Bless the dear boy! Yes," cried the mother, her face beaming.

"Is Brother Guy coming?" cried Lilian running to the door.

The visitor immediately decided that Guy must be a paragon of a brother. Everyone was eager to see him.

At this moment a fine-looking young man came up the walk with his arm around the little brother, Walter.

"Did you think I had forgotten you, mother?" he said, and, hat in hand, he leaned over and kissed her tenderly.

"And here is little sister. You must be well, dear, for your roses are so bright," he said.

While Guy remained everyone of the family circle exerted themselves to be entertaining, It was easy to see how everyone loved him. It was quite easy to see why. He was as chivalrous to his mother and sisters as he would have been to his sweetheart; he listened to the little ones and told stories for their special amusement. They are always an agreeable family, but his coming was like a burst of sunshine even to them. His work was such that he could not be with them often, but how they treasured his visits when he did come!

I wonder how many brothers could be so ill-spared from the family circle? Surely only those who, like Guy, love their relatives enough to be agreeable to them.

HER DOLLIES.

Such a busy little woman!
Such a burden on her shoulders—
This big family whose numbers
Must bewilder all beholders.
You can count them by the dozen,
I declare; and they're all girls too!
All with pink and white complexions,
All with lovely golden curls, too.

Though the brood she has about her's
Never fed, none cries: "Tis pity!"
And small wonder, when they always
Look so smiling, plump, and pretty.
And besides, just to remember
All their names must keep her busy.
Then try to tell who's who; now
How your head whirls and grows dizzy!

Still with pretty forehead puckered
She tries hard to do her duty;
And to make each little figure
And e'er-changing thing of beauty
They are dressed and they are undressed—
Thus she apes her elder's follies
Till you think some S.F.P.C.
Should stand up for those poor dollies.

TALES OF DOGS; OR DOGS' TALES.

A CURIOUS DOG.

I know a dog that, when he comes into the house, will always jump over mats, rugs, and, if possible, everything that is laid on the floor. He never thinks of stepping on them, although he has never been told not to. This same dog loves water very much, and if he sees just a little standing in the road, he will go and walk about in it to get his feet wet. He will also lie down in water sometimes when there is not enough to swim in. If his muzzle comes off he will take it to his mistress, and wait for it to be put on again.

AN INTERRUPTED WEDDING.

A friend of mine who is a clergyman had a big retriever named Boss. One day he was going to church to marry two of his parishioners, so Boss was left at home. This did not please Boss, however, for just as the ring was placed on the book, in he dashed, jumped over the bride's head, and knocked the book out of his master's hand, and the ring rolled down the grating. Luckily, the ring was found all right, but Boss was not allowed to attend any more weddings.

A REVENGEFUL DOG.

We had two dear little ponies, but one day one of them kicked my dog Rocket, and he was laid up for some time. One day, when he was better, he saw the groom give each of the ponies a bunch of nice turnips. He watched till the pony that had not kicked him had finished his, then he crept into the other pony's stall, seized the turnips which he had not eaten, and carried them to the other pony.

TERRY AND MICKY.

Once I had two Irish terriers named Terry and Micky. When the milkman brought the milk in the mornings he used to leave it on the doorstep. One day the servant found the lid of the can off, and some of the milk gone. This went on for about a week, and then one day the milkman saw Terry and Micky lift up the can lid and drink some of the milk. After that the can was put in a place where they could not get it.

THE CLOCK.

Our little clock, mamma's and mine,
High on our mantel dwells;
And when one knows just how it goes,
Such pleasant things it tells.

Thus when it points for tea at four
It says to us: "Just two hours more."
Gladly at five it chimes this song:
"One hour is not so very long."
We understand its ticks,
Then, settling in the window-seat,
We hark for footsteps on the street,
For father comes at six.

THE REASON WHY.

At the Natural History Museum the other day a youngster asked his mamma if the whale that swallowed Jonah had as large a mouth as the one before them, why didn't Jonah walk out at one corner? "But Jonah wouldn't be so silly. He didn't want to get drowned," was the quick reply of a younger brother before the mother could answer.

WHAT LEARNING COST HIM.

Billy's father writes books, and although Billy would never admit it, they are not at all the sort of books Billy likes. He knows, because he has tried to read them. Not long ago he heard that a new book was forthcoming.

"Is it like the others papa?" he asked, eagerly.

"Yes, my boy."

Billy sighed.

"I suppose you have to keep on writing them, don't you, papa?"

"Yes."

Billy sighed again.

"I suppose it is the only kind you've got in you," he said, kindly; but as he turned away, he added, softly, "I almost wish I'd never learned to read!"

Lord Kitchener's favourite book is the Mahommedan Koran. He has a copy always with him.

COUNCIL ELECTION.

The poll for the seat vacated by Mr. C. S. Sykes, (of Lofthouse), took place at the National School on Saturday last. Mr. M. Barret was the Returning Officer, but voting was only slow all day. At eight o'clock, the officials commenced counting the ballots, when it was found that Mr. Whiteley had succeeded in beating his opponent by nine votes. The numbers were as follows:—

WHITELEY, Thomas Pawson 115
ARMITAGE, William ... 106

Mr. Whiteley took his seat on the Council on Wednesday evening.

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. J. Farrer (chairman) presided at the meeting of the above on Wednesday afternoon last, at Hunslet. The Rev. A. J. Irvin, who is ill, being the only absentee.

The minutes of last meeting were signed.

The Clerk reported that Walter Worth, the deaf mute, had gone to the school in Blenheim Walk, Leeds.

It was agreed that tenders for scavenging be advertised for, the contractors to give two prices, one for emptying ashpits as at present and another for cleansing between the hours of 5 at night and 8 in the morning.

It was also agreed to number all ashpits.

The Clerk to the Woodlesford School Board wrote saying that his Board had decided since ashphalting the school playground that no carts should be allowed to cross the yard. The ashpit is at the bottom end of the playground, and the contractor is to estimate for the use of a barrow in this case.

Mr. Fryer proposed, according to notice, that the Council appoint a committee to inspect the dairies and cowsheds in their district. He thought that seeing they had taken the initiative in opposing the Leeds Corporation Bill, which dealt with this matter, they should take the lead in seeing their district is all right in this respect.

It was agreed that a Committee composed of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Messrs. Tomlinson and Nicholson, with the Medical Officer and Inspector, visit the places suggested.

Two tenders were read for the stone wall necessitated by the improvement in Hollyshaw Lane, Halton. Mr. Briggs, of Leeds, tendered at 4s per cubic yard, to provide lime for coping and find labour; Mr. Atkinson, of Halton, offered to find lime for coping and supply labour, for 1s 6d per square yard.

On the motion of Messrs. Fryer and Knight, Mr. Atkinson's tender was accepted.

Mr. Goulson, turncock, tendered his resignation after 17 years service, and asked for a testimonial.

The resignation was accepted and a testimonial granted. Another man is to be advertised for.

The Rothwell Gas Company wrote that the mains on Holmesleigh were laid. It was therefore ordered that the seven columns, up to the Woodlesford boundary, be erected.

THE WHITE SPECTRE.

One in every eleven of the population of Great Britain dies of consumption. Nearly half those who reach middle age suffer, or have suffered, from some variety of it. No less than a quarter of a million (250,000) are dying of it at the present moment.

Consumption is not *inherited*, but *contracted*, the germs attacking chiefly the weak and under-nourished. In true consumption the lungs and other tissues are destroyed, including the bones. No remedy for it has yet been found. There is therefore plenty of reason for the fear people feel of the White Spectre of the North.

Did Mrs. Dinah Keep have consumption? Six medical men said she had. And they believed they were right. Still she disappointed them all by getting well. She lost her good health in January, 1878. She had been confined, and after that event failed to regain her natural strength. Food—the only source of strength—had no attractions for her; she didn't want it.

Of course she ate a mouthful now and then; else she had starved to death. But those bits of food set going such a palpitation of the heart, and such pains in the chest, she wished she had let them alone. It was a miserable dilemma.

"Often," said Mrs. Keep, lately, "I was seized with windy spasms, and for hours the pain was agonising. At night I was so bad sometimes that I used to walk the room till nearly morning. Even at best I got less rest than I needed.

"After a time I began to have a cough, a hollow-sounding cough such as you hear in consumptives. And then the night sweats! My linen was soaked with them. All this looked like consumption, and I knew what the end of *that* must be. I wasted and lost flesh until I hardly knew myself. My clothes no longer fitted me—they merely hung on me.

"And the weakness that went with it! I never fancied before what the word weakness meant. I could neither wash nor dress myself. There was no more tripping up and downstairs for me; the people picked me up and carried me. Fortunately for my friends I was a light burden. All day long I lay back in an easy chair and watched others go about. My own working days were gone for ever. At least, so I thought.

"I should soon have to leave this bright world, and see no more of my little children who were so dear to me. But God's will be done.

"Often during the night a feeling of suffocation came over me, and I gasped and struggled for breath. Sometimes I did not expect to live till morning

"No less than six doctors at different periods attended me; and all of them, one after another, finally gave me up. They said I had consumption, and must die of it sooner or later. And yet I went on for ten years in this way, now better, now worse.

"Many a time my husband was sure I was dying, and on several occasions the prayers of the Church were offered up for me.

"In 1888, at a time when I appeared to be at death's door, my husband read in a small book about cases as bad as mine having been cured by Mother Seigel's Syrup. It looked as if it were impossible, but to gratify him I began taking the medicine, and never looked back after that day. In a few weeks I got back my appetite, and my food agreed with me. Gradually my strength returned, and *in six months I was in perfect health.* Since then I have never known any illness, and that is years ago now, showing how complete the cure was. That I am indebted to Mother Seigel's Syrup for my life and health there is no doubt, and you may publish what I say as widely as you choose."—(Signed) (Mrs) DINAH KEEP, Chalgrove Field House, 12, Magdalen Road, Cowley, Oxford, August 3, 1899.

Mrs. Keep's trouble was bad enough, but it was not consumption; it was dyspepsia, with wasting—an imitation of consumption which constantly deceives the best doctors, as this instance proves.

Prevalent as consumption is, there is a host of chronic dyspeptics who have the appearance and many of the symptoms of lung disease, but who would recover if they were treated for the digestive disorder, for which the surest remedy is Mother Seigel's Syrup.

OULTON INSTITUTE.

On Monday evening last, the third of a series of six free lectures, was given by Miss Ravenhill, in the Harold Hall; Mr. B. W. Higgins occupying the chair. The subject was on "Our water supply," under the following heads—where it comes from—rain water, wells, tanks, pipes, cisterns—how much water do we want—how to keep the water pure—disease carried in impure water—filters and drinking water. The attendance was again very good, but still there are many who have not yet attended, and are thus missing valuable hints, which are of great importance. It is to be hoped that everybody will make it convenient to be present next week. The subject is a very important one, namely "Good Food," and the Rev. E. H. Dykes will preside.

SOCIAL AND BALL AT STOURTON.

Mr. P. Percil, of Percil Brothers, gave a social and ball, on Wednesday last, in the Stourton Central Hall. Messrs. Percil Brothers (from Manchester) now reside at Stourton, and as concert promoters and people's entertainers are already well-known. They have visited the leading halls in Lancashire and Cheshire, but up to the present have done little in Yorkshire. They commence their winter season on Saturday November 11th. at Padiham, and afterwards visit Burnley, Halifax, Shipley, Huddersfield Marsden, Skipton, Bradford, Harewood, Leeds &c., and intend having similar entertainments in the Leeds district, including Rothwell, Holbeck, Hunslet, Woodhouse, Armley, Wakefield &c. It was under the arrangement of Mr. Percy, of the above company that the above social was held, and with the assistance of special artistes from Leeds combined with his own powers of entertainment the gathering was a very enjoyable and highly entertaining one. Miss Annie Calverley gave sweet renderings of "The Old Countree" and "Asthore," Mr. Charles Lawton excelled in "Bid me to love" (encore, "Mary") and "Pilgrim of love," his singing being of a high standard of excellence. Miss Flossie Rose was in good voice, and her selection "Let Bygones be Bygones" was much enjoyed. Violin solos by Mr. Arthur Lloyd "Scene De Ballet" and "Il Travatore" (encore) marked him as a musician of much promise, and Mr. Percy Duval in "I happened to be there" and and "Nothing," created a great amount of laughter, and was encored as usual. For the dances, Mr. Charles Milner supplied the music, and Mr. Ernest Ogier acted as M.C.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL.

The services of thanksgiving for the ingathering of the harvest were held at St. Andrew's last Sunday and Monday. The church was very tastefully decorated, the usual mistake of over-doing it, having been carefully avoided. The usual services were augmented on this occasion by the rendering of *Gaul's* harvest cantata "Ruth," as a special afternoon feature. The ordinary choir had the assistance of Miss Coates (contralto), Miss Jessie Seanor (soprano), and Mr. Stancliff (baritone). These proved to be in very good voice, and rendered their various solos very effectively. Under the conductorship of Mr. Abraham Smith, the choirmaster, the chorus gave full proof of their undoubted powers, the only fault being an occasional indecisive attack, and the loss of cohesion in the difficult chorus commencing "Hark, hark, the cymbals clash." Mr. H. Roberts manipulated the organ in a manner deserving much praise. At the evening service, the Vicar of St. Silas preached to a large congregation. The musical portion of this service was of high order, the "Magnificat" being taken to *Winchester in F*, while the anthem, was the rather complicated "The heavens are Telling" from *The Creation*. On the Monday, morning prayer was said at the usual hour, and a moderate congregation met for the evening service, at which the Rev. Joseph Walker, vicar-designate of Gawthorpe, preached a good harvest sermon. The collections during the festival amounted to £7 13s 1d.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

Mr. T. Kale, of Rothwell Haigh, was the essayist at the meeting of the above Society, held in the Stourton Board School, on Monday evening last. His subject was "Water, and its known laws." There was a moderate attendance, and the proceedings were conducted by Mr. Fred Ellison. Mr. Kale introduced his subject with references to Biblical times, and the peculiarities of the waters of the Holy Land. Its importance in the component parts of the earth, its distribution in dew, snow, and rain, its hydraulic power, expansion when frozen (so as to split great rocks asunder), and majesty in the collected volumes of the ocean, were treated in an interesting and instructive manner. Of its utility in the vegetable kingdom, the uses to which it is put by the skill of man, and of the Providence which so regularly supplies us with the commodity in its required quantities, the essayist spoke as one well versed in his subject, his remarks being particularly interesting to the young members and those having a scientific turn of mind. A lengthy discussion followed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the essayist, to which he suitably responded.

ROTHWELL CHORAL SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the Rothwell and district Choral Society took place in the Mechanics' Hall, on Tuesday evening, when a very promising roll of members was compiled, and a capital rehearsal was held by Mr. Clark, the conductor. The work to be undertaken is *Beethoven's* "Ruins of Athens," the first taste of which gives an earnest of some valuable practice, and when completed, a thoroughly enjoyable performance. We confidently recommend all vocalists at once to join the class, and thereby provide a strong choral society.

FOOTBALL.

NORTHERN UNION—SECOND COMPETITION—EAST DIVISION.

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7.

	Pl	Wn	Lt	Dn	Pts	For G	For T	For P	Against G	Against T	Against P
Normanton	6	4	1	1	9	6	7	33	1	5	17
Alverthorpe	3	3	0	0	6	5	5	25	1	1	5
Kinsley	4	3	1	0	6	4	10	38	3	4	18
York	4	3	1	0	6	4	7	29	3	3	15
Rothwell	5	2	3	0	4	1	5	17	8	7	37
Featherstone	3	1	1	1	3	2	4	16	0	2	6
Eastmoor	4	1	2	1	3	0	3	9	2	5	19
Outwood C	5	1	3	1	3	1	3	11	3	6	24
Pontefract	3	1	2	0	2	1	1	5	1	3	11
Goole	5	1	4	0	2	2	1	7	3	5	21
Ossett	2	0	2	0	0	2	1	7	3	6	24

REFEREES FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14.
Normanton v Ossett—Mr. W. W. Taylor, Hunslet
Rothwell v Outwood—Mr. J. W. Wood, Leeds
Kinsley v Eastmoor—Mr. T. W. Castle, Castleford
Alverthorpe v Featherstone—Mr. J. Stocks, Morley
Goole v Pontefract—Mr. J. Roberts, Alverthorpe
E. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

ROTHWELL V. YORK.

A very interesting encounter between the above teams was witnessed on the Parkside grounds, on Saturday afternoon last, before a good attendance of spectators and in excellent weather. York winning the toss played downhill, and Williams set the ball in motion at once assuming the aggressive; the visitors' full-back returned well, when Grace had an opening, but stumbled. Morgan and Hoult took play on to the visitors' line, when Morrell and Hoult just missed scoring, York kicking dead. Rothwell were having the best of play, Morgan kicking a minor. Leeming got off grandly, and after evading several men looked dangerous, but Cromack proved himself a safe guard and stayed his progress. York were now finding the homesters plenty of work, Rothwell tackling well. From good play by Hayes who broke through the home defence, and transferred to Leeming, the latter player easily scoring behind the posts; Thackray landed a goal. This reverse roused the homesters, and play took place in neutral territory for awhile, when Morrell, Morgan and Hoult did some good passing. Rothwell dribbled well up the field, and again failed to grasp the opportunity of scoring, York eventually kicking dead Rothwell still kept up the pressure, and Hoult made a mark, and had a drop at goal, the ball going wide. The game was continued in neutral ground up to half-time the score remaining unaltered. After the interval, York re-started the game, and kicked the ball over the line; the drop out was well returned by Thackray, and York scored another minor The visitors were now playing up well and pinning the homesters on the line, they secured possession of the ball from a scrummage, and Hayes scored the second try, Thackray again doing the needful. York were now taking all before them and quite outshone the Rothwellites, their alertness and passing being a treat. The City men found the homesters plenty of work, Rothwell clearing by good forward play. Cromack made his mark, and the ball being returned, the visitors were ruled offside. Rothwell now had a look in and assuming a good position, York was penalised nothing tangible accruing. J Booth made a good attempt to lower the visitors' citadel. York again found an opening, and from a pass by Hayes Leeming scored a grand try behind the posts; Thackray again converting. Rothwell now pinned their opponents on the line, and scored a minor, York kicking dead. Rothwell still kept up the pressure, the result being another minor, Morgan soon after kicked the ball dead. The homesters were now having the best of the play, and the forwards over-ran the ball on several occasions by over eagerness. Jim Ward made a mark and Morgan taking the place kick, his attempt went wide. Scrimmages were strongly contested on the York line, and the last quarter of an hour looked serious for the City men; from one of the scrimmages little Benny Morrell dodged over and scored a try, the place kick being unsuccessful. Time was now called, which brought a very interesting game to a close in favour of York by 3 goals, 3 tries (15 points) to Rothwell 1 try (3 points). Although the visitors' score looks large, it was no run-away victory, the homesters having equal chances, which they failed to utilise. York were without doubt the best team on the day's play, their kicking, passing, dodging and running being very fine, in speed especially they quite outshone the Rothwell men. Several points were shown to the Rothwell lads in the manner of tackling, as they repeatedly let Thackeray slip through half-a-dozen of them with the uttermost ease. Thackeray and Leeming were the pick of the three-quarters, whilst Grace and Hayes got through a lot of work at half to great advantage; the forwards were a big speedy set, and could stand any amount of trotting about. The Rothwell team opened well, the forwards getting possession of the ball very frequently, but afterwards they broke up and lacked combination being very erratic in their tackling and rushes. Morrell and Robinson passed well, and fed their men grandly, which efforts were deserving of a better fate. Morgan was the pick of the back division and got through a tremendous amount of work, whilst at times Hoult, Morrell and Kelly were fairly good Cromack at full-back was a host in himself, and the way he drove the York men back with his long kicks, and tackling was a treat, he especially saving what appeared to be two or three certain tries. There is room for considerable improvement in the forwards; they lack organisation and would do with a little extra weight Seeing that the team have to meet their old rivals Outwood on Saturday next, it is to be hoped that they will display better form. Outwood who are only playing poorly just now, always manage to bring a good team to contest Rothwell, and therefore we anticipate a good match.

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ASSOCIATION.

WEST YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7.

	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts
Ossett	2	1	0	1	3
Oulton	4	1	3	0	2
Altofts	1	1	0	0	2
Featherstone	1	1	0	0	2
Rothwell W R	1	0	0	1	1
Dodsworth Inst	2	0	2	0	0
xDewsbury	1	1	0	0	0

x Two points deducted for Breach of Rules.

	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts
Woodlesford	4	3	1	0	6
Hunslet N C	3	2	1	0	4
Ferrybridge	3	2	1	0	4
Rothwell W R 'A'	3	1	2	0	2
Dodsworth Inst A	3	1	2	0	2
Altofts 'A'	1	1	0	0	2
Purston United	3	0	3	0	0

W. H. EASTON, Hon. Sec.

OULTON ST. JOHN'S V. FEATHERSTONE.

The representatives of the resuscitated Featherstone organisation visited Oulton Green on Saturday, and the Oultonian supporters felt pretty confident of the result, after considering the greatly improved form of their team the previous week. Inman won the toss and decided to play down the slope, relying on the sun to inconvenience his opponents. The sun, however, refused to shine for any length of time either in the eyes of Featherstone or on the efforts of the Owls. The homesters went down with great promise and after several near things, Murtland had the satisfaction of putting his side one up, by a grand screw shot. Hutchinson and Dobson were both noticeable for some good centres, a long swerving shot by the former being got rid of with difficulty. A great amount of fast play was got through in the first twenty minutes, Page keeping his wings continually on the move and giving the defence as much work as they could creditably deal with, but the falling off in the play of the homesters during the remainder of the first half was remarkable. It seemed to proceed from a reverse for which Higgins alone was responsible, his presence of mind evidently forsaking him. A long dropping shot was sent to him as a gift, and instead of accepting the present with open arms he smote and missed. The result was far reaching it it caused the lamentable display which followed, but it looked more like shortwindedness than faintheartedness. At any rate Featherstone scored again before the interval, the home defence seeming to lose all cohesion, Bell roving, O Inman blundering, and Butterick not to be depended on, W Inman and Raybould alone grasping the situation. A deficit of a goal to commence the second half with—and that uphill was not inspiriting, but the defaulters this time proved to be in the front division the defence pulling themselves together in a highly creditable manner. The visitors swooped down again and again, and Higgins dealt with many fine efforts until a clear opening to the inside left gave him no chance to save. With this exception the home defence proved reliable but there was no system between the division, the forwards making not the slightest impression upon the Featherstone defence until a few minutes from time when they forced a succession of corners, and the ball coming into the open, Bell screwed in and thereby reduced the lead of the visitors to one goal. The Owls were encouraged by this success, but their subsequent strenuous efforts came too late to save the match, the score at the close being Featherstone 3 goals Oulton 2. The play of the homesters was terribly disappointing and it is to be hoped that the inclusion of Wright, who appears to be greatly improved, and the assistance of Hartley in goal and Kershaw at centre forwards, both having transfered their services from Roundhay, will make a dangerous first string and strengthen the defence. Further criticism is unnecessary and the advice we offer to the team is to study more all-round combination both in attack and defence, each division apparently hitherto working independently.

WOODLESFORD v HUNSLET NEW CONNEXION.

This encounter was played in fine weather at Woodlesford on Saturday last. From the commencement Woodlesford pressed, Mitchell heading a grand shot, but the Hunslet custodian saved cleverly. From a corner, the homesters had a near thing under the posts, but the visitors backs were in splendid form; Hunslet made a spurt after this and succeeded in reaching the Woodlesford goal line, when Raynor sent in a good shot, but Parker defended well. Free kicks came pretty freely for both sides, nothing resulting and after a bit of smart work by the Woodlesford forwards, Mitchell scored the first point of the match. Hunslet tried hard to equalise, and after good passing tactics, Beaumont scored a splendid goal. Half-time arrived with a score of one goal each. From the re-start, Woodlesford had the best of matters, Mitchell scoring another well-earned goal. Result, Woodlesford 2 goals, to Hunslet 1 goal. Mirfin, McWilliam, Hobson, and Mitchell, were the pick of the Woodlesford team, and Beaumont, Reeves, Rayner, and the custodian were the main stay of the visitors.

STOURTON UNITED v BEESTON PARISH CHURCH.

Played at Stourton on Saturday last. The visitors won the toss, and Horsfield started for the homesters. Long exchanges were for some time the order of the day, and a corner, which accrued to the visitors availed nothing. Stourton now pressed, and some neat passing by the brothers Wright resulted in a goal for the home team. Fairly even play followed, but no further scoring was recorded when half time was called. Play re-starting each side pressing in turn. At length the home forwards obtained possession, and after some smart dribbling down the field, Horsfield succeeded in placing the ball neatly between the posts. Beeston now pressed, and after several unsuccessful attempts, Bell penetrated the home defence and scored. Even play ensued up to call of time, when Stourton won by 2 goals to 1.

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ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE A.B.C.

The meeting of the above on Sunday afternoon last, was addressed by Mr. Nichols, of Tadcaster, on "The Lost Found," he illustrated his subject with two pathetic tales. Mr. Eli Ward conducted the proceedings and there was a good attendance. Miss W. M. Marshall sang "Only a beam of Sunshine," and a new setting of "Lead, kindly light." Mr. A. Adamson was the organist. A vote of thanks was accorded to all who had taken part.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY.

Yesterday, a large number of young people met in the Rothwell Primitive Schoolroom, and enjoyed a musical evening together. The items were as follows:—songs by Misses Smith and E. Kinder. Messrs. A. Naylor, T. W. Branfoot, and T. W. Naylor; recitation by Miss A. E. Bramley, and reading by Rev. J. A. Alderson, from Ashworth's "Strange Tales."

OUZLEWELL GREEN CHAPEL.

The little band of workers at this place have just been having their chapel painted and renovated, and by means of collections last Sunday and tea-meeting on Monday, have cleared off the whole of their indebtedness. The Rev. S. Arnold preached on Sunday, and was present at the meeting on Monday, along with Mr. Batty, Mr. Varley, and Mr. John Hirst, chairman.

LECTURE AT CARLTON.

On Tuesday evening, the Rev. S. Arnold gave an interesting lecture on "The Wonders of Insect Life," illustrated by an excellent lime-light lantern. There was a good attendance, and collections were taken for circuit funds. Mr. A. Pickersgill occupied the chair.

ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE HALL

Under the auspices of the above, a public tea was provided in the Temperance Hall, on Saturday last The provisions were of excellent quality and there was a good number present, about 80 sitting down to the repast. In the evening a dance took place in the Central Hall of the Board School, and was well patronised, Messrs. Elliott and G. Hartley were the M.C.'s, and the music was supplied by Mr. S. Bedford. The proceeds were on behalf of the Band funds.

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

RUGBY.

At Rothwell—York v Outwood Church.
ROTHWELL TEAM—Full back, B Cromack; three-quarter backs, J Fieldhouse, J Hoult (capt), J Morrell H Morgan, B Kelly; half-backs, F Robinson, B Morrell; forwards, J Ward, Joss Ward, E Godley, E Williams, H Hemsworth, A Pape, J Parkinson, P Kale, Micklefield.

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At Featherstone—Rothwell White R v Featherstone
WHITE ROSE TEAM—Goal, A Cripps; backs, J Beckwith, G Barnes; half-backs, J Smith, J Berry, T Bridges; forwards, W Bedford, E Baber, H Dacre, H Illingworth, W Jeffries; Reserve, S Baber.

At Rothwell—Ferrybridge v Rothwell White Rose A
WHITE ROSE 'A' TEAM—Goal, W Cromack; backs, S Baber, J Nunns; half-backs, A Cromack, A Field, G Tiffany; forwards, F Taylor, C Ward, H Brown, J Hargreaves, W Blacker.

At Purston—Purston United v Woodlesford.
WOODLESFORD TEAM—Goal, F Parker; backs, D Johnson, A Mirfin; half backs, I Snook, H Mc William (capt), A Chadwick; forwards, C Taylor, S Tranmer, H Mitchell, F J Ferritt, J Hobson; Reserves, F Johnson, C Dinsdale, W Haigh, S Hoyle.

At Oulton—Oulton St. John's v. Yorkshire College.
OULTON TEAM—Goal, G B Hartley; backs, W Inman (capt), T Page; half-backs, D Raybold, O Inman, F Bell; forwards, A E Wright, W Hutchinson E Dobson, A T Murtland, S E Kershaw.

At Leeds—Oulton 'A' v. Yorkshire College.
OULTON 'A' TEAM—Goal, C Higgins; backs, A Higgins, E Haslegrave; half-backs, C F Hullah, H R Smith, S Lockwood; forwards, H Bedford, P Inman F Arundel, W Killingbeck, W Crossland; Reserves, T Smailes, L Lockwood.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

MEMORIAL STONE LAYING

Of the New

WESLEYAN SCHOOL-ROOM, ROTHWELL.

The above Ceremony will take place

On WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25th, 1899,

At three p.m.

The STONES will be laid by the following ladies and gentlemen:—J. R. Seanor, Esq., J.P., Mrs. W. Stephenson, Mr. C. Ward, Rev. J. A. Alderson (for the Rothwell Primitive Methodist Church and School), Rev. G. H. Armitage, Councillor R. Pickersgill, Dr. Buck, Mr. D. McAdoe, Mr. J. Batterick, Mr A. Ward, Mr. J. Morton, Mr. J. Goodall, Mr. J. Nunns, Mrs. A. Armitage, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Batty, and Miss Gertrude Hargreaves.

MEMORIAL 'BRICKS' will be laid by Young People, and beautiful purses of money will be placed on the principal stone by the Children.

The Chairman of the District, the

Rev. PROFESSOR BANKS,

will give an Address. He will be supported by The REVS. E. MARTIN, (of Leeds), G. H. ARMITAGE, (of Barnsley), J. A. ALDERSON and the CIRCUIT MINISTERS.

A GREAT PUBLIC TEA will be provided at 5 o'clock, tickets 9d each; Children 6d.

PUBLIC MEETING

In the Chapel at 6-30 p.m., presided over by

J. R. SEANOR, ESQ., J.P.

Addresses by

REVS. PROFESSOR BANKS, E. MARTIN, G. H. ARMITAGE, J. A. ALDERSON, S. ARNOLD, W. SALISBURY, and other Gentlemen.

Anthems by the Choir. Special Hymn Sheets.

Collections; that in the evening will be taken by young ladies.

ROTHWELL CHURCH.

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JAPANESE BAZAAR

(In aid of the Church Schools),

will be opened by

MRS. ROBERT JOWITT,

Of Leeds,

On WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd,

In the

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE at 2-30 p.m.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH.

On SUNDAY NEXT,

REV. WM. SALISBURY,

Morning 10-30; Evening 6 0 o'clock.

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THE HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL invite TENDERS FOR SCAVENGING the districts of Oulton, Woodlesford, Middleton, Templenewsam, and Thorp Stapleton, for three years from 1st December, 1899

Full information, specifications, and forms of Tender may be had on application at my office, and Tenders endorsed "Tender for Scavenging," must be sent in not later than noon on Saturday, 4th November, 1899.

Leek Street, Hunslet, Leeds. W. B. PINDAR, Clerk to the Council.

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A statement of the duties to be performed, and full information may be had on application at my office.

Applications stating age, experience, and wages required, together with copies of not more than three testimonials, must be sent in to me not later than noon, on Saturday, 4th November, 1899.

Leek Street, Hunslet, Leeds. W. B. PINDAR, Clerk to the Council.

ROTHWELL MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

DR. BUCK begs to announce that he will give a GRAND

Miscellaneous CONCERT

At ROTHWELL,

On FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10th,

In aid of the above Institution.

The programme will include the following Artistes:

MISS PAULINE NEWTON,
MRS. PERCY ROBINSON,
MRS. A. CHRISTIE,
MR. T. J. HOGGETT, (Mus. Bac. F.R.C.O.)
MR. E. STEAD, (Late Peterboro' Cathedral),
MR. T. FIRTH,
MR. G. O. CATTLE, (Humourist), &c.

BAND ROOM, ROTHWELL.

THE Members of the ROTHWELL OLD BAND wish to return their thanks to all who gave their services at the recent Bazaar.

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DEATHS.

TAYLOR—October 16th, aged 54 years, Jabez Taylor, 'Hare and Hounds Inn,' Rothwell.

PEACE—Oct 19th, aged 58 years, Ann Peace, widow of the late John Peace, of Robin Hood.

COMING EVENTS REGISTER.

The proprietors of this journal have now opened a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

Oct. 25—Memorial Stone Laying of the Rothwell Wesleyan New School-room.
Nov. 1—Dramatic Performance at Rothwell
Nov. 10—Dr. Buck's Concert in the Mechanics'.
Nov 22 & 23—Rothwell Church Bazaar.
Jan. 30, 1900—Rev. J. Arthur Alderson's Second Grand Evening Concert.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford, Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley
Friday, October 20, 1899.

OULTON CRICKET CLUB.

ANNUAL RE-UNION.

A very pleasureable gathering took place in connection with the Oulton Cricket Club, in the Harold Hall, on Friday evening last, the occasion being the meeting together of members and friends, after a successful season's sport, to present prizes, hear the report by the Secretary, and spend a few hours in social intercourse.

At half-past six about 60 sat down to a very substantial knife and fork tea, which had been prepared by Mrs. Sharpe, of Oulton, and which gave satisfaction. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, those present a journed to the billiard room for a short t me. At a quarter past eight a smoking c ncert was held in the large hall, Mr. Calverley, president of the club, occupying the chair. The evening's proceedings were commenced with the singing of "God save the Queen." The first item on the programme was the presentation to Mr. Boothroyd, of a photo of Oulton Cricket players, framed in a green and gold frame subscribed by the members of the Club, in recognition of his services during the last twenty years. Mr. Calverley, after suitable remarks in connection with Mr. Boothroyd and the work of the Club, handed the photo to Mr. Boothroyd, who, being taken unawares thanked one and all who had given towards the present, which he said h would treasure very much. After the above presen ation the following items were efficiently rendered:—song, Mr. Hullah; recitation, Mr. H. Wormald; song, "The Desert," Mr. B. W. Higgins; pianoforte solo, Rev. R Garrad; recitation, "Bramley Band," Rev. E. H. Dykes. The official report was submitted as follows by Mr. Boothroyd:—

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

On behalf of your Committee, I have much pleasure in presenting the report and statement of accounts for the 20th. season of the Oulton Cricket Club, and, as a preface, I may add that this is the 11th. occasion on which I have had the privilege of doing so.

The total income from all sources amounts to £40 5s 7d—1s 8d less than last year, and the total expenditu e to £41 14s 11d—£1 8s 8d less than last year—leaving a deficit of £1 9s 4d as against £2 16s 4d a year ago. For 14 years out of the 20 there has been an adverse balance In a business concern this state of affairs would cause the managers no little anxiety, but in a cricket club, it is taken to indicate flourishing finances, and Mr. Cockerham, who has acted as hon. treasurer for 15 years, never wears the troubled look of a man with an overdrawn banking account.

Analysing the income we observe £19 1s as hon. members' subscriptions, nearly half the total. The Committee very gratefully recognize this valuable help, without which the Club could not possibly exist. The total membership is 74, as against 72 last year, and 78 in the previous year. Gate money has fallen from £8 8s 10d in 1897, £6 15s 4d in 1898, to £4 12s 7d in 1899 It ought to be mentioned here that the Whitsuntide matches yielded no 'gate' owing to wet weather, and, in addition to the usual 'gate' given to the Local Infirmary Demonstration Committee, we set apart another for the benefit of John Hutchinson, who is in indifferent health, and this realised the handsome total of £4 8s, which has enabled him to enter the Sea Bathing Infirmary at Scarbro' and from which we hope he will derive much benefit. He thoroughly deserves this recognition, for he has been a most useful and active member of the Committee for 18 years.

But this extra call does not account for a falling off in gate of nearly 50 per cent. in two years. We have experienced everything that tends to draw good gates—fine weather, good cricket, successful results—and one is at a loss to account for the decrease. I only hope it is the stillness which presages the storm of enthusiasm which will break over the village next year in honour of the club's coming of age.

Mr. Greenwood again kindly organised a concert, the proceeds of which realised £6 as against £8 11s 2d of the previous year. The concert was high-class and enjoyable but though thoroughly well advertised it failed to reach Mr. Greenwood's financial anticipations of £10.

The expenditure is on the usual lines. The League cost us £1 19s 6d and £1 15s for umpires, total £3 14s. and seven league gates amounted to £3 18s 6d, giving a net income of 4s 6d. Tradesmen's accounts absorbed £11 2s 6d, nearly £2 less than last year, £1 5s has been paid in "Talent" money to five players, 3 in the 1st. eleven, and 2 in the 2nd., and three out of the five players are members of one family, sons of one of our vice-presidents, Mr. Higgins. The total expenditure amounts to £41 14s 11d. nearly 30 per cent. less than the previous year. From £40 to £45 seems to be the average amount of expenditure during a normal year, and when the club needs anything out of the common a special effort has to be made. It is nearly eight years ago, since such an effort was made and that was for the erection of the pavilion. Well, the committee wish for another effort to mark the coming of age of the Club next year. To bring it up to date and the ground on a level with our neighbours we require £40 or £50. We need a scoring box and a tool house; a horse-machine for mowing, better lavatory accommodation, a better out-field and other requisites. To raise the sum mentioned your committee hope to interest their lady patrons, and promote a Bazaar in the early spring. We think the club is a village institution which makes for good, and is fairly entitled to the support of the many. We appeal to each member to do his utmost to further the scheme, and when the call to pocket is sounded, let him be prepared to cheerfully obey.

Reviewing the doings of the eleven on the field of play another season of success has to be recorded. We have played 20 matches, winning 13, losing 2, and drawing 5. The club has lost 9 matches out of 82 played during the last four seasons I should like to learn the name of a village club with a better record. The figures for the last 8 years are interesting:—Matches 166. won 83 (exactly half), lost 34, and drawn 49. In other words, for 8 years we have lost 1 match in five, and for 4 years 1 in 9. With such an excellent record the club was bound in the long run to win the local league, and after seven attempts we have at last succeeded in carrying off championship honours. Our record is 14 matches, won 10, lost 1, drawn 3. During the 7 years of the existence of the League we have played 96 matches, won 45, lost 16 (1 in 6), and drawn 35. Mr. L. E. Greenwood carried off the prize for best bowling in the League, capturing 45 wickets for an average of 5 61. The brothers E A. and H. W. Higgins were 4th. and 5th. respectively in the League bowling averages. Mr. G. M. Abbey was a very good second in the batting results, averaging 21.66 against the winner 21.77. Mr. E. Boothroyd 20.71, and Mr. E. A. Higgins 20.50, closely followed for 3rd. and 4th. places respectively. Messrs Abbey and Boothroyd never failed to score in League matches. As winners of the League we have chosen jackets and caps as a suitable reward. On July 28th last, a special meeting of the club decided by 14 votes to 2 to withdraw from League cricket, and as other clubs gave the same intimation the League has been disbanded. The question of a local Challenge Cup has been mooted, but no definite steps have been taken.

In all matches we have scored 1875 runs for 146 wickets to our opponents 1299 runs for 167 wickets, giving the club an average of 12.8 per wicket as against 7.7. Our captain, Mr. C Briggs, won the toss on 12 occasions which compensated us for losing it 14 times during the previous year. He has three times declared our innings closed, and won on each occasion, and only once have our opponents exercised this privilege, and the match was drawn. We have dismissed the whole of the opposing eleven 14 times and been all dismissed 11 times. The highest score against us was made by Whitwood viz. 115, and the lowest by a weakened Rothwell eleven viz 17. The club's highest total was 174 against Leeds Springfield, and the lowest 55 versus Leed St. Aidan's. Our opponents have scored 5 three-figured innings to the Club's 9, exactly the same as last year. Twenty-three members have taken part in 1st. eleven matches, and amongst them are scattered 31 duck's eggs as against 54 amongst their adversaries. Messrs. Abbey and Jeffrey have never failed to score. Three players have earned talent money, viz Mr. E. A. Higgins 65, Mr. H. W. Higgins 55 not out, and Mr. G. M. Abbey 51 not out. Seven batsmen have obtained a double-figure average as against 9 last year. Mr. E. A. Higgins carries off batting honours with an average of 23 36, and his aggregate of 257 is the highest in the club. Mr. G. M. Abbey is a good second with an average of 20.25.

A glance at the bowling averages reveals much better averages than for several seasons past. Last year the best four bowlers had averages of 8, 9, 10, and 12 runs per wicket, this year 6, 6, 9, 10, runs. Mr. L. E. Greenwood again and for the fifth successive season secures premier honours with an average of 6 07 for 54 wickets. He is a tower of strength as proved by his figures since joining the club. They are 1248 overs, 447 maidens, 1865 runs, 295 wickets, average 6.3. Mr. E A. Higgins is very close upon his heels with an average of 6 18 for 32 wickets. Fifty catches have been made as against 57 last year; how many have been dropped deponent sayeth not. Mr G M Abbey secured 7, Mr C Briggs 6, Mr H W Higgins 5, Messrs E Boothroyd, L E Greenwood, P C Higgins, F Killingbeck, and H Mitchell 4 each. Mr J Jeffrey 3, Messrs E A Higgins, W Inman, and W Smith 2 each, Messrs O Inman, P S Marsden, and J Morley 1 each. Mr W Inman has stumped 7 batsmen, exactly the same number as last year. Mr G M Abbey holds the record for highest catches in a season, viz 15 in 1894 Before concluding the review of the first eleven matches, I may mention two very close finishes, viz beating Middleton Park by 2 runs, and Whitwood by 5. These two results gave us the lead in the League table, which we never again lost.

The Second Eleven have only played 14 matches, 1 less than last year. Owing to Cup Ties several of their fixtures have been cancelled. They have won 6, lost 5, drawn 3. They have totalled 841 runs for 116 wickets to their opponents 910 runs for 130 wickets, or an average of 7.2 against 7. Twice they have scored three-figured innings to their adversaries 3 times. Their highest aggregate was 151 for 7; their lowest 31 for 10 Thirty-four players have been tried as against 28 last year. They have scored 39 duck's eggs, but two of their players have scored talent, viz Mr P C Higgins 53 versus Headingley, and Mr T Hurdus 51 not out against Leeds St. Aidan's. The former secures the batting prize with an average of 14.9 for 10 complete innings, and F Bell the bowling prize for the second time with an average of 5.5 runs for 32 wickets, a very good performance indeed. Thirty-four catches have been made; P Inman has taken 6, F Bell 5, T Hurdus and O Inman 4, A. Cain, S Lockwood, and A Murtland 3 each, P C Higgins 2, and T Grime, E Dobson, A Higgins, and F Killingbeck 1 each.

The club is again indebted to Messrs. Beck and Inchbold, of Leeds, for the gratuitious printing of 120 match cards, and to the President for providing lunch for both the visitors and the home players on Whit-Monday. It would be ungenerous, indeed, were no reference made to the afternoon teas which have been a feature on the Green during the past season, and I voice the sentiments of all when I say how greteful we are to the kind donors, and especially to those lady friends who by their presence have lent grace and charm to our Saturday afternoon cricket.

To conclude, here are a few items of interest in connection with our cricket club. The meeting of its formation was held on October 7th, 1879; twenty years ago last week. Of the original members of the club, two have an unbroken record of membership—Messrs. E. Boothroyd and J Cockerham—and five are present members, viz, Messrs Abbey, Boothroyd, Cockerham, B. Wood Higgins and J. Hutchinson. Your secretary is the only playing member with the record of 20 seasons. When the club was first organised, the number of members was 34, and the fee 5s; Mr. Farrer was the treasurer, and Messrs. J. H. Jackson and C. West joint secretaries, and Mr. E. Boothroyd, captain. On Nov. 5th, 1882, the club received notice to quit; on Dec. 1st, 1884, a special general meeting was called to consider the advisability of winding up the club. In 1888, the number of members was 14; the first re-union was held in 1890; in 1891, the boundaries of the field were altered by exchanging strips of land; on June 4th, 1892, the late Mr. Calverley opened the pavilion. During the four years, 1886 to 1890, the club had no groundsman, and members had to mow the ground and prepare wickets; on June 6th, 1881, (Whit-Monday), Oulton scored 7 versus Undercliff, and Oulton Band played a tune at the fall of each wicket; on May 3rd, 1884, Oulton scored 9 v Stanley; on April 7th, 1885, Oulton v. Swillington ended in a tie; on August 8th, 1896, Rev. A. E Green-Price scored 136 not out v. Great Preston, and on June 15th, 1895, J. Brown, of Carlton, scored 98 against the club, and Carlton put on 158 runs for the first wicket; on May 27th, of the present year, Mr. L. E. Greenwood scored 6 wickets for no runs v Altofts.

For 9 years the club has given a 'gate' to the Infirmary; in 4 years, the Cricket Minstrels raised £30 16s 10d. There has been an annual concert since 1882, and for 14 years we have had an adverse balance; lastly a record not held by any neighbouring club—the first eleven was overturned from a waggonette in 1893.

The adoption of the report and balance sheet, which was so ably proposed by Mr. Calverley, and seconded by the Rev. E. H. Dykes, was carried unanimously.

The following is a list of the batting and bowling averages:—

FIRST ELEVEN.

Matches 20; Won 13; Lost 2; Drawn 5.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No of Inns.	Times Not out.	Most in an Ins.	Total Runs.	Avrg.
E A Higgins..	13	2	65	257	23.36
G M Abbey ..	16	4	51x	243	20.25
H W Higgins	11	4	55x	130	18.57
L E Greenwood	15	1	40	246	17.57
E Boothroyd ..	14	2	41	163	13.58
C Briggs	14	3	26	147	13.36
W Inman	11	1	43x	101	10.10
F Killingbeck	10	1	20	84	9.33
J Jeffrey	13	1	20	96	8
W Smith	14	1	34	103	7.92
O Inman	9	1	17	62	7.75
H Mitchell ..	11	1	16x	51	5.10
P C Higgins..	7	1	9	33	5.50

x Denotes Not Out

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg
L E Greenwood	212	94	328	54	6.07
E A Higgins..	97	25	198	32	6.18
H W Higgins	106	29	235	26	9.03
C Briggs	110	29	224	21	10.66

SECOND ELEVEN

Matches 14; Won 6; Lost 5; Drawn 3.

	No of Inns.	Times Not out.	Most in an Ins.	Total Runs.	Avrg.
P C Higgins .	10	0	53	149	14.90
T Hurdus	9	1	51x	96	12.00
J Morley	12	3	22	82	9.11
B Butterick ..	8	0	28	72	9.05
F Bell	6	0	22	43	7.16
O Inman	8	1	23	47	6.71
S Lockwood..	11	1	22	63	6.30
P Inman	10	1	12	45	5.00
A Cain	11	1	14	42	4.20

x Denotes Not Out

The following batted in less than 6 innings—Dr. James average 2.50, T Grime 1 00, E Dobson 12 00, G Inman 1.00, E Brearley 2 00, W. Parkinson 9.00, H Butterick 0, W Walker 12, A Newbolt 0, E Higgins 7.00, F Murtland 5.00, F Hampshire 0.25, H Rhodes 0, and J H Forrest 11.00.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avr.
A T Murtland	44	12	76	17	4.47
F Bell	79	15	177	32	5.53
O Inman	24	3	51	8	6.37
A Cain	75	18	150	22	6.81

The presentation of prizes next took place, Mr E A. Higgins receiving a cricket bat for the best batting average for the first eleven, and Mr. Greenwood, a sweater and cricket bat for the best bowling average. For the best average with the bat for the second eleven, Mr. P. C. Higgins received a bag, and Mr. F. Bell also received a bag for the best bowling average.

Votes of thanks were passed to the past officers for the admirable way in which they had fulfilled their duties, the resolution being proposed by Mr. Hullah, seconded by the Rev. R. Garrad, and carried unanimously; Dr. James and Mr. B W. Higgins suitably replied.

The chairman (Mr. Calverley) having to leave, Dr. James occupied his place, and after a short interval, the musical programme was resumed, and the following items were much enjoyed:—song, "King of the Deep" Mr. H. Clark; song, "Dreams of my own Land," and as an encore. "Mary," Mr. L. E. Greenwood; song, "The Village Blacksmith," Mr. W. Poole; song, "They're all fine Gal's," and as an encore "Down by the Sea" Mr. Hullah; reading, Rev. E. H. Dykes; song, "Oulton Cricket Club," Mr. E. Jowitt; song, "A warrior Bold," Mr. C. Higgins; song, "The Doughty Deeds," Mr. B. W. Higgins; song, "The Soldiers of the Queen," Dr. James; song, "The Anchor's Weighed," Mr. W. Barrett; song, "No Surrender," Mr. Clark; song, "In happy Moments," Mr. J. W. Morley; song "The Longshoreman," Mr. J. T. Morrison; song, "Tommy Atkins," Dr. James. Messrs. J. Young and Mr. J. W. Morley accompanied the various items on the pianoforte. A most enjoyable evening's proceedings were brought to a close, by singing "Rule Brittannia," and "Auld Lang Syne."

ROTHWELL WESLEY GUILD.

The inaugural soirée of the Rothwell Branch of the Wesley Guild took place in the Schoolroom, on Friday last, and everything promises well for a successful and beneficial session. By the syllabus just issued, the members are provided with an excellent and varied mental and spiritual repast, including three illustrated lectures, on "The Wonders of Insect Life," by the Rev. S. Arnold; "A holiday in Dublin, Killarney, and Cork," Mr A W Seanor; and "Western Australia, its progress and resources," Mr G W Batty. Essays on "Our Methodist Hymn-book," by Mr J Shurmer; "The present position of English Nonconformity," Rev J A Alderson; "Folk-lore," Mr F Grimshaw; "Tennyson's 'In Memoriam,'" Rev W Salisbury; and "Readings," Mr A Batty; a paper on "Free Church Principles," besides two or three other items of a literary character. A devotional meeting is put down for every month, which will be of a bright and helpful character and every four or five weeks there is to be a social evening and refreshments. There are three committees to work these meetings and a very cordial welcome is offered to all who may attend.

The Rev. S. Arnold is the leading spirit, and will generally be present as president, and the exertions of the general secretary (Mr. Percy H. Marshall), and the roll secretary (Miss M. Walker) have been rewarded with the enrolment of some 80 or 90 members already, so that the Guild is likely to grow into a strong society. Besides the Literary, Musical and Devotional Sections, there are also the Mission Band, Look-out Band, Band of Hope, and Tract Distribution Sections, which are gradually getting into harness, so that work will be found for a large number of young people.

The opening meeting was attended by about 100 persons, and after singing and prayer, the Rev. S. Arnold briefly explained the object of the Guild, as a means of usefully employing the young people of the congregation in good Christian aggressive work, and stated the kind of pledge taken by the members, of which there are active members, companions, and associates (older friends). The programme comprised vocal solos by Miss S. Moss and Mr. S. Armitage, auto-harp solo by Mr S. Morton, recitation by Miss Batty, and reading by Mr. Shurmer. The proceedings closed with a coffee supper, to which most of those present stayed. The room was nicely decorated with curtains, plants, etc., and everything was done to give it a very homely and attractive appearance.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

Mr A. Paul presided at the above on Sunday last, when an address was given by Mr Butterfield, his subject being "Christ and Judas." Miss S. J. Moss of Rothwell, was the soloist, and sang "Out in the Desert," and "There is a Stranger." Mr. Crossland accompanied.

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LITERARY EXTRACTS.

MEMORY never dies, nor grows weaker in the mind of age; it strengthens with advancing years, until the shadows of things gone by seem to the old more real than the reality, the old live in the past as the young live in the future; memory makes its own habitation.

BOOKS which absorb our attention to such a degree that they rob us of all fancy for other books, are absolutely pernicious. In this way they only bring fresh crochets and sects into the world; they multiply the great variety of weights, rules, and measures already existing; they are morally and politically a nuisance.—JOUBERT.

THINK of death as a thing thou must meet with, and of this life as a thing thou must part with; and love not too well that life that keeps thee from a better, nor fear that death that leads thee to a better life. This life is a journey, and the world an uneasy horse, that, with much jolting and some falls, brings thee to thy home, and why art thou unwilling to alight?

IN JAPANESE FASHION.—In her simple artless way, the Japanese girl does not hesitate to set forth her own perfections. In a recent issue of a Japanese journal one young lady advertises for a husband in a very unspoken fashion:—"I, the undersigned, am a peetty girl, with abundant hair, flower-like face, perfect eyebrows, and a good figure. I have money enough to take life easy and to enable me to spend my years with some man who will ever be my companion and who can admire the flowers with me by day and the moon by night. If any clever, accomplished, handsome, and fastidious gentleman is disposed to accept this offer, I will be true to him for life, and that after life is over I will be ready to be buried with him in one grave." Decidedly this young lady, who so cheerfully offers to share the grave with a possible husband, is very much in earnest.

GAIN IN LOSS.—There is a positive gain in some kinds of loss. The solid block of fine marble loses certain portions of its mass, and a statue stands forth, multiplying the value of the original mass a thousand-fold. The jewel suffers loss in being engraven. Its very heart feels the steely point of the graver as the image or inscription that is to endure for ever is made upon it by the removal of its integral substance. But its intrinsic value is immeasurably enhanced. What is needed most by those passing through the furnace, held to the polishing-wheel, under the chisel of the great Master, under the point of the graver, is steady clinging to the right, unbending tenacity of high purpose, and fidelity to trust even unto death.

MEN'S HATS.—It seems impossible to regulate any matter with thorough consistency. The etiquette that governs the wearing of hats indoors by men has some curious points. It is pretty well understood now that a man shall not remove his hat in the elevator of a business building if a woman enter the car, but in the elevator of a hotel he does. In the case of theatres there is much diversity of opinion as to just when he should uncover. Some remove their hats in the foyer, and do not put them on again until they again meet the chill outer air, while others wear their hats until they reach their seats, and clap them on again as soon as the curtain falls for the last time. There is no recognised rule about this; it is even less settled than the customs as to hats in clubs. The American fashion is not to wear the hat in the club, and the English idea is to retain it anywhere in the building except in the dining-rooms.

ARTIFICIAL APPLAUSE FOR THEATRES.—Germany has come to the front with a curious contrivance which will render the claque in theatres superfluous, and substitute a machine performing the same duties. The ingenious inventor, Herr Zimmermann, has ascertained that two leather sacks, filled with air, when brought violently together, make a noise precisely like that produced by the clapping of hands. He placed pairs of leather sacks in hidden places throughout a theatre, and then connected them by wires with the wings so that they could be set in motion by electricity on a button being pressed. The regisseur in the wings controls the apparatus in all parts of the house, and can produce applause from the gallery, the pit, or the stalls at will. Herr Zimmerman claims that his invention is now in use in several theatres in Paris and Berlin, but for obvious reasons declines to say in which.

EVAPORATED EGGS. — One thing that has puzzled the trade here—the falling off of shipments of eggs from Canada—is explained by quite a new departure. The producers and merchants of the Dominion are not wont to let a market pass from them when once they have acquired it, and as Canadian eggs have become established here, particularly in Bristol, Liverpool, and Glasgow, it was a matter for conjecture why we have received so few this season. It transpires that Canadian fowls have not ceased laying, nor have Americans eagerly sought for them despite the seven cent duty; but they have been bought up by thousands of dozens to be used in a new evaporated egg food, for which an order was recently placed in Ontario amounting to a hundred tons for shipment to this side. Farmers in Canada do not care what becomes of the eggs so long as they sell them, and are delighted at the prospects opened out by this new industry, which has enabled merchants to keep the price of eggs up above the export basis. Why cannot this trade be kept at home? It is a vain query, for though we are beginning to move a little, for every step we take the foreigner and the colonial takes a stride right into our midst.—*Commercial Intelligence.*

CURIOUS PAVEMENTS.—At Gwandu, in Africa which contains between 10,000 and 15,000 inhabitants, the town, which is oval in shape, is surrounded by a palisade of tree poles, the top of every pole being crowned with a human skull. There are six gates, and the approach to each gate is laid with a pavement of human skulls, the tops being the only parts that show above ground. More than 2,000 skulls are used in the pavement leading up to each gate. The pavement is of snowy whiteness, and polished to the smoothness of ivory by the daily passage of hundreds of naked feet. At Philadelphia compressed grass has been formed into paving blocks, and this pavement has stood a year's test so well that a large industry has sprung up for its manufacture. The grass used is what has grown on salt marshes. Amongst other curious materials which have been used for pavement may be mentioned molasses mixed with sand and compressed into blocks, horses' teeth set in cement, granulated cork, indiarubber, shells, steel, and glass. The costliest Macadam record is that which once paved the streets of Kimberley, South Africa. It was so thickly studded with diamonds that millions' worth of gems were taken from it.

A REMARKABLE LEGEND.—From Bulawayo is recorded a curious incident—or should it be called a legend?—in the history of the tribe known as "Wankies," situate near the Zambesi River. The name "Wankie," it is said, never dies; each chief adopting the name after succession. The curious custom is very reminiscent of the Pharaohs of ancient days, and is not unknown in other parts of Africa besides at Wankie's. Not far from the royal kraal stands a conical hill with a curious name. Although very symmetrical, there are signs that a part of it has been cut away by artificial means. The explanation, as given by the natives, is, that many years ago, a certain "Wankie" lived on the river bank, some distance from the hill. He took a fancy to this hill, but did not care to move his quarters. With more determination, or obstinacy, than the proverbial Mahomet, he insisted that the hill should be brought to him, so he set about and made his tribe bring it to him piecemeal. He was not successful in accomplishing his ambitious desire and history does not record whether he died of despair. But the bare idea of an uncivilised, ignorant, savage chief attempting to move mountains has something very pathetic about it—almost sublime.—*Rhodesia.*

In the British Navy there are 120 vessels that have been in service at least a quarter of a century.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the temporary Board room, Whitehouse Street, Hunslet, Dr. Hawkyard (chairman), presiding. There were also in attendance Mr. Fryer (vice-chairman), Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Woodcock, Rev. M. J. Dillon, Messrs. Robb, Houghton, Seddon, Tomlinson, Charlesworth, Bamforth Edwards, Butterick, Banks, Hargreaves, Farrer, with the clerk (Mr. Mee), and assistant clerk (Mr. Ward).

WORKHOUSE VISITING COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the above Committee, held on the 11th. inst., Mr. Robb reported upon a visit to the Workhouse during the past fortnight.

The Clerk submitted the replies to enquiries as to the steps taken by other Unions to carry out the provisions of the Infant Life Protection Act 1897.

It was agreed on the motion of Messrs. Fryer and Banks that the matter stand adjourned for six months.

The Chairman reported the temporary engagement of Mrs. Till, to assist the Cook on 4 days each week and that the Sub-Committee were not prepared with a definite recommendation as to a permanent arrangement.

It was proposed by Mr. Banks that the 4 days assistant per week be provided for the cook.

An amendment was proposed by Mr. Seddon that assistance be provided 6 days per week. Seconded by Mrs. Dickenson. Four voted in favour of the amendment and one against.

The amendment was accordingly put as a substantive motion and carried, five voting in favour and one against.

It was proposed by Mr. Banks, that the Guardians be recommended to appoint Mrs. Louisa Till as assistant to the Cook at a salary of 8s. per week, with the usual officers' rations—to devote 6 days per week to her duties, hours 7 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

The appointment to be subject to the Superannuation Act and a satisfactory medical certificate, and to be terminable after a month's notice. Seconded by Mr. Dillon and carried *nem. con.*

The Sub-Committee reported that they had not quite completed the revision of the regulations for nurses. The matter was ordered to stand over for a fortnight.

The resignation of Nurse Dale was considered on a reference from the Board:

The Chairman stated that Nurse Dale had determined to leave, and was prepared to give her reasons to the Committee.

It was proposed by Mr. Robb that she be permitted to come before the Committee, seconded by Mr. Seddon and carried.

Nurse Dale attended, and stated that her sole reason for leaving was that she refused to be subject in any way to any Workhouse Matron.

The Superintendent Nurse having also expressed a wish to see the Committee, was received, and asked to have the management of the Infirmary to herself, without the matron interfering in any way.

It was agreed to pass on to the next business.

The Master reported that the quantity of gas registered by the Infirmary Workhouse during the past quarter was double the quantity consumed in the corresponding period of last year.

The Ladies' Committee reported the house to be clean, warm and comfortable, and the inmates contented and happy.

The minutes were confirmed.

CHILDREN'S HOMES COMMITTEE.

A report by one of Her Majesty's Inspectors was further considered by the above Committee, and the clerk instructed to write the inspector informing him that cases of small pox occurring in the Homes would be sent to the Rothwell District Council hospital.

In speaking of the Inspector's suggestion for providing additional facilities for the children getting speedily out of the sleeping apartments in case of fire, Mr. Hargreaves said that in his opinion the facilities already in existence were quite ample; there were scores of houses in the district where large families lived and where there was scarcely any provision made for escape in case of fire. If the Board were going to try and comply with every suggestion of all the inspectors who visited the Homes, the Committee would soon very materially increase the cost of the Homes and be very little better in the end.

It was suggested at the Committee meeting that cork or other covering be used for the bedrooms, but the majority of the Committee considered that at present such an expenditure was not advisable. It was agreed to employ a mole catcher at 10s. per year. Particulars of the cost of maintenance for the past half year were submitted.

In proposing the confirmation of the minutes, Mr. Butterick said that the cost of maintenance was something like £15 less than for the preceding period. The cost per child had not decreased because of the small number of children in the Homes.

Mr. Edwards having seconded, the minutes were confirmed

MISCELLANIOUS

The Finance Committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting altogether to £1943 4s. 7d. The Clerk had succeeded in getting a reduction of £46 15s. 0d in Corporation rate on the workhouse.

Two schemes for the seating of the new Board room had been drawn up, but the architect was instructed to prepare a further scheme showing all the seats to face the chairman. Nothing had been settled as to the wood paving in front of the offices, and a deputation was appointed to wait on the Highways Committee of the City Council on the matter.

A tithe account of £1 2s 5d had been received from Mr. Hollings' Executors, for the new workhouse estate. Steps were ordered to be taken to redeem the liability. Mr. Hargreaves gave notice that at next meeting he would propose that the Board at a cost of about £70 provide a bed at the new sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis cases.

Mr. G. Best, of Hunslet, applied for the work of bricklayer at the workhouse, his prices being bricklayer 10½d per hour, labourer 7½d. Mr. Farrer, of Hunslet, 10½d and 7½d, and Mr. Puffett 11d and 8½d.

On the motion of Mr. Robb, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the work was let to Mr. Best. The same tradesmen also got the coffin work at 7s 6d, 10s 6d and 21s 6d.

The vagrants relieved during the fortnight were 270, against 156 during the same period last year.

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.]

My good friend and neighbour, Mr. Jabez Taylor, landlord of that ancient hostelry, 'The Hare and Hounds,' passed quietly out of life in the early hours of Monday last. Although a man whose heart was not on his sleeve, he was a genial publican, and people flocked to his house attracted by the genuine companionship which he evinced to all comers. Good behaviour on the part of his customers was the passport to his favour and within fair limits everybody was allowed to enjoy the passing hour to their heart's content. His motto as a licensed victualler appears to have been "Whoso visits this house may make himself at home and be agreeable." A most abstemious man himself, he regarded with disfavour all men who were disposed to take too much drink. In this connection, it is a rather singular circumstance, that his brother-in-law, the late Mr. Robert Ellis, who was landlord of the Hare and Hounds previous, was a teetotaller from his youth upward to his dying day. By his death, the family of Mr. Taylor loses a good husband, a sympathetic and helpful father, and the village a quiet, well-meaning, unostentatious resident.

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Inhabitants of Rothwell who have sacred memories in the churchyard, and church folk who enter their place of worship by the East gate, often remark on the charming rural surroundings. A stroll on a bright morning from the hearse house to the gates, and for fifty yards beyond is delightful, and it may be said that the sun bathes the spot for the best part of the day in splendour. What a pity it would be from the artistic point of view, if the approach to this entrance was spoiled by the erection of buildings out of harmony with the situation.

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It will be nothing less than an act of vandalism if the usual ugly brick gable is allowed to front (and affront) this charming entrance to the churchyard. There are two plots of land involved. The one on the South side controlled by Mr. Farrer, of Oulton, as agent for Mrs. Meynell Ingram, and the other on the North side owned by Mr Newsome, of Churchfield. These plots are certain to be built on in the near future.

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Could not something be done to induce the owners to insert in the conditions of sale provisos that would avert a repetition of the shocking surroundings facing the main entrance to this grand old church? If something be not done and speedily, the risk is, that inartistic structures will be run up, possibly on both sides of the East gate, and there remain to disfigure a spot which a little forethought could have made elegant for the next fifty years.

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A spot like this, laid out and planned by a man of artistic capacity, could be made to serve as a liberal education, instilling into the minds of the children a sense of beauty, cultivating the eye, and raising the standard of ideals. The Vicar and his family enter the Church by the East gate, and it may easily be understood the distress they must feel at the prospect of the approach being flanked by plain brick gables.

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The two corner properties leading to Churchfield from Commercial Street; the one belonging to Mr W. Smith, furniture broker, (on the West side), and the other, recently purchased by Mr Thos Wilkinson, butcher, (on the East side), may be classed as the best business situations in the town. The possibilities of these two sites in the future are very great.

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Mr Wilkinson, I notice, is preparing a slaughter house on modern principles at the back of what is known as Holt's house. The interior is being lined with white glazed brick, and the sanitary arrangements are under the sanction of the District Council. I have reason to believe Mr Wilkinson will shortly remove from his residence in Butcher Lane to his recent purchase.

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Where are our local Conservatives that we don't have a meeting to support the Government in their spirited South African policy?

OULTON INSTITUTE.

The fourth free lecture, under the auspices of the Yorkshire Ladies' Council of Education and the County Council was delivered by Miss Ravenhill, in the Harold Hall on Monday evening last, the Rev. E. H. Dykes occupying the chair. The subject was "Good food," under the following heads:—what is food—why we cook food—how to keep food and why it keeps—what to eat—diet for the child—the worker—the invalid, some causes of indigestion. The diagrams and illustrations used for the above subject were very good indeed. The Lecturer, too, gave some important information regarding the children's diet and we hope that mothers will pay attention to it. The attendance was a marked improvement on that of previous weeks, every available seat being occupied and we hope that all will do their best to be present at the next two lectures. The subject next week is "How to keep well;" Mr. Batt will preside.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE A.B.C.

Mr F. Ward presided at the above on Sunday afternoon last, when there was a good attendance. Mr J. W. Greaves was the speaker, his subject being "Three great Evils, Desecration of the Sabbath, Gambling and Intemperance." Mrs J. T. Varley sang two solos, which were greatly appreciated.

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ROTHWELL INFIRMARY DEMONSTRATION COMMITTEE.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Last Friday evening in the Board Schools, a General Committee Meeting was held, but there was only a poor attendance. Mr. J. Hargreaves, treasurer, and the two Secretaries were present. At the commencement of the meeting Mr. Hargreaves submitted a statement of accounts in detail which shewed a good balance to be handed over. The full items are as follows:—total income £264 19s, expenditure £124 3s, balance £140 16s. Several questions were asked concerning certain items of outgo, whereupon the Treasurer said he was pleased to state, that several large items belonging to certain tradesmen had been somewhat reduced, and willingly too; it had been his ambition and the Secretaries' too to keep down expenses as low as they could, but larger the show and bigger the cost. He hoped that everyone would feel that they had been well repaid for their labour by the results, and if any feeling still existed, he would like to see such put on one side and hoped that all would be willing to work in the future as in the past. Their efforts were now looked on by officials of the Infirmary as one of the best in Yorkshire and they wanted to keep this reputation in time to come. After other formal business had been transacted, Mr. Lunn, in moving that the report as submitted be accepted, subject to the audit, said that he was pleased with the result and concurred with the remarks of the Treasurer. Mr. Bodley seconded, and the resolution was carried. The Committee wish to state that for some omissions in the programme of certain tradesmen they willingly apologise, and especially to Mr. White, pawnbroker, whose prizes have not been mentioned. Silver medals were presented to the following as the largest amounts collected in public house boxes:—Black Bull Hotel, Mr. Wm. Smith, £6 19s 5d; Coach and Horses Hotel, Mr T. Fowler, £6 7s 6d; Angel Inn, Rothwell Haigh, Mr. John Ellis, £5 18s. The total amount collected in boxes for the year amounting to about £32 12s 6d.

OVERSEERS' MEETING.

A meeting of the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Rothwell, was held on Thursday last, October 19 h, at the Council Offices, Marsh Street. The principal business was the checking of the half-yearly accounts ending 29th. September last, which were found correct, the various books and balance sheets being duly signed. Precepts having been received from Hunslet Union for £1772, and Rothwell School Board for £900; after due consideration, it was resolved to lay a Poor Rate of 1s 6d in the £ to meet expenses incurred during the period ending 25th. March, 1900. This is the same amount in the pound as the last, and several previous, half-years. Under the new regulations as to districts, the Overseers must now visit Leeds, instead of Wakefield, in order to obtain sanction of the magistrates to the proposed rate.

LANTERN LECTURE AT STOURTON.

In connection with the weekly meeting of the Stourton St. Andrew's Mutual Improvement Association, Mr. W. Denton, of Rothwell, gave a lecture on "Astronomy," in the Board Schools, Stourton, on Monday evening last Mr. Parker presided and suitably introduced the lecturer. The planets in the solar system were first of all treated, their individual characteristics and peculiarities being interestingly spoken of. Their size and speed of travelling were touched upon, as also were the laws of gravitation governing their movements. Various diagrams were shown in proof that the earth is round, explanations given of the laws bringing about the changing seasons of the year, the cause of the mysterious sea tides, eclipses, etc., all being dwelt upon in an eloquent manner. Increased interest was added to Mr. Denton's remarks by the scenes placed on the sheet by Mr. Hill, to whom, with the lecturer, a hearty vote of thanks was passed at the close, the motion being spoken to by Mr. Ellison and Mr. Mitchell.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Oct. 14th, 1899, is £336; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £257, thus showing increase of £79. For the 15 weeks ending Oct. 14th, the return is £4239, against £3688 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £551

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

We would particularly urge our friends to send in their letters and news, as early as possible, as we cannot accept contributions later than Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, except in the case of matters occurring on Wednesday or Thursday, which should be forwarded within a short period after. Advertisements may be sent as late as Friday morning.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.

SCANDAL.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times.

Dear Sir,

I was very much pleased on reading the Rev. J. A. Alderson's Lecture on "The Tongue," to find that he had tackled and denounced so hotly the scandal mongers of our ancient village. It is high time some steps were taken to stop this sort of thing, and I for one think that a few trips to Wakefield would do some of these black-mouthed people good, they would have to prove what they said was true I have been told that some portions of the Marsh is the very hot-bed of scandal, and that groups of two or three women may be seen standing about hatching this sort of thing. The Marsh has generally been considered one of the most respectable parts of Rothwell. Hoping that it may return to its normal condition.

I remain, yours &c.,
ANTI-SCANDAL.

TO MOTHERS.—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is pleasant to taste: it produces natural quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." Of all Chemists, 1s. 1½d per bottle

ASSOCIATION.

OULTON ST. JOHN'S V. YORKSHIRE COLLEGE.

This match was played at Oulton Green on Saturday last and it was pleasing to note the fair attendance of spectators realised that no championship football is quite as interesting a game to watch as a league fixture. The game was fast and decidedly enjoyable, and the players had no desire to make a hard task for Mr. Higgins who acted as referee. W Inman won the toss for the Owls and elected to play down the slope. The opening quarter was contested at a furious pace and each defence were tested in turn to their utmost capacity when from a tussle in front of the College goal the ball came out to the foot of Wright and that player promptly placed it in the net, giving the visitors' custodian absolutely no chance to save. The Collegians returned the compliment very shortly, their clever combined work in the open nearly always leaving one of their number within shooting distance and their outside left equalised, although an appeal for off-side was disallowed on grounds we consider were correct, The homesters quickly retaliated by some very fine work, amongst the forwards Murtland and Kershaw as inside left and right respectively, showing any amount of resource in feeding their wings of which Wright was the more effective, Hutchinson being often beaten by the superior weight of the opposing back. A well sustained attack resulted in Kershaw transferring to Wright and the latter making considerable ground returned to his colleague who quickly turned and screwed into the net, thus putting the Owls once again in front. Hartley was next called upon to clear and then a long and heavy shot by the College inside right just cleared the crossbar. The right wing of the visitors appeared very strong, though Mounsey at outside, whilst clever, neutralised effectiveness by too many acrobatic feints. The homesters again took up the running and Kershaw had narrowly missed heading in, Wright obtained possession and with a long low drive completely beat the custodian. Half-time was called shortly afterwards when the homesters were leading by 3 goals to one, which did not appear too great an advantage from the manner in which the students manipulated matters Page commenced the second half, the visitors forwards very soon made things lively. Hartley accepted a long shot with both hands, but was soon afterwards called upon to exercise all his ingenuity in disposing of a shooter which was all he could manage after laying out at full length. It was an excellent shot and a brilliant save, quite meriting the applause it received. The homesters frequently tested their opponent's defence and the latter more than equally stood the attack. Various incursions on home territory were made by the visitors, and forcing a corner a well placed centre was misjudged by Hartley who got under the ball and fisted it straight up, its fall being intercepted by one of the Collegians and headed through the goal The remainder of the game was very fast and exciting, but in spite of the requests made by several spectators for another goal from the homesters, the visitors defence was not vitally penetrated their custodian dealing excellently with several smart attempts, whilst on the other hand the Owl's defenders suffered many anxious moments. The call of time subsequently left Oulton winners by 3 goals to 2. It is pleasant to note a much desired improvement by the Oultonians upon the previous weeks' exhibition, and we anticipate a hard fought game on Saturday when the local organisations meet at Rothwell. We trust to see as much excellent football shewn as in the match we have described, and may the best team win. Oulton have certainly gained by the inclusion of their new men, Wright and Kershaw quickly shewing their ability to understand each other's play, whilst Hartley delighted the supporters by his steadiness and resource. Bell was a decided success at centre half and O Inman shewed more adaptability than previously, although rather shaky during the first half. Raybould and W Inman were indispensable, and it appears an excellent sedative for the latter to have the responsibility of captainship upon his shoulders. Page at centre was useful if on the slow side, and in our opinion would be of still more service at back. Murtland played his usual sound game, whilst Hutchinson and Butterick, with perhaps more than they could contend with, acquitted themselves creditably.

FEATHERSTONE UNITED V ROTHWELL WHITE ROSE.

The above match was played at Featherstone on Saturday last when Featherstone proved themselves superior to the Rothwell men by 2 goals to *nil.*

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

RUGBY.

At Ossett—Rothwell v Ossett.

ROTHWELL TEAM—Full back, B Cromack; three-quarter backs, J Fieldhouse, J Hoult (capt), J Morrell H Morgan, B Kelly; half-backs, F Robinson, B Morrell; forwards, J Ward, Joss Ward, E Godley, E Williams, H Hemsworth, A Pape, J Parkinson, J Booth, Micklefield, W Booth.

ASSOCIATION.

At Rothwell—Rothwell White R v Oulton.

WHITE ROSE TEAM—Goal, A Cripps; backs, J Beckwith, R Whitehead; half-backs, J Smith, T Bridges, W Jeffries; forwards, W Bedford, G Barnes, H Dacre, J Berry, H Illingworth; Reserve, S Baber.

At Woodlesford—Roundhay v Woodlesford.

WOODLESFORD TEAM—Goal, F Parker; backs, W Austerbury, A Mirfin; half backs, C Dinsdale H Mc William (capt), A Chadwick; forwards, H Mitchell, D Johnson, J Hobson, C Taylor, S Tranmer.

At Rothwell—Oulton St. John's v. Rothwell W R

OULTON TEAM—Goal, G B Hartley; backs, W Inman (capt), H Butterick; half-backs, D Raybold, O Inman, F Bell; forwards, A E Wright, S E Kershaw, T Page, A T Murtland, W Hutchinson; Reserve, E Dobson.

At Oulton—Oulton 'A' v. Rothwell W R 'A'

OULTON 'A' TEAM—Goal, C Higgins; backs, A Higgins, E Haslegrave; half backs, C F Hullah, H R Smith, S Lockwood; forwards, H Bedford, F Arundel, W Crossland, T Smailes, P Inman; Reserve, L Lockwood.

Will the Secretaries of Football Clubs kindly forward List of Fixtures, Reports of Matches (both first and second teams), and List of players chosen as early as possible.

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FOOTBALL

NORTHERN UNION—SECOND COMPETITION—EAST DIVISION.

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14.

	Pl	Wn	Lt	Dn	Pts	For G	For T	For P	Against G	Against T	Against P
Normanton	7	5	1	1	11	8	8	40	1	5	17
Kinsley ..	5	4	1	0	8	5	13	49	4	5	23
Alverthorpe	4	3	1	0	6	5	5	25	4	4	20
York	4	3	1	0	6	4	7	29	3	3	15
Rothwell ..	6	3	3	0	6	2	7	25	8	7	37
Featherstone	4	2	1	1	5	5	7	31	0	2	6
Goole	6	2	4	0	4	7	7	35	3	5	21
Eastmoor..	5	1	3	1	3	1	4	14	3	8	30
Outwood C	6	1	4	1	3	1	3	11	4	8	32
Pontefract	4	1	3	0	2	1	1	5	6	9	39
Ossett	3	0	3	0	0	2	1	7	5	7	31

REFEREES FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Ossett v Rothwell—Mr. F. Bennett Batley.
Featherstone v York—Mr. T. W. Castle, Castleford
Kinsley v Goole—Mr. J. Latham, Wakefield
Alverthorpe v Eastmoor—Mr. F Asquith Outwood

E. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

ROTHWELL V. OUTWOOD.

The usual keen encounter between these rival clubs took place at Rothwell on Saturday afternoon last before a fair muster of spectators. As the teams entered the field it was seen that there were many new faces in the visitors team, whilst Cromack and Parkinson were absentees on the home side. The homesters kicked off uphill and soon formed the first scrimmage near the Outwood line, and quickly scored a couple of minors. Rothwell still holding the advantage gained, Morgan passed to Fieldhouse, the latter player scoring a splendid try; Morgan's place kick failing. Play now followed in neutral territory and becoming rather rough the game had to be stopped twice owing to injuries to B Morrell and Hemsworth. Outwood at last became dangerous, but from a kick out Rothwell cleared, the forwards preventing a return. The homesters still gaining ground; some pretty passing was witnessed between Morgan and Fieldhouse. Outwood again got a footing in the home territory, when Morgan relieved by kicking into touch near the half-way. From the subsequent play one of the Outwood men made his mark, the place kick being unsuccessful. Outwood had another turn of attacking, and Rothwell drove them back into neutral territory, when half-time was called. Outwood restarted the game, and Rothwell returning, soon became dangerous, and after good passing Morgan had a drop which went wide. Rothwell still kept their opponents acting on the defensive, and Outwood being penalised for off-side, Morrell had an unsuccessful attempt to lower the visitors' citadel. A good passing movement by Morrell and Morgan, Fieldhouse made a splendid run, his progress being stopped near the line. Rothwell still attacked strongly when Morrell dodged over, but the try was not allowed. The homesters were still having the best of the play and after several attempts registered a minor. Morgan again paid special attention to Fieldhouse, who seemed to be in extra special good form, when the latter player rounded his opponents finely and scored behind the posts; Morrell easily landing a goal. The centre kick was well returned by Hemsworth, and J. Morrell being tackled on the line, threw a simple chance away by not passing to Morgan. Fieldhouse had an unsuccessful drop at goal, Rothwell maintained their advantage up to call of time, when they were declared victorious by 1 goal, 2 tries (8 points), to Outwood *nil.* It is a long time since Rothwell routed the Outwood team so easily as last Saturday, and if proper judgement had been used a tremendous score would have accrued. There is room for considerable improvement in the pack's organisation and strength being the weakest points.

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COMING EVENTS REGISTER.

The proprietors of this journal have now opened a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

Nov. 1—Dramatic Performance at Rothwell by the Rothwell Amateur Dramatic Society.
Nov. 10—Dr. Buck's Concert in the Mechanics'.
Nov. 15—Dramatic Performance at Harold Hall, Oulton, by the Rothwell Amateur Dramatic Society
Nov 22 & 23—Rothwell Church Bazaar.
Jan. 30, 1900—Rev. J. Arthur Alderson's Second Grand Evening Concert.

DEATHS.

ABBISHAW—October 23rd, Arthur, the beloved infant son of George and Mabel Abbishaw, of Dobson's Terrace, Spibey Lane, Rothwell Haigh.
CLAYBROUGH—25th Oct., aged 35 years, Rachel, wife of Herbert Claybrough, Wood Lane, Rothwell.
DENTON—24th October, aged 43 years, Hannah, wife of Samuel Denton, Midland Sidings, Rothwell Haigh.
FOSTER—25th Oct., aged 71 years, George Foster, Bell Isle, Middleton.

IN MEMORIAM.

TAYLOR—In loving memory of my dear husband, Isaac Taylor, who died October 28th, 1895.
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Rothwell Times,
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Friday, October 27, 1899.

EXTENSION OF WESLEYAN SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION AT ROTHWELL.

MEMORIAL STONE-LAYING.

A SUCCESSFUL MONEY-RAISING EFFORT.

For years past progression in Sunday school work in connection with the Rothwell Wesleyan Methodist Church, has been seriously crippled for want of more extensive and better-fitted premises, and for years past too, efforts have been put forth with the object of eventually carrying out an extension scheme likely to provide adequate accommodation under ordinary conditions for at least half a century. These initial efforts resulted at the beginning of the present year in plans being approved for the erection of a large main school on ground already purchased, the division of the present school into an infant school-room, and class-rooms, the provision of ample under-floor storage room with suitable tea-making facilities, and the re-arrangement of outside conveniences which for years have been unsatisfactory and of a very primitive character. Tenders for the work, which is estimated at £1,369 0s 6d were let, and the builders and other workmen during the summer have made substantial progress with the undertaking.

The memorial stone-laying ceremony took place on Wednesday last, and was in every respect a decided and in some phases unique success. A large and interested company representing all sections of Church workers in the Wesleyan cause at Rothwell, old scholars, friends from other societies in the circuit, the local Primitive Methodist cause, the Established Church, adjoining Circuits, and of the general public of Rothwell, assembled in the afternoon on the limited space behind the chapel, and opposite the principal entrance to the new building, in front of which the memorial stones were to be laid. On the platform were the Rev. Professor Banks (chairman of the district); Rev. S. Arnold, (superintendent minister); Rev. W. Salisbury, second minister, (of Normanton); Rev. G. H. Armitage, (Cudworth); Rev. J. A. Alderson, (resident Primitive Methodist minister); Mr. Wm. Stephenson, secretary to the Building Committee, nearly all the members of that body, with representatives of the Trustees, and Chapel and School Officers.

The Rev. S. Arnold announced the first hymn, "O Lord of hosts, whose glory fills," after which the Rev. J. A. Alderson offered prayer, and the Rev. W. Salisbury read a suitable portion of scripture. The next hymn, "Thou who hat in Zion laid," was announced by the Rev. G. H. Armitage, after the singing of which, the Rev. S. Arnold extended to all present a hearty welcome on behalf of the Building Committee and Trustees. The erection of the new school, he said, was the fulfilment a long cherished hope In the far far back, when the Rothwell Circuit was formed from the Wakefield Circuit, the Sunday school workers felt the existing school building was quite inadequate, the infants' department being particularly over-crowded. Of the present 63 teachers and officials, 60 were members af the Wesleyan Methodist Society, and these were anxious to do a greater work of a spiritual character and so join in the glorious evangelical movement characteristic of the district. The workers had done their best under existing conditions, but it was strongly believed that their words of counsel and spiritual direction would be of greater force if spoken in the privacy of their class-rooms, and it was in a great measure to provide these retiring rooms that the enlargement had been undertaken, the arrangement being that the school-room should be made into an infants' school and divided into class-rooms. They were wishful of having premises of the best kind, to do the best kind of work, in the best possible way. The Committee were greatly in need of funds, and he hoped everybody present would do their utmost to make the day's financial efforts a great success.

After the singing of another hymn, "Glorious things of thee are spoken," the Rev. Professor Banks delivered a short address, in which he said that anybody looking at the old school and then at the large number of young children on the ground, would need no argument to prove the necessity for the new building. The new school had undoubtedly been needed for many years, and one wondered at the patience of the Rothwell people in putting up with the old school so long. By beginning with the children they began at the right end. When finished, they would have a pile of handsome buildings, buildings handsome in appearance, and he only wished that there had been one additional excellence, that the new building should have had a prominent position in the front. He thought that if they had gone to the public of Rothwell and said that they were going to put up a building that would be an ornament to the place, they would have found considerable support in carrying their enterprise a little further. As there were a great many stones to be laid he did not intend to take up their time with a long speech, but would, without further remarks, make way for others who had important and interesting work to perform. (Applause).

The memorial stones were then placed in position, each lady and gentlemen declaring the stones to be "well and truly laid in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." Brief remarks were also made by the stone-layers and those whose duties it was to present the mementoes of the occasion, which took the shape of beautifully bound and inscribed copies of Wesley's hymns. The amounts in brackets indicate the donations laid on the stones.

Stones laid by	Mementoes presented by
Mr. J. R. Seanor, J.P. (£25)	Rev. S. Arnold,
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Mr. C. Ward .. do.	Councillor J Abbishaw
Mrs. G. W. Batty (£5)	Mr. S. Morton
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Rev. J. A. Alderson (£5 5s)	Mr J. R. Seanor, J.P.
(representing the Rothwell Primitive Methodist Society and Sunday School Workers).	
Cr. R. Pickersgill (£5)	Mr. C. Ward
Mrs. J. Butterick do.	Mr. W. Cawdell
Miss G. Hargreaves do.	Mr. A. Ward
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Mr. Arthur Ward ... do.	Mr. J. Morton
Rev. G. H. Armitage do.	Mr. S, Sidebottom
(In memory of the late Mr. George Armitage).	
Mr. J. Goodall ... do.	Mr. A. W. Seanor
Mr. J. Nunns .. do.	Mr. Gurney.

The 'bricklayers' turn came next, and these numbered 56 Sunday school scholars and others, who contributed 10s. 6d. each and upwards, and placed bricks bearing their initials around the larger stones laid by the Sunday School Superintendents. The proceeds of this interesting part of the ceremony realised no less a sum than £31 10s. 0d. Other scholars, who personally could not be responsible for the amount of a 'brick,' had been supplied with prettily worked collection bags, in which they had gathered small amounts from their friends. These were placed on the principal stone, and brought to the general funds, the substantial total of £7 5s. 3d., Agnes Todd being the most successful collector in this branch of financial aid, with a bag containing over £1.

The ceremony was concluded with the doxology and benediction, after which a great public tea took place in the school-room, at which, to express it in true Methodist phraseology, there were four "sittings down."

In the evening, there was a very enthusiastic public meeting held in the chapel, over which Mr. J. R. Seanor, J.P., presided.

After devotional exercises, led by the Rev. S. Arnold and Rev. W. Salisbury, Mr. Seanor took charge of the proceedings, and first of all read a telegram he had just received from the Rev. E. Workman, of London, formerly superintendent minister at Rothwell, in which he said "My daughter joins wishing success in your noble undertaking—work." They would have been delighted and happy to have had Mr. & Mrs Workman with them that day. Some of them, he said, would perhaps know that he (the chairman) had worked just over 37 years in the Rothwell Wesleyan Sunday School. Not all the time in the building behind the chapel, but a part of that time in the old school on the Marsh. Reminiscences of teachers' meetings in those days, and the magnanimous and generous behaviour towards the school's finances by Mr. Mackie, of Wakefield, were touched upon in an interesting manner, as also were the throwing of the first sod and the incidents leading up to the erection of the school now in use. The present building, he said, had done excellent service. Since its erection the chapel had been re-built at a cost of £2000, which had all been paid. About 6 years ago the present scheme was introduced, and after considerable discussion, he thought it must be admitted that the best scheme had been accepted. The trowel he had used at the afternoon ceremony had been used 20 years ago, by Mrs. Roodhouse, in laying one of the foundation stones of the new chapel. They had heard of the stone age, the iron age, and the electric age, but the present, he thought, was essentially the children's age, for never in the world's history had there been done so much in their behalf as in the life-time of some of the young men present. They were alive to the increasing demands, and he trusted this great effort which would need help after help, would receive the generous support both financially and in other ways it so richly deserved. (Applause).

The anthem "Oh clap your hands," was then very effectively sung by the choir, Miss M. Marshall taking the solo.

The Rev. G. H. Armitage (of Cudworth), a former Sunday School scholar, next addressed the meeting, and expressed his pleasure first of all in being associated on the platform with two new friends and three old friends. The Chairman had been actively connected with the Rothwell Wesleyan Sunday School ever since he (the speaker) could remember, and in recent years had helped him in financial undertakings in his present circuit, in which the Sunday School movement was advancing by leaps and bounds. His first introduction to the Chairman of the District had been on the occasion when he, along with the Rev. J. T. Gurney, and others, stood before him in the preliminary examinations before being accepted for the ministry, and on that occasion he had some fear and trembling. He had spent three pleasant years of college life with the Rev. W. Salisbury, and in his appointment to the Rothwell circuit he was sure the officials had got a good man, and one who would do them splendid service. His two new friends were the Rev. S. Arnold and the Rev. H. Martin, whose acquaintance he was pleased to make. He could not stand there without being reminded of some who had passed away, and had vivid recollections of being taken by his father to the old school on the Marsh. In the erection of the present school he had been one who, like those in the afternoon had placed the amount of their collections on the foundation stone. The work of the Sunday School had had a considerable influence on his life and character. It was in that place where the light of the gospel entered into his soul, and the first instinct of his regenerated heart led him forth to tell others of the new life. In this respect he strongly advocated personal and direct Christian effort, and dwelt for some time on the evangelistic missionary work at Royds Green, carried out under the direction of Mr. Butterick, and which training-ground promoted and brought out two travelling and several valuable local preachers. He was pleased to have a part in their present undertaking, which, under the blessing of God, would result in the permanent spiritual welfare of the rising generation of the district.

The Rev. E. Martin said he was glad to represent in some degree Leeds Methodism at such a function, and also to see how other ministers joined in such a step of aggression. He confessed to a feeling of discouragement respecting the work of the Sunday school, because when compared with the progress of elementary education, they were not making the progress they should. There was need to make their schools more efficient, and thus bring them nearer the desired state of perfection. One third of the membership of the Church came from the Sunday school, and if they were to realise the increase that was being talked of in the Leeds district, they would expect a large percentage to come from the Sabbath schools. There were the attractions of athletics, the drawing influences of amusements, and other things which detracted in many instances from devotion to Christ, that one marvelled sometimes that the sabbath schools were able to bear the burden and hold their own. Commerce was growing, politics developing, the world becoming colonised, and covered with people; cities were rapidly extending, and was only apparently equalled in developement by the police forces; the Church lagged behind. There were, however, signs of progress and of the revival of God's work throughout the world, but if ever christianity was to keep up with the advances already enumerated, it would be principally through the agency of the Sunday schools, whose organism he was deeply interested in, and whose efficacy as a branch of the Church's work, he earnestly hoped to see rapidly advance.

The financial statement, which had been expected at an earlier stage of the meeting, had now been completed by Mr. Stephenson, and was submitted in full detail. A long and encouraging letter was first read from Mr. John Stainer, of Folkestone, a native of our ancient parish, who enclosed a donation of £5. Two ten shillings per Mrs. Gurney were acknowledged from "A Friend," and "In memory of good times when a local preacher." Mr. Stephenson had personally collected £20 5s 6d; the teachers, independent of those laying stones, had subscribed £55 6s 0d; the Mutual Improvement Society voted £1 10s 0d. £21 4s 0d had been collected as per a general list; from members of the congregation £21 17s 0d had been obtained, and £12 17s 0d collected in other ways. The memorial stones had brought in £166 10s 0d, 'bricks' £31 10s 0d, and bags £7 5s 3d; these, with £1 5s 0d from the lady collectors made the receipts of the present undertaking up to that time. The scheme was to cost £1369, and towards it they had now in hand £355 11s 0d, money received from 1893 to June 1898; interest on this had accumulated to £35 11s 0d. A boilor the cost of which had been put down at £23 had already been fixed for the chapel and school premises, so that that amount would not be to pay. The choir had handed over £3 10s 0d proceeds of Christmas singing. The summarising of money in hand by the present effort is:—Stone-laying £166 10s brick-laying £31 10s, and bag collections £7 5s 3d; £1 5s 0d from the 10 collectors at the evening meeting; collected by Mr. Ward and Mr. Morton £21 17s 0d; by Mrs. Armitage and Mrs. A. Ward £7 5s 6d; Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Cawdell £12 17s 0d; Mr. Stephenson £20 5s 6d; Sunday school teachers' subscriptians, £55 6s 0d; general list £21 4s 0d. The results of the tea and meeting at the opening of the new premises were estimated at £150, the ladies had promised to raise by means of a bazaar £100 within 12 months of the school being opened, the Manchester Committee would allow a loan of £342, the collection at the afternoon ceremony amounted to £3 19s 0d, so that the balance of the estimate still to be raised would thus be about £110 4s 3d. The estimate did not include cost of furniture nor land, but the latter had been bought, principally by the Ladies Sewing Committee, and handed over, the cost being something over £50. (Applause).

The Rev. Professor Banks next spoke, and said the Financial statement had been worth waiting for; with such a secretary they had no need to fear for the future. One feature of the proceedings which had pleased him much had been to see the unity of different churches in an effort of this kind; he thought it a beautiful sight at the afternoon ceremony to see a minister of another church actually laying a stone and thus representing the good will and sympathy of another branch of Methodism. He was also told that members of the Established Church have taken part in rendering aid in the new enterprise. With such a display of Christian unity and charity there could but be one result of the undertaking. He had been present at many stone-laying ceremonies, but never at one were there was such an array of stone layers and 'bricklayers' as the Rothwell friends could boast, and upon this he could congratulate the Rothwell workers. He could congratulate Rothwell also on giving to Methodism such a preacher as Mr. Armitage was; that was one of the best gifts Methodism could give to the church. The terrors of the theological examination to which Mr. Armitage had referred did not appear to have hurt him very much. He was a great deal better possibly for the gentle and mild stirring up and the moral quickening which such an ordeal as that gave to a young man just entering on a ministerial career. He rejoiced very much in the aggressive spirit which prevailed at Rothwell, of which the present enterprise was evidence. Looking on their own church at the present time he did not remember the time when every branch of its organisation was so active as at present; they had many evidences of zeal and enterprise, the great city missions in themselves representing pure aggressive work and so much new ground broken up and work done. This work was essentially the spirit of christianity and of Methodism, and had been from the beginning, and it was to these missions that they owed the spirit of evangelisation. He knew that every preacher of the gospel should be an evangelist and possess the evangelistic spirit, but they were not all fitted for this sort of missionary work. Methodism, however, had the men, but they were never in so great a need as at the present for such workers, all on fire and flame, with one object in view—the evangelisation of our great and growing city populations. Another evidence of the spirit of aggression was the establishment of the Wesley Guild—doing for them what the Christian Endeavour Society of other churches was doing in other Nonconformist churches—in themselves a continuation of the work begun in the Sunday School which work was thus carried a big step further. The proof that these Guilds were needed was their wonderful success. They were more successful in some parts of the country than in others, and the revival of God's work in many cases had been due to the work done by the thousands of young people, set to work by these organisations. Another evidence of the spirit of aggression was the revival in foreign missions, and the wonderful growth in the interest shown in their enterprises; there was not one branch of this part of the church's work that had not revived during the past five years, and so far as Leeds was concerned never had there been better speakers, never better congregations, and never better financial results than at the recent anniversary. There was more silver in the collections and less copper, but so far as copper was concerned he didn't care whether a person put a shilling in the box or twelve pennies. These were signs that the spirit of Christ and of universal love was wonderfully reviving in our days. The foreign missionary enterprise represented the imperial and universal idea of Christianity; there were no little Englanders in Christianity; there were not many who answered to that designation in other respects. The deepening of religious life and forward aggressive steps were the object of the recent President's conventions, and the forward movement in the Leeds district. There were evidences of a two-fold growth, outward extension and inward deepening of spiritual life, in such a degree as pointed to an increase in the kingdom of God, such as has not been seen for many a generation. This they desired, which, when realised, would mean that many things which they had now cause to lament would come to an end. (Applause)

The amount of the evening's collection was now announced to be £10 7s. The Rev. S. Arnold said in connection with the Financial statement that he wished everybody to understand that there would be £350 to raise before 12 months after the opening of the school. £50 had been estimated for the opening, the ladies had promised £100 as a result of their bazaar, and that left £100 to be raised, without the furnishing of the school besides, which would cost another £100.

The Rev. J. A. Alderson, who explained the reason of his absence during the first stages of the meeting, next spoke briefly, reserving on account of the lateness of the hour, the remarks he had purposed making that night on "Character-building," for the occasion of the school opening ceremony, if he was invited to take part in it. He was there, and there with considerable pleasure, to show the sympathy and interest in this great undertaking manifested by the Primitive Methodists, for whatever was for the benefit of the children independent of creed or sect to the promoters he could always say God-speed. He had come with a message, and that was "The Lord prosper you in your good work." He trusted every teacher would enter the new school with feelings of increased responsibility and renewed determination, that they would—God helping them—do their best for the children of Rothwell. The day had passed for teachers to read to their classes tit bits, religious novelettes, and other similar papers. The work of the teacher was to mould the character of the child, and this could best be done by the constant teaching of Biblical truths. The teachers should give of their best, diligently prepare their lessons, and acting on these lines he trusted that the Sunday Schools of Rothwell would send out a succession of honourable men and worthy women, a credit to their generation, ornaments to society, and pillars in the Church of Christ.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to all the workers and those who had helped to make the day's proceedings such a unique success, was then proposed by Mr. Butterick, seconded by Mr. Goodall, and carried with acclamation. The singing of the doxology concluded the proceedings.

In next week's issue we hope to be able to give a complete list of the bricklayers, and other contributions, with an exact statement of accounts.

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. Ed.]

I see by the placards on the wall that the Rothwell Amateur Dramatic Society is about to give an entertainment at the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday next, the 1st of November. The play is entitled "The Serious Family," a comedy in three acts by Mr. Barnett. There is also in addition a farce in one act by John A. Morton entitled, "Don't judge by appearances." The cast I am told, is very good, Dr. James, Mr. James Dobson and Mr. Daft are in the play, along with Mr. R. R. Jones. The ladies of the Society are well represented, headed by Miss Butterfield. I am expecting a most interesting and enjoyable evening and no doubt there will assemble in the Mechanics' Hall on that night a goodly number of smart people backed up by a crowded audience, "to see the play" and cheer our local artistes. The price of admission to the body of the hall is as low as a shilling but for the back seats the convenient sixpence ought to suffice.

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ROTHWELL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

THE BUDGET.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the above Board was held on Friday evening last, at Rothwell, Mr. A. Batty (chairman), presiding The other members present were Messrs T. Park, J. Butterick, J. Elstob, B. Richardson, W. Lunn, and Rev. J. A. Alderson, and attendance officer (Mr. Denton). The Clerk was unable to be present, by reason of illness.; Mr. P. Marshall officiated in his stead.

The minutes of the last ordinary and various committee meetings were read, confirmed, and signed.

On the motion of Mr. Butterick, seconded by Mr. Park, it was agreed that the schools at Rothwell be closed on Wednesday afternoon next, on account of the Memorial Stone Laying ceremony in connection with the new Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School; Mr. Lunn voted against.

Mr. Park, as chairman of the Rothwell Haigh Management Committee, reported that the Stourton Schools were closed all day on Monday, October 16th., for Barnum and Bailey's Show. It was thought that as the Leeds Schools were having holiday on that day it might seriously affect the attendance. The Board agreed with the action, only Mr. Lunn being opposed.

In reply to the Clerk's enquiry, a tender was received from Messrs. J. and J. Charlesworth, Ltd., for coal, Rothwell Haigh Thirds, at 12s 6d., per ton, and slack at 7s 6d per ton, delivered at either of the Schools. These tenders were accepted.

The Clerk had asked the Rothwell and Leeds Gas Companies to quote for the supply of coke to the schools. The Leeds Gas Company tendered at 10s. 0d. per ton, at the works, and Rothwell at 10s 5d per ton, delivered. It was agreed on the motion of the Rev. J. A. Alderson and Mr. Butterick, that the Rothwell Company's tender be accepted.

In connection with the supply of 100 books to each of the School Libraries, in accordance with Mr. Lunn's proposition at the previous meeting, it was decided that the books be purchased in duplicate, and Messrs. the Chairman, Alderson, Park, and Lunn, be a committee for the selection of the books.

The Clerk was instructed to advertise again for a teacher, article 50 or 68; teacher to state salary, in place of Miss Kirkby, who has been appointed under the Bradford School Board.

Mr. Butterick gave notice that at next meeting he would propose that Miss Stead's salary be advanced £5.

According to notice, Mr. Park proposed, and Mr. Richardson seconded, that Mr. Nicholson be allowed house gas, the same as Mr. Martin, the subject was discussed in committee and eventually agreed to.

On the motion of the Rev. J. A. Alderson, seconded by Mr. Richardson, it was resolved that the Financial Statement of the School Board for the year ended September 29th., 1899, having been examined and compared with the General Account in the Ledger, be signed by the Chairman, the particulars being as follows:—

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries of officers ..	80	18	6
Expenses of administration	83	1	8
Election expenses ...	24	14	3
Teachers' salaries ..	1785	4	11
Books, apparatus, etc. ..	223	11	9
Fuel and light ..	79	3	4
Repairs ..	47	4	0
Cleaning, etc. ..	147	11	10
Rent, rates, insurance ..	87	7	8
New furniture (Loan) ..	28	13	9
" " " ..	5	2	0
Furnishing existing school	30	1	8
Loans, repaid ..	347	19	8
Interest on Loans ..	377	12	11
Balance in bank, etc. ..	108	17	7
	£3457	5	6

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Balance on Oct. 1st., 1898	122	5	0
Grants—Day schools ..	898	0	6
—Evening schools	60	6	6
Fee grants	453	10	0
Agricultural Rates Fund	65	3	6
Sales—food and work ..	16	7	3
Lettings	24	2	9
	1639	15	6
Overseers.. ..	1817	10	0
	£3457	5	6

THE BUDGET SPEECH.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee (Rev. J. A. Alderson), gave his Budget Speech as follows:—

My Predecessor, twelve months ago, estimated that the requirements for the year ending September, 1899, would be £3248 5s 6d, whereas the actual expenditure has been £3457 5s 6d, being £209 more than anticipated. Although it was a "going out of office" Budget, I must admit that it was a fairly good estimate. It will interest you to know that the additional outgo has been occasioned by the following:—

	£	s	d.
Salaries of Officers, increase for part of year ..	9	0	0
Teachers salaries increase	130	0	0
Additional cost of Books, and Requisites ..	40	0	0
Hire of Wesleyan School not anticipated ..	30	0	0
	£209	0	0

In estimating the income our ex-financier was again below the mark. His estimate apart from Overseers' payment was £1499 5s 6d, and the actual income has been £1639 15s, being a matter of £140 10s more than conceived. This amount has mainly arisen out of increased grants. A more generous outlook with regard to the past year's estimated expenditure, with the unexpected increased income for the year, would have placed us in a splendid position. But this was not to be, "lest we should be exalted beyond measure."

Now gentlemen, I proceed to place before you an estimate for the year upon which we have just started, and I do so with the hope that all our expectations may be fully realised, and that the year may bring to the members, officers, and staff, a large measure of that without which life is not worth living, I refer to health, joy of service, and a sense of success. We will first of all give you our anticipations with regard to the

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1900.

SALARIES OF OFFICERS.—£90. An increase on last year owing to the Treasurer's salary of £10 and the necessary additions to the other officers' salaries

ADMINISTRATION.—This is a big word and may not be fully understood by all the ratepayers. Under this heading we put down £65 instead of £83 as last year. For the uninitiated let me here say that this term covers cost of advertising, printing, office requisites, court expenses, deputational expenses, and similar items. The cost of the Audit Stamp alone was £10 last year. This year it will only be £5 because the outgo has been under £5000, there having been no new loan.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.—£1780. We do not expect any material increase, because both schools are now fully staffed with reserve teachers, as one or two are finishing their apprenticeship, and will be capable of taking the place of adult teachers if necessary. But I do not believe in a cheese-paring policy with regard to the payment of teachers. I cannot help but feel that a great blunder has been made in allowing Miss Kirkby to leave us as she has done. Having appointed a teacher with equal qualifications at £10 more salary, it is only natural that Miss Kirkby having obtained a 1st. class Queen's Scholarship should feel strongly on this matter. I blame the Committee in not anticipating her dissatisfaction. I blame Miss Kirkby for not stating to the Committee her feeling. If either of these had been done, her valuable service might have been retained. Whilst our loss will be a gain to the Bradford School Board, I hope out of the evil some slight good may accrue to ourselves in causing us to exercise greater care in future. When we have valuable servants I believe we are serving the interests of the ratepayers by keeping them, even if it means extra outlay. I have never yet seen a teacher that is too good for our children. They deserve and ought to have the very best.

BOOKS, APPARATUS, STATIONERY.—£240. This is about £20 more more than usual, as owing to the ingenious brain of our friend on my left (Mr. Lunn) we are about to place 200 valuable books of wholesome literature in the school libraries. This is a step in the right direction, and will I believe repay fourfold in the shape of sharpened intellects and intenser desire for knowledge on the part of the children.

FUEL AND LIGHT.—£85. The increase in price of coke and coal and the new arrangement with regard to the Head master's gas at Rothwell will account for the £6 added.

REPAIRS.—£80, nearly twice as much as last year. But I would remind you that the account for painting, etc., at both schools and the account for new ashpit at Stourton are unpaid and will absorb about £50 so that we only have about £30 down for the year's wear and tear.

CLEANING.—£150. Estimated at a little higher than last year because we may have some little additional expense in connection with new Schools.

RENTS, RATES, AND INSURANCE.—£60. I am here assuming that we shall require the Wesleyan School for six months.

FURNISHING.—£35. Presuming a piano and new clock will be required for Infants School.

REPAYMENT OF LOAN.—£406. Which includes ordinary repayments about £340, and first repayment of new loan of £2000—£66.

INTEREST ON LOANS.—£425. Ordinary loan about £370 and 2¾ per cent cent., on £2000 new loan—£55.

DEPOSIT IN BANK.—£84. To meet contingencies.

Summary of above Estimated Expenditure to September, 1900:—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	90	0	0
Administration ..	65	0	0
Teachers' salaries	1780	0	0
Books	240	0	0
Fuel and Light ..	85	0	0
Repairs	80	0	0
Cleaning	150	0	0
Rent, rates, etc. ..	60	0	0
Furnishing	35	0	0
Repayment of Loans ..	406	0	0
Interest on Loans ..	425	0	0
Deposit in bank ..	84	0	0
	£3500	0	0

—Estimated Income for year ending September, 1900:—

	£	s.	d.
Balance in Bank	108	0	0
Grants Day £900 Night £60	960	0	0
Fee grants	455	0	0
Agricultural Rates Fund ..	65	0	0
Sales of Work and Food ..	16	0	0
Lettings.—Necessarily reduced owing to increased expenses of letting	20	0	0
Necessitous School Board's Act, 1897, grant	43	0	0
	£1667	0	0
Precepts upon Overseers for the year, as follows:—Half-year, ending March, 1900, £909			
Ending Sept., 1900, £924	1833	0	0
	£3500	0	0

I therefore move that we serve precepts upon the Overseers for the following amounts viz:—Rothwell, £900; Thorpe Stapleton, £9; total £909.

In closing, I would remind you that I have been giving an estimate of accounts that will take you right through the closing century. By the time this unique duty comes round again we shall all have gone to enjoy the rest that remaineth for "School Board Members." May that rest be abundant and permanent. Amen.

The following accounts and salaries were passed for payment on the motion of Messrs. Elstob and Alderson:—

	£	s.	d.
Rothwell Haigh salaries ..	74	7	4
Rothwell salaries ..	77	9	10
Public Works Loan Board..	63	6	5
J. W. Bulmer	4	0	0
Jos. Harrison	2	8	3
F. A. Spencer	4	15	11
W. Denton		12	0
"Yorkshire Post" ..	2	4	0
Oakes and Son.. ..	3	5	0
J. G. Crowden		17	6
Otto Parker	6	1	1
Wm. Sewell	21	2	0

Mr. Lunn gave notice that at next meeting he would propose that the Clerk be instructed to write the Baths Committee of the Leeds City Council, asking upon what conditions the children in the 5th., 6th., and 7th. standards in the Rothwell Haigh School, may attend the Corporation Baths in Joseph Street, Hunslet, during the summer months.

The meeting was then adjourned for a fortnight.

CONCERT AT ROTHWELL.

By the kindness and generosity of Mr. Lawford Firth, teacher of music, of this town, a concert took place on Monday evening last for the benefit of the Mechanics' Institute, which, as everyone is aware has been considerably enlarged and improved. It was somewhat disappointing that Mr. Firth's efforts had not been so readily responded to, as the fare provided was of first-class character.

Mr. Firth opened the concert with the pianoforte solo "Rostrevor," which was cleverly executed, and upheld his well-known high character as a pianist, the feeling and harmony being very enjoyable, whilst his manipulation was a treat. Owing to the illness of Mr. T. Idle, Mr. Firth contributed another solo "Moonbeams," by *Gabriel*, in his best style, in place of a piano duet. He is also to be congratulated on the manner in which he executed the various accompaniments during the evening, thereby enhancing the beauties of the songs.

Miss Hilda Dransfield, of Barnsley, who made her first appearance before a Rothwell audience, possesses great abilities as a soprano vocalist, the upper range being especially fine, and the easy, graceful manner in which she rendered her songs, came as a welcome surprise, her pathos and feeling being remarkably good. Her first effort "When the heart is Young," was sweetly rendered, and she gave as an encore "Matrimony"; whilst "The Toilers" still further increased the good opinion which had been formed, and in response to the applause which followed, gave "Do as they do in England."

Mr. Hartley, of Outwood, who is well-known amongst us, was in fine trim, and his contributions were well adapted to his excellent voice. The energy and power exhibited in several passages were of a masterly description. His first song "The Star of the Desert" opened well, the soft and loud passages being carefully noted. The second contribution "Alice, where art Thou," was very good, although the singer was suffering from hoarseness, and in response to an encore he gave a pathetic rendering of "Ora pro Nobis."

Mr. H. Tomlinson, the bass, was not quite up to the standard, as compared with the other artistes; his songs were "The village Blacksmith" and "The last Man," which were moderately well rendered. Mr Hartley and Mr. Tomlinson also joined in the duets "Love and War," (encore "Flow gently Deva,") and "The Fishermen," which compositions were heartily enjoyed, Mr. Hartley being especially fine.

Mr. Hepworth Day, son of Mr. Newsome Day, for many years hairdresser of this town, and who had gained for himself a good name as a violinist, was welcomed on his appearance after so many years absence. His first effort "Romance and Rondo" soon exhibited the improvement which had taken place, and the feeling manner in which it was played, demanded an encore, when he responded with that pretty "Intermezzo" from *Cavallera Rusticana*. The second effort "Twilight and Dawn," was very brilliant, his fingering, bowing and execution, being displayed in professional style, and so delighted his hearers that he was called upon to give as an encore *Raff*'s "Cavitana."

Mr. Frank Waide is an old favourite, and again gave every satisfaction with his humorous ditties, songs and witticisms. The humorous scena "The serial Story," in which he gave a description of up-to-date stories, was very enjoyable, and as an encore he gave "It's not for Me." The humorous recital of 'the entertaining powers of a little girl' took immensely, and he responded with "No." The last item "My Neighbours," imitating a musical evening at 'Mr. Dobkins,' fairly threw his hearers into uncontrollable laughter, and being re-called, the old favourite "Selected," was received with evident relish.

The evening's *menu* was worthy of a full house, and although £3 or £4 will be netted for the Institute's funds, it is a pity that, when gentlemen give of their influence and talent, there is not an over-flowing attendance, thereby adding the remaining element of success. However, Mr. Firth has kept his promise, and provided a thoroughly good concert, and done his best to enrich the Institute's funds.

We observe that Dr. Buck is giving a concert on November 10th for the same object; may we hope a very large attendance.

CANTATA AT STOURTON.

Instead of the usual programme given at the P.S.A. meetings at Stourton Wesleyan Church, the musical secretary, Mr. James Howarth, had arranged for the performance of Root and Butterworth's cantata "Under the Palms," one of their best productions. To Mr. T. W. Crossland, the conductor of the choir, is due all praise for the gradually improving character of the members under his baton, and he is to be warmly congratulated for the thorough success of last Sunday's effort. The work itself is of an unusually varied description, containing quite a string of solos for all parts, as well as duets, trios and quartettes for the principals.

Miss Clara Hayre (leading soprano Salem Chapel), took the part of "Miriam"; Miss Maud Rawcliffe, (contralto), sang "Zillah's" items; Mr. A. Atkinson, (bass), filled the rolé of "Ezra," and Mr. Charles Lawton, (tenor), showed well as "Jeshua," an assistant scribe. These four formed a really good set of principals, and their singing was greatly appreciated.

The choir, which was augmented, had ample scope for their abilities, having soft and loud passages, recitations, responses, and echoes, but under wise direction successfully mastered the whole, and did themselves credit, each part being kept well in hand. There are also two or three items for children, which deserve mention, as also the recitation with musical response. Taken altogether, the work is excellent, its performance was carefully and tastefully carried out, and it is to be hoped the collection was commensurately large.

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ROTHWELL WESLEY GUILD.

The first literary meeting in connection with the above newly-formed Society, was held on Friday evening last, in the Wesleyan Band-room, Rothwell, the Rev. S. Arnold (president), being in the chair. A most interesting, thoughtful and instructive essay was read by Mr. Shurmer on "Our Methodist Hymn-book." A large number of well known hymns were mentioned among which were "Rock of ages," "Jesu, lover of my soul," "O for a thousand tongues to sing," "Come thou fount of every blessing," "Jesu the very thought of Thee," etc. The subject was treated in a masterly and confident manner which evidenced a perfect knowledge of the matter, and was very much appreciated and enjoyed by all present. The essayist in suitable terms described the circumstances under which many of Methodism's choicest hymns were composed and in connection with many was able to enhance his descriptions and explanations by little stories, anecdotes, and incidents, associated with hymns. Only a few out of the very many beautiful hymns could be taken in the time allowed, but they were made in Mr. Shurmer's able hands a very much appreciated taste of what might have been if the time had not been so short. The Chairman, Mrs. Marshall, and Mr. G. W. Batty afterwards spoke in terms of commendation of the many beauties of the paper. The attendance was not so good as it might have been, on account of the very bad night.

MISSIONARY MEETING AT ROTHWELL.

A very successful missionary anniversary has been held at the Primitive Methodist Chapel. Sermons were given on Sunday by Rev. G. Hunter and Mr. J. Varley. On Tuesday night, the Rev. J. A. Alderson presided over the public meeting, and introduced the deputation as an old superintendent and friend of his whom he highly respected. Mr. Hunter thereupon gave a very interesting speech on our Christian obligations, the personal references to the help he had received from Lord Rosebery for mission work, being of special interest. He told them how that six weeks ago, his Lordship stopped George Green, an old man aged 96, in whose house the Primitives had preached for 50 years, and on hearing that he was dependent upon parish pay, gave him a sovereign and promised him 10s per week so long as he lives. Rev. S. Arnold gave a thrilling address on "Mission Work in India." The proceeds including £1 10s 0d collected by Mr. L Harris, amount to £5 0s 6d, which is greatly in advance of preceding years.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE A.B.C.

There was a fairly good attendance at the meeting of the above on Sunday last. Mr. Cawthorne, of Leeds, gave an interesting address on "Four Old Friends," the Sabbath, the Sanctuary, the Scripture, and the Saviour, these four he hoped all would love and guard always. Mr. J. Blackburn sang solos in excellent style, and the chair was occupied by Mr. Thos. Ward, who also read the lesson and thanked the speaker and singer for their services.

STOURTON ST ANDREW'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

The members of the above Society, Mr. A. L. Parker presiding, met in large numbers on Monday night last, and had a profitable and pleasurable night with Mr. W. Hill who gave a lecture on "Photography." After a brief introduction in which he described the rise of the art of photography, he commenced by taking a photo of all the members present by flash-light, and afterwards developed it, chatting as he went along in a charming manner; he next showed how photographs are enlarged by taking an enlargement of Barden Bridge which was a great success and much admired; afterwards he made a lantern slide. The lecture was a most instructive one, well given, and listened to with rapt attention. Mr. Hill was heartily thanked at the close for his services. After the lecture the members by resolution presented Mr. W. Scott, who is leaving for America, their best wishes for his future happiness and prosperity in his new home across the seas.

COURT LEET.

The annual Court Leet, View of Frankpledge, and High Court Baron of John Selwin Calverley, Esquire, Lord of the Manor, was holden at the usual place, 'Coach and Horses' Inn, Rothwell, on Thursday last, at 12-30 noon. The proceedings were commenced with the 'Opening of the Court,' the proclamation (in quaint language) being well delivered by the worthy bailiff (Mr. Samuel Hirst). A jury of twelve good men and true, answered their names, who, (chosen from various parts of the Manor) had previously received the official summons to attend. Mr. Arthur Batty, was appointed foreman of the jury, and carried out his not very onerous duties in a satisfactory and agreeable manner. The official work was ably done by Mr. Moore, from the offices of Messrs. Dibb and Sons, Leeds, solicitors, to the Lord of the Manor. The duties entailed upon those present are now very light, being the appointment of pindars and bellmen for the different portions of the district. As is well-known, the powers of the Court Leet were at one period of our country's history very great, but a deal of its work is now relegated to other public bodies; the principal reason for the continuance of such Courts, being an interest in certain properties. The further proceedings were very enjoyable, the dinner, served for the first time by the new host and hostess, (Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wormald) being eminently satisfactory. A number of toasts were given, including "The Queen," "The Army and Navy," "The town and trade of Rothwell," "The Lord of the Manor," "The Foreman," "Mr. Moore," "The Colts," "Host and Hostess," &c. A most agreeable time was spent, and it certainly may be considered one of the best occasions of its kind, held for years.

FOOTBALL

WEST YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21.

	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pt
Ossett........	4	1	1	2	4
Dodsworth Inst	4	2	2	0	4
Featherstone....	2	2	0	0	4
Altofts	2	1	0	1	3
Rothwell W R ..	3	1	1	1	3
Oulton	5	1	4	0	2
xDewsbury......	2	1	1	0	0

x Two points deducted for Breach of Rules.

	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pt
Woodlesford	5	4	1	0	8
Ferrybridge	4	3	1	0	6
Hunslet N C	4	3	1	0	6
Altofts 'A'	2	1	1	0	2
Rothwell W R 'A'	4	1	3	0	2
Dodsworth Inst A	3	1	2	0	2
Purston United..	4	0	4	0	0

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ROTHWELL WHITE ROSE V. OULTON ST. JOHN'S.

The 'White Rose' and the 'Owls' met on the Royds Lane enclosure on Saturday afternoon last, before a splendid company of spectators, and in favourable weather. Both teams were strongly supported, a large contingent hailing from Oulton. Rothwell winning the toss, decided to defend the town goal, and the Oultonians commenced hostilities, and at the onset assumed the aggressive, but only to find a stubborn resistance in the home backs, who cleared their territory. Rothwell attacked through the misjudgment of Hartley, which nearly proved disastrous, the ball all but got through, and he was somewhat fortunate in clearing his citadel. Both teams bombarded in turn, their shooting being very inaccurate, and Oulton having a penalty, Murtland spoiled a chance through off-side play. The Rose men now forced their opponents to act on the defensive, and were aided by a corner, the ball eventually going out. The 'Owls' forced a six yards, after which Bridges repeatedly sent in some good shots which were with difficulty disposed of. The Rose men came down the field when Inman beat Illingworth for possession, and cleared with a huge kick. Page now had a good opening, but shot wretchedly. The home team were the first to show any passing movements, Illingworth shooting wide. Oulton took the ball into the home quarters, and from a corner, Wright piloted behind Rothwell now took up the bombardment, and completely beat Hartley, when Illingworth had hard lines the ball being on the goal line, when it was luckily got clear. Bridges was conspicuous with some good play, dropping the ball frequently in good positions; his efforts were poorly utilised, and he was playing by far the best man on the field, his feeding being a treat. Oulton were now penalised and Illingworth troubling one of the Oultonians, a corner accrued, which Berry failed to take advantage of. The visitors had now plenty of work to contend with, and Rothwell pressed strongly, when a simple goal was missed, no less than three of the Rothwell men watching the custodian whilst the ball was waiting to be kicked through (very bad management). From a well planted ball by Bridges, a tussle took place in front of the Oulton citadel, and Bedford was successful in drawing first blood for Rothwell. This reverse aroused the Owls, who attacked strongly, and from a pass by Wright, Page again kicked over. Half-time was shortly afterwards called with the home team leading by 1 goal to *nil*. Rothwell restarted and at once were penalised, Smith this time being the offender; from the place kick, the visitors became dangerous, and Page equalised. Excitement now ran high, each party urging their favourites to victory, and the players responded gamely. Rothwell had an opening, but Bedford was ruled off-side; they however kept play in the visitors' territory, when Illingworth's centre was poorly utilised. Oulton were penalised no serious damage resulting, the ball being allowed to go out of play. The homesters had another unsuccessful attack, and being frustrated, their opponents took the ball to the home end, Cripps saving nicely. The Oulton backs who had been playing a fairly good game, seemed to fall off, and gave a corner which proved fruitless. The six yards kick, Jeffries returned finely, and Inman in foolishly attempting to head, instead of leaving the custodian to deal with it, as he had plenty of time, and was not pressed at all, sent it through his own goal, thus giving Rothwell the lead. Rothwell after this success, attacked with vigour, and Oulton averted danger as they anticipated by conceding a corner, but play ruled otherwise, as Bedford sent the ball right into the midst of the players, when Barnes headed finely through. Rothwell soon followed with another corner, which Berry failed to put in play; the homesters were soon after penalised, Jeffries averting danger. Murtland and Smith were now ordered off the field for assuming a fighting attitude. Oulton had a couple of kicks for foul 'throws in,' when Illingworth had a splendid run half the length of the field, his final shot going wide. Rothwell were again penalised, and the Oultonians spoiled a chance by off-side play. Illingworth was conspicuous with another good run, followed by Barnes having a splendid shot at goal which hit the post and bounced back into the field of play. Rothwell now held the advantage and the succeeding play showed their superiority. The game ended in a win for the homesters by 3 goals to Oulton 1 goal. There is not the slightest doubt that the best team won on the day's play, the Rothwell men holding the advantage at every point, and their play at least deserved another couple of goals to their list. The Oultonians lacked combination and seemed to rely too much on individual efforts, which was never brilliant, although the backs at times kicked well. Wright, who played last year got in a few good runs, but was watched too well for him to become dangerous, and his club mate, Page, still worked hard in a slow way. The Rothwell team all throughout exhibited better play than has been witnessed for a long time, Bridges especially being a tower of strength, and with his townsmen Jeffries and Barnes who have lately joined the Rothwell organisation acquitted themselves creditably. Illingworth in the front rank did some pretty play, whilst Beckwith and Whitehead were very safe and got through plenty of work.

Notes on the game by 'Criticus':—To give an adequate criticism of the game would fill too much of our space and we shall be therefore obliged to content our readers with a brief reference to many notable and at times, brilliant expositions of "socker" interest. The winning of the toss looked like the favoured side having a tremendous advantage for the visitors had to face a brilliant sun but only for a short quarter of an hour or so, as it turned out. The homesters essayed the first attack and Bridges was prominent by a well placed shot which was headed out to Bedford on the right and that player gave Hartley all he could do to keep out an awkward oblique shot which would have dropped in the top corner of the net but for his lengthy reach enabling him to tip it out of danger. A great proportion of the play now fell to the half-backs indeed it was a noticeable feature throughout the game how much of the work they monopolised, and from a critical view the forwards on either side seemed very benevolent, making numerous unintentional donations to their opponents ready feet. W Inman and Butterick were conspicuous by a glaring miskick, each and again the hopes of the Roses centred on Hartley's ability to withstand a rush He cleared—but not elegantly and methinks the Roses whispered to each other to try the same again—but presently—for their own charge was to receive an afternoon call from the Owls, who left a card in passing—only a blank one—the first Page being the offender, having misplaced the gilt edge of success (or the whereabouts of the goal). However the Roses had again whispered and carried their idea into effect. Hartley ran out and fisted the leather which rebounded in to his own goal mouth and after various attempts by mixed up players to force it one way or the other, Bedford, having forgotten it in his first rush, found it waiting for his return and eager to gratify his vanity in its transfer to the safety of the net. The Roses were now one up and more to get, and they carried this advantage to the commencement of the second portion, albeit not through any fault of theirs for the Oultonians right wing got away and Wright finished up a good run by presenting Page with a golden opportunity for removing the previous blemish and yet he declined with thanks. This effort should have made the score one all, and such a result would have represented the respective abilities of the teams during the first half. Upon reviewing the second half no such remark can however be truthfully upheld, except to a certain point, for the Owls came away from the restart and Hutchinson put in one of a very few centres and Page, that redoubtable offender shot out his foot as the ball was travelling past him and the second had the satisfaction of seeing it lie safely in port. It was a lightning shot through its unexpectedness and attended with considerable luck but it gave the Roseate custodian no chance to refuse. A very short time afterwards came a response from the Roses and this was how the leader of the Owls assisted in the programme. A fortunate individual by the name of Jeffries took a powerful kick in the direction of Royds Lane and W. Inman J.P. requiring a headache and thinking the ball would perhaps object to Hartley fondling it, jumped up with the ostensible intention of returning such benighted offer to the sender thereof and instead placed it out of the reach of the man behind him and under the shelter of his own net—after which—and the story is soon told, the Owls collapsed with the weight of their indifference to the necessary remedies required to mitigate the sting of the White Rose thorns—in other words they were from thenceforward beaten at every turn. Barnes scored for the homesters by an excellently placed header and has the satisfaction of having annexed the best goal of the match which was singularly free from anything approaching a display of dangerous shooting. Turning to individual comparison there is no great difference between the teams. Of the custodians Cripps had the least to manipulate and Hartley was unfortunate in the selections given him, those efforts he had to tackle giving one the idea of an irresponsible intention, but some how dropping where unexpected. His former freedom and decision will no doubt return and he could not have saved his side from defeat. The backs played well, the home pair being more reliable. Butterick showed great improvement whilst Beckwith is a very safe veteran. And now to the half-backs who practically did all the work. Bridges and Bell for their respective sides stood out prominently amongst an excellent lot, without doubt the success of the Roses being largely attributed to the superb kicking of Bridges. He seems to have a tendency to gratify the crowd with a tremendous lunge but will improve his usefulness by placing along the ground to his forwards feet. The same applies to Bell who is however not quite as powerful. Rothwell have an exceedingly useful half in Jeffries whilst O Inman for Oulton worked hard and with a little more success than latterly. Raybold was safe yet outplayed by Illingworth who secured premier honours in the forward line, and completely outshone any of his colleagues who never rose above moderate form. Wright and Kershaw were not brilliant but seemed to shine in front of the remaining first string of the Oultonians, Page proving totally unable to relieve Bridges of his share of the play. With Hutchinson "dead off" Murtland did very little and received a holiday, together with Smith, during the last quarter of an hour, which incident does not agree with my previous opinion of Mr. Wilds' discretion. I am quite willing and pleased to acknowledge that gentleman's undoubted abilities and I hope that he will not allow the conscienciousness of those abilities to exceed his judgment on which course he seems to be drifting. To my mind the removal of Smith and Murtland was totally uncalled for and I know Mr. Lewis himself would have hesitated before insulting players with such over striding vanity.

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Nov. 10—Dr. Buck's Concert in the Mechanics'.
Nov. 15—Dramatic Performance at Harold Hall, Oulton, by the Rothwell Amateur Dramatic Society.
Nov 22 & 23—Rothwell Church Bazaar.
Dec. 7 & 8—Rothwell Mechanics' Institute Second Annual Reception.
Jan. 30, 1900—Rev. J. Arthur Alderson's Second Grand Evening Concert.

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Friday, November 27, 1899.

ROTHWELL AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

SUCCESSFUL NEW PLAYS.

The above Society have not infrequently been to the front during the past year or two in assisting the funds of worthy undertakings, and in this respect have been signally successful, as the managers of the Rothwell Mechanics' Institute and Parish Church officials could readily testify. It was not to be wondered at, then, that on Wednesday night last, when they appealed to the public to support their own funds,—very seriously depleted by the purchase of suitable scenery and effects,—a large and appreciative audience assembled to witness the first production by the Society of two entirely new pieces. The business manager, Mr Newsome, and other officials and friends of the Society, could not, we think, but be well satisfied with the response to the appeal, quite half of the hall being taken by reserve ticket-holders, whilst the remaining space was closely seated with those holding shilling tickets. So far as a Rothwell audience is concerned the pieces are entirely new, being the farce, in one act, entitled "Don't Judge by Appearances," by J. Maddison Morton, and the three-act comedy by Morris Barnett entitled, "The Serious Family." The farce was taken first, the following being the cast:—Major Pepper, Mr. J. W. Daft; Frank Topham, Mr. R. R. Jones; John Plump, servant to Major Pepper, Dr. James; Diana and Angelica, nieces to Major Pepper, Miss Suddaby and Miss Butterfield. Although perhaps not as humorous and effective as some of the farcial pieces given by the Society, there was scope for good acting by the principal characters, and the piece whetted the appetite for the more elaborate and important part of the evening's performance. Major Pepper, on the screen rising, is seen soliloquizing, and discussing with himself a scheme for the disposal in the matrimonial market of his nieces, Diana and Angelica. John Plump, the man servant, conveys to him information of an intended visit of Frank Topham, and an intimate friend, to whom he finally decides his nieces shall be wedded. This arrangement was quite agreeable to the young ladies, but for the serious blunder of the Major in wrongly pairing the couples, a mistake he failed to comprehend for some time; the girls eventually open his eyes by unmistakably showing their preference, and it being only a matter of transposing the young gentlemen, the Major agreed, blamed himself for not more quickly following the trend of his nieces' affection, and the curtain dropped on a self-satisfied and happy company. Dr. James' part as John Plump, the man servant, was comically demure, and was a character-representation quite new to him. He proved himself quite equal to his duties, and did his part to a turn. Mr. J. W. Daft, as the Major, had grasped his part well, although the character was not perhaps so well-suited to his abilities as that which he took in the second piece. The two young ladies, Miss Suddaby, as the vivacious, and Miss Butterfield, as the staid and more matter-of-fact, nieces, were quite at home with their parts, whilst Mr. R. R. Jones did himself credit in the part as Frank Topham, Angelica's lover.

The second piece "The serious family" could not have a better title, and for an amateur company we question if there is one in Yorkshire who could have staged it more successfully or with better general effect. The "family" consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Torrens (Mr. J. Dobson and Mrs. Newsome), Lady Sowerby Creamley, Mr. Torrens' mother-in-law, (Mrs. G. Wilson). Another very serious individual was found in Mr. Aminadab Sleek (Mr. Daft), a parsimonious, and seemingly genuine friend of the family and faithful advocate of the schemes of philanthropy countenanced by his patron, Lady Sowerby, the latter being a very indefatigable worker in support of funds for the relief of an unknown and imaginary race of African people much in need of financial aid. The other characters were:—Miss Torrens (Miss Suddaby); Mrs. Ormsby Delmaine, (Miss Butterfield); Captain Murphy Maguire, (Dr James); and Mr. F. Vincent, (Mr. R. Jones). The first act opened with Mrs. Torrens, her mother, and the indispensable Sleek, discussing the ways and means of helping these helpless people, and the drawing up of a programme for soliciting the necessary aid. The home life of Mr. Torrens is made almost unendurable by their everlasting schemes of benevolence, which were promoted in such a degree as to destroy entirely all his domestic happiness. The generous but somewhat weak-minded Torrens bears it for a while, finding occasional relief from the tedium by supposed occasional 'day's shooting' which were in reality spent at the hospital home of a young and charming widow (Mrs. Ormsby Delmaine). Captain Murphy Maguire, an old school friend of Mr. Torrens, arrives on the scene, takes in the situation at once, and advises his old college chum to break the neck of his mother-in-law's domination, to be the master of his own house, and end the dangerous game with Mrs. Delmaine. In the second act at Mrs. Delmaine's room, Mr. Torrens is seen on one of his 'shooting expeditions,' and is horribly surprised by an unexpected visit of the philanthropic troupe, in quest of subscriptions for their benevolent enterprises, and thus the estrangement of Mr. and Mrs. Torrens is made more considerably acute. One of Aminadab Sleek's objects was to advance matrimonial relations between Miss Emma Torrens and a male relation of his, and this was visably resented by the young lady in question, her preference being for Mr. Frank Vincent, an amiable swain of attractive mien and good position. Captain Maguire, Mrs. Delmaine, and Miss Torrens, unite in a scheme in the third act, to bring about a reconciliation between husband and wife, Mr. Torrens asserts his rightful position, an explanation of the estrangement between Mr. and Mrs. Torrens ensues, and in a happy dance, promoted by the straight-spoken and faithful friend of Mr. Torrens, the curtain falls.

The performance, as a whole fully maintains the already good opinions earned by our local society, and to fix on any part of the play and say it was weak or wanting would be a difficult undertaking. One member of the audience said she had seen Aminadab's 'phiz' before, in *Comic Cuts* or other of the comic weeklies; without a doubt the dress, facial expression, and gesture of Mr. Daft was a life-like production of the sanctimonious individual which is happily becoming more rare in society. In effect his efforts were clever, and could only be maintained by an actor of considerable resources. Dr. James was well suited to the pourtrayal of the generous, straight-spoken, good natured friend of Mr. Torrens, his natural aptitude, distinct utterance, and easy manner winning for him full share of the praise for such realistically produced comedy. Mr. James Dobson played an important part, and never, in our opinion, played better; he was evidently well master of his part, in sustaining which he proved himself a valuable member of the Society. Mr. R. R. Jones, although not so much in evidence, proved himself fully capable in his brief appearances before the footlights, and can, if necessary, as proved by previous appearances, uphold a more leading role. The abilities of the quartette of lady actors are quite well-known and were fully appreciated; Mrs. G. Wilson as the pompous and stately Lady Creamley was quite in her element, and would be bad to beat in the representation of such a character. Mrs. Newsome, whose prehensile and ready adaptation to such a character as she pourtrayed made an ideal Mrs. Torrens; Miss Suddaby maintained with ease and grace her part as Miss Torrens, as only one with a truly natural gift is capable; whilst Miss Butterfield in the somewhat sedate character of Mrs. Delmaine, proved herself qualified to uphold with much success a part quite different to that lighter comedy in which she has heretofore appeared. Mr. J. Young presided at the piano, and during the intervals played selections in a smart and finished style.

The plays are to be repeated at Oulton on the 15th. inst., and those who could not conveniently attend on Wednesday last, will then have an opportunity of a pleasant evening's entertainment.

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.]

"The play's the thing."—*Shakespeare.*

The Rothwell Amateur Dramatic Society scored a distinct success on Wednesday night last, at the Mechanics' Hall, Rothwell, by the performance of the play entitled "The serious family."

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A very enjoyable farce in one act entitled "Don't judge by appearances," was produced as an appetiser to the more substantial fare to follow.

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As regards the plot, framing "The serious family," the play turns upon the severe austerity of Lady Sowerby Creamly, who ruled the household of her son-in-law, Mr. Charles Torrens, with the spirit of a sanctimonious shrew, aided and abetted by her "awful" friend and councillor Mr. Aminadab Sleek, a regular "terror" in his capacity of philanthropic hum-bug. Mr. Daft's pourtrayal of the stage hypocrite was simply marvellous. The voice, the tone, the drawl, and sometimes the sentiments expressed, acted as a sort of enchantment, putting everyone in good humour, and it may be said without exaggeration that while Mr. Daft held the stage, the audience melted in one broad expansive smile, with here and there the ring of hearty laughter.

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Mrs. Wilson as Lady Sowerby Creamly, the despotic mother-in law, acted her part to perfection, and fairly captivated her audience.

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Mr. James Dobson represented Mr. Charles Torrens, the gentlemanly but unresisting son-in-law and easy going husband in first rate style; a difficult part to play, but rendered easily and natural by the skill and fine presence of the actor.

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Mrs. Newsome took the part of Mrs. Charles Torrens, the injured wife, and rendered it with grace and spirit.

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Dr. James as Captain Murphy Maguire, on a casual visit to his friend Torrens, took in the situation of his domestic infelicity at a glance, and determined to rescue him from the oppressive rule of that of his mother-in-law Lady Creamly, and Mr. Aminadab Sleek, a task which as the sequel proved, he accomplished most triumphantly.

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To Miss Suddaby was assigned the uninteresting part of sister to Torrens, a character she made the best of and acquitted herself well.

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Miss Butterfield, as an interesting young widow who had accepted the gallant attentions of Torrens believing him to be a bachelor, was finely represented.

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And Mr Jones, as the ardent lover of Miss Torrens, went through the sentimental scenes with confidence befitting the occasion.

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The play is to be repeated at the Harold Hall, Oulton on the 15th. day of November, when that portion of the public who banish dull care for a few hours by attending stage plays, will have an opportunity of studying "The serious family" in detail which is here merely sketched in outline.

OULTON INSTITUTE.

The last of the six free lectures under the auspices of the Yorkshire Ladies' Council of Education and the County Council, was delivered by Miss Ravenhill, in the Harold Hall, on Monday evening last, the Rev. E. H. Dykes presiding instead of Mr. Farrer, who was away. The subject was "A healthy home," and was dealt with under the following heads:—how to choose a home—essentials to a healthy home—fresh air, light, space, warmth, cleanliness, order—some dirt dangers—dust bins—drains—prevention and cure. There was again a very good attendance, and every one present were much interested with the remarks given by the lecturer, who through all the lectures spoke distinctly, and also illustrated each lecture by simple experiments, diagrams, and models. After the lecture the chairman, when he had made a few remarks concerning the lectures, said that it gave him very great pleasure indeed in proposing a vote of thanks to Miss Ravenhill. Mr. Batt seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. Miss Ravenhill, in responding, said how grateful she was for the hearty vote of thanks given to her; she hoped that everybody would bear in mind some of the hints, and also practise some of the experiments she had given them during the course of lectures.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Oct. 28th, 1899, is £336; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £271, thus showing increase of £65. For the 17 weeks ending Oct. 28th, the return is £4883, against £4214 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £669.

As a safe, permanent, and warranted cure for Pimples, Scrofula, Scurvy, Bad Legs and Blood Diseases, and Sores of all kinds, we can with confidence recommend CLARKE'S WORLD-FAMED BLOOD MIXTURE. Sold by Chemists everywhere.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon at the temporary offices, Whitehouse Street, Hunslet, Dr. Hawkyard (chairman) presiding. There were also in attendance Mr. Fryer (vice-chairman), Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Woodcock, Rev. M. J. Dillon, Messrs. Hargreaves, Butterick, Banks, Knight, Robb, Edwards, Bamforth, Charlesworth, Tomlinson, with the Clerk (Mr. Mee), and assistant clerk (Mr. Ward).

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

After the relief cases had been dealt with Mr. Robb said it had been reported to him that a woman, an out-patient under medical treatment had not been seen by the medical officer for a period of three weeks; she had eventually died and an inquest had been held, to the annoyance of her relatives.

Mr. Barker said he didn't know but that Dr. Clough had been attending the woman.

On the motion of Mr Robb it was agreed that Dr. Clough be asked to give an explanation.

WORKHOUSE VISITING COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Visiting Committee, the minutes of which were confirmed, it was reported that the month's trial of the two candidates as probationers having expired, the Superintendent Nurse informed the Committee that in her opinion they will both make very good nurses. On the motion of Messrs. Robb and Seddon, it was agreed that the candidates be supplied with a copy of the proposed conditions, and be asked if they are prepared to enter into an agreement. The Ladies' Committee reported that they found everything satisfactory. It was agreed that a speaking tube be fixed from the ground floor to the first floor of the Infirmary. The Master reported that the increased consumption of gas at the Infirmary, was partly attributable to the gas gauge not acting properly. The Master was instructed to look at the meter again, and if the large quantity is still going through, to call a plumber at once.

APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

There were three applications for the post of Superintendent Nurse. After each had had an interview with the Board, it was proposed by Mr. Charlesworth, that Miss Rockitt, of Leeds, be appointed. Mr. J. Butterick proposed that Miss Smith be appointed. Both resolutions being seconded, were put to the meeting, Miss Rockett being appointed by 9 votes to 3.

OULTON & WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Board took place at Woodlesford on Monday evening last. The members present were:—Mr. H. Trinder, (chairman), Mr. W. H. Newsome and Mr. J. T. Lygo, with the clerk (Mr. R. J. Smith).

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read on the motion of the Chairman and Mr. Lygo.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

INCOME.	£	s.	d.
Balance	130	2	3
Lettings	2	18	0
West Riding Magistrates—Fines		12	0
ACCOUNTS.			
Teachers' Salaries	63	6	8
Sundry Payments	8	5	1
E. J. Arnold & Son	3	5	0
S. Grant	4	13	2
W. Ripley	10	2	1
Leeds School Board	5	4	2
W Lockwood	2	17	4
E. Moron	3	2	0

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Newsome seconded, that the above accounts be passed for payment.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The clerk read a letter from Mr. B. Pickard, M.P., accepting the Board's invitation to distribute the prizes on December 22nd.

EVENING SCHOOL.

The clerk reported that the Evening Schools had opened very promisingly. Miss Fawcett had started with 29, which class had risen to 35, and she had now had to secure the assistance of Miss Bates. It was proposed by Mr. Newsome, seconded by the Chairman, that the arrangements are satisfactory, and that the salaries be the same as in the boys' department.

APPLICATION.

Mr. Leslie, the attendance officer made an application for an increase of salary. On the motion of Mr. Lygo and seconded by Mr. Newsome, the question was left over until next meeting.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE A.B.C.

Mr. A. J. Goldthorpe occupied the speaker's chair at the afternoon meeting of the above on Sunday last, and gave a most profitable discourse on "Seeking something for nothing." In opening, the speaker illustrated the meaning of his subject by giving an incident he had witnessed,—two men were haggling over the price of a horse, the buyer wanted the horse for nothing—or next to nothing. Those well-known advertisements which offer work for leisure time and promise good remuneration were mentioned; the Stock Exchange and gambling were also touched upon; he expressed himself against the worldliness that was creeping into the church in the form of spicy lectures and concerts on Sunday night, where it was announced that nothing of a religious character would be introduced, and in conclusion urged all not to gamble with time but to live well, and at last receive the promised reward. Solos were sung by Miss E. Smith, in a very effective and pleasing manner, and much credit is due to her. Mr. Eli Ward presided and there was a good attendance. Mr. A. Adamson was the organist.

ALL COUNTRY PEOPLE should read *The Rural World*, 1d. weekly, which contains articles on Horses, Cattle, the Dairy, Poultry, Bees, Rabbits, Pigs, Gardening, Natural History, Botany of the Farm and Garden, the Home, Foreign and Colonial Intelligence, Answers to Correspondents, etc. It is profusely illustrated, and is, altogether, a *most interesting and instructive farming and country paper*. A good medium for servants requiring situations. The Manager offers to send a specimen copy free. The address is 110 and 111 Strand, London, W.C.

TO MOTHERS.—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is pleasant to taste; it produces natural quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." Of all Chemists, 1s. 1½d. per bottle.

ROTHWELL WESLEY GUILD.

A most interesting meeting was held last Friday evening, there was a good attendance and the president, (Rev. S. Arnold), was in the chair, and conducted the proceedings in a homely and pleasant way. As announced in the syllabus, the evening was devoted to "Anonymous Papers," and the idea was taken up enthusiastically, there being several papers sent in, from unknown writers and on various topics, including short essays on "How to read profitably," "Amusements," "Duty," "Fat people in queer places," "Baptism," "The Englishman of to-day," and "An old Farmhouse." The papers were mostly well written and showed commendable thought and care in composition, and an additional charm and interest was added to them when the vice-president of the literary section (Mr. G. W. Batty), stated that the contributions were worthy the outcome of the young members of Society. The time would not allow of discussion, although all might have been considered with profit. Much of the original beauty of the ideas of the essayists were fully expressed and emphasised by the intelligent and thoughtful reading of Miss Batty (the literary secretary), who deserves all credit and praise for her eminently successful efforts to show up all that was best in the papers and please both the essayist and company. Very hearty and well deserved thanks were accorded the reader and the essayists, and a most enjoyable meeting was brought to a close five minutes after time by singing and prayer. All the sections of the Society are now in a fair way for successful and vigorous work for Christ and the Church.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

The half-yearly "rally" of the members and friends connected with above Society was celebrated on Saturday and Sunday last, and was in every respect successful.

The first item, of course, was a good Yorkshire "ham" tea, on Saturday afternoon which was well patronised.

At seven o'clock, the friends gathered in the Schoolroom in good numbers, and through the efforts of the enthusiastic musical secretary, Mr. James Howarth, were regaled with a very nice variety of items, as may be seen from the following programme:—Miss Calverley, song "That's what I'd do" (encore "When the heart is young"); Miss Clara Backhouse, song "Sweet Island of Uba," (encore); Miss Annie Collins, song "Tit for tat;" Misses Collins and Backhouse, duet "Over the Hawthorn hedge," encored; a humourous duet "The spider and the fly," Miss Collins and Mr. Crossland, encored; Mr. J. Varley, songs "Big Ben," and "The Reef Bell;" Mr. J. W. Street, songs "The storm fiend," and "Zuyder Zee;" Mr. A. L. Parker recited "The falls of Ladore," "The Gottingen Barber," and "Eternal Goodness;" instrumental items were contributed by Mr. Howarth and Miss Fitzjohn (violin and piano); also mandolin duets by Mr. Howarth and Master W. Hill (Lofthouse), "Rialto" (encore), and "True Blue," Mr. Howarth playing a mandolin solo in response. Mr. T. W. Crossland accompanied the songs in excellent style.

It would be a pleasing task to *specialise* some of the above items, but where *all gave* of the best, without reward, it would hardly be fair, but the fact that so many artistes were encored speaks for itself, as to the pleasure experienced by the audience.

Mr. John Hall occupied the chair, and delivered a short address on the benefits resulting from P.S.A's. throughout the country.

On Sunday afternoon, the prizes gained by those who had made the best attendance during the half-year, were distributed by the Rev. E. Green (in place of Mrs. Green who was unwell). The meeting was presided over by Mr. D. Woodroffe, and an excellent address was given by Mr. R. Andrew on "Pay-days." The world was taken as a workshop, and as all workers looked for payment, so might they, as workers for God, anticipate part payment here, and abundant reward hereafter. Two soloists had been secured for this special day, and everyone seemed highly pleased with their excellent services. Mr. T. Kale chose "Dream of Paradise," and "The Children's home," his wide range and careful expression being very marked. Miss W. M. Marshall sang "The Gift," and *Thompson's* "Abide with me," and her full round voice sweetly filled the chapel with well-modulated music. Mr. G. W. Smith ably accompanied Mr. Kale, and was cordially welcomed to his old place as organist for the congregation. After the collection, hearty thanks were passed to all who had so willingly and efficiently assisted in the service. During the afternoon, Mr. Paul, who seems the life and soul of the Society, gave the half-yearly report, which though not so roseate as might be wished, looks forward to a useful and successful winter session.

STOURTON ST ANDREW'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

The subject on Monday night last at the above Society's meeting, was "Oliver Goldsmith," an essay by Mr. H. Houlding, of Hunslet, who told the story of the great Irishman, from his cradle to the grave, in a most charming and lucid manner. After the lecture, the members discussed the subject of the paper, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. There was a very large number of members present, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer at the close. Mr. A. L. Parker occupied the chair.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk—Sold only in packets and pound tins, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & CO., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London."

WIT AND HUMOUR.

"Papa," said little Minnie, "won't you please to pat that doggie for me, and see if he bites?"

He: "They say that it takes three generations to make a gentleman." She: "Your grandson will be all right, then."

The singer held her audience for more than an hour. Then she tenderly laid it in the cradle and rocked it to sleep.

"Tell me, George, was it my beauty or goodness that won your love?" "Well, to be honest, it was that strawberry-jam you sent mother!"

Maud says she is madly in love with her new wheel. Another case where man is displaced by machinery.

Bank Clerk: "Madam, I regret we cannot cash the cheque without an introduction." Lady: "But I do not wish to know you."

The Baby: "Gobble, slobble. Gobble hobble." The Wife: "John, I do believe the baby is trying to say he loves me." The Brute: "Very likely. He hasn't known you long."

Mother: "Instead of beating the cat, Willie, I wish you would amuse yourself with your doll." Willie: "Yes; but when I beat the cat he howls, and the doll doesn't."

"What are the last teeth that come?" asked a school teacher of her class in physiology. "False teeth, mum," replied a boy who had just woke up on the back seat.

Old Man: "So your father and mother are dead, my dear. Did they leave you anything?" Little Girl: "Y-yes, s-sir." "And what was it they left you, little one?" "An orphan, sir."

"Hawkins is very fond of his horse, isn't he?" "Why, no; he hates him." "That's queer. I saw him riding in the park the other day, and he had his arms about the animal's neck."

Office-boy: "Please, sir, can I get off this afternoon? My grandmother's dead." His Chief: "Yes; but it's too bad. I was going to give you my ticket for the cricket-match!"

"And aren't they married yet?" "No. You see, she would not marry him until he had paid his debts, and he could not pay his debts until he had married her."

"Did you ever laugh until you cried, Tommy?" "Yes, only this morning." "What at?" "Well, pa stepped on a tack and I laughed; then pa caught me laughing and I cried."

"You say the question is not whether he will marry her?" "Not if you wish to be technically correct. The question is whether she will let him escape."

Mrs. Lamont: "You said Mrs. Paterson got her furniture on the instalment plan, didn't you?" Mrs. Simpson: "Yes; she's had four husbands, and got a little with each one."

Hewitt: "I sat at the table next to yours at the restaurant yesterday, and I couldn't see why you laughed at the stories Grewitt was telling." Jewitt: "He was paying for the dinner."

In a Quiet Corner at the Crowded "At Home."—She: "You say you would be willing to risk your life for me." He: "Only try me." She: "Then go down to the supper-room and get me something to eat."

Prospective Lodger: "I want a room in a quiet house." Blackpool Landlady: "Oh, this is a quiet house, sir! In the next room a singer lodges, and if it were not quiet he couldn't practise all day long, as he does."

Mistress: "Jane, I've mislaid the key of my escritoire. I wish you'd just fetch me that box of odd keys. I daresay I can find one to open it." Jane: "It's no use, ma'am. There isn't a key in the 'ouse as'll fit that desk."

Investigator.—Visitor: "What crime have you committed, my poor man, that you should be locked up here?" Prisoner: "G'wan! I ain't no criminal, I'm jest gadderin' material for a book about prison life."

"I intend to buy a box," said Kilduff, after examining the contents of his pocket-book. "What sort of a box?" asked Guilfoyle. "I haven't decided yet whether to buy a box at the opera or a box of strawberries."

Birdcage Bill: "Wot is a loafer? Why, a loafer is a feller dat loafs, of course." The Bowery Chicken: "Dat shows your ignorance. A loafer is a feller dat loafs and has no bank account."

He stared at her with bulging eyes. She had a boxing-glove on her left hand and a hammer in her right. "M-my dear," he stammered, "wh-what are you going to do?" "Idiot," she snapped, "I'm going to drive tacks!"

Young Lady: "A new piece of music, please." Shopman: "Yes, madam; do you mind how many sharps or flats there are?" Young Lady: "Oh, no; if there are more than two I always scratch them out with my penknife."

Guest (to hotel porter): "I want you to be sure and wake me at seven o'clock. I can depend on you, can I?" Porter: "Yes, sir, you can depend on me. If not at seven, then at eight or nine—but I'll be sure and wake you!"

Mrs. Bowser: "Harriet, you have been having company while I was out." Harriet: "Yes, mother; Carrie——" Mrs. Bowser: "There, Harriet, don't prevaricate! It was not a woman, it was a man. Who ever knew a woman to crease a tidy like that?"

Lawyer: "Upon what grounds do you propose to apply for a separation?" Female Client: "My husband's insanity." Lawyer: "Can you prove that he is insane?" Female Client: "Certainly. He insists upon wearing all the neckties I buy for him."

"I wish I could think of something to give my husband on his birthday." "I never have any bother with mine. I always give him a scarfpin." "I don't think I ever saw him wearing one." "No; he hates the things, so I always get him to have them made into rings for me."

"We like the idea of simplified spelling," says the editor of the Perkins Junction Palladium, "but we don't think we could ever become used to writing it. 'He wawkt down the ile, leeving the trax of his larj and muddee shuze on the flore. The marx are vizzibl yet.'"

"What bright eyes you have!" said the visitor to five-year-old Tommy. "You must get plenty of sleep." "Yes'm," he answered; "my mamma makes me go to bed every night at eight o'clock." "That's to keep you healthy," said the visitor. "No it isn't. Mamma wants to mend my clothes!"

Among the children of a certain school was a tiny boy who could not tell the number of the house in which he lived, and was told to bring it the next day. When he appeared again he was asked if he had brought it. "No, sir," said he; "it was nailed to the door so tight that I couldn't get it off."

A Peoria printer who doesn't mind a joke at his own expense, says he went into a chemist's recently and asked for some morphine. The assistant objected to giving it without a prescription. "Do I look like a man who would kill himself?" "I don't know, I am sure," said the clerk, "but if I looked like you I should be tempted."

"Whatever station in life you may be called to occupy, my boy," said the father, in sending his son out into the great world, "always do your best." "I will," replied the young man, with emotion. He never forgot his promise. Years afterwards, when a prosperous man of business, he did his best friend out of a large sum of money.

The late Earl Poulett was once paying his physician, and, on handing the medical man four hundred guineas in gold, asked him if he knew how to grow rich. The doctor replying in the negative, the Earl advised him never to pay an account by cheque, but always in coin. "For," he added, "the more you look at your money the less inclined you will be to part with it."

A Shah of Persia abolished fantastic fines, which formed the principal revenues of his provincial governors. The public crier announced, "Our august master, in order to put an end to the abuse of fines, has formally abolished them. All the male inhabitants of the town are invited to go on Friday next to the Grand Mosque to hear the proclamation of this generous decision. Those who do not go will be called upon to pay a fine proportionate to their private fortune!"

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Below we have pleasure in giving a list of young people taking part in the 'brick' laying and purse depositing ceremonies of Wednesday week. We are also enabled to present a statement of the principal contributors to the various subscription lists, there being besides a large number of equally appreciated gifts of sums under a sovereign.

The kindly interest and assistance manifested by ladies and gentlemen unconnected with the Wesleyan Church is greatly valued by the promoters of the scheme, and the pleasant mingling of various classes and creeds is one of the most gratifying memories of the day.

Where everyone did so well, everyone will feel in his own heart the reward of so doing, but all must feel that the unwearied labours of the secretary, Mr. William Stephenson, fairly merit special acknowledgement, not only for the personal work rendered, but also for the excellence of organisation whereby every part of the community was reached and aid solicited; also to the Rev. S. Arnold, who, although new to the people, has gone enthusiastically into the work, and has been the means of exciting interest and enthusiasm in the scheme; to these gentlemen is certainly due a large portion of the brilliant success of the day. Then Mr. Seanor's handsome offer no doubt set the subscription ball a-rolling, the visits of the collector's entailed much time and patience, and the spirit of emulation was allowed to work freely in the matter of stone and bricklaying. And so, everybody concerned may very joyfully thank everybody else for so grand a success.

The following is a statement of the various lists:—

	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Collected by Mr. W. Stephenson:—				
Councillor J Armitage	5	0	0	
,, G. ,,	3	3	0	
Mr. J. Hammill (deceased)	1	0	0	
,, Shepherd	1	0	0	
,, Finney	1	0	0	
,, C M Gaskell, M.P	1	0	0	
Smaller sums	8	2	6	
				20 5 6
Subscribed by Sunday School teachers:—				
Miss Stephenson	4	4	0	
Councillor J Abbishaw	3	0	0	
Mr. W. Foster	2	2	0	
,, H. Armitage	2	2	0	
,, W. Varley	2	0	0	
,, J. Gibson	2	0	0	
,, T. Kale	2	0	0	
,, I. Bedford	2	0	0	
,, T. Young	2	0	0	
,, S. Abbishaw	2	0	0	
,, J. Ellis	2	0	0	
,, F. W. Maltby	1	10	0	
,, C. Ward (Children's Homes)	1	1	0	
,, G. W. Hainsworth	1	1	0	
,, J. Shurmer	1	1	0	
,, G. Priestley	1	1	0	
,, A. W. Seanor	1	1	0	
,, A. Bedford	1	1	0	
Miss Sheldon	1	1	0	
,, E. Sheldon	1	1	0	
,, G. Hargreaves	1	1	0	
,, L. Hargreaves	1	1	0	
,, Clarkson	1	1	0	
,, P. Clarkson	1	1	0	
Mr. E. Westmoreland	1	0	0	
,, E. N. Maltby	1	0	0	
,, J. Wade	1	0	0	
,, S. Armitage	1	0	0	
,, J. W. Gibson	1	0	0	
,, J. Lunn	1	0	0	
,, T. Hampson	1	0	0	
,, S. Morton	1	0	0	
Smaller sums	7	16	0	
				55 6 0
Collected by Miss E. Copley:—				
Mr. T. Harrison	1	0	0	
Smaller sums	1	0	0	
				2 0 0
Collected by Mrs. A. Ward and Mrs. Armitage:—				
Mrs. Armitage	2	2	0	
Miss Minnie Walker	1	1	0	
,, May Walker	1	1	0	
Mr. Hargreaves, C.C.	1	1	0	
Mr. G. Armitage	1	0	0	
Smaller Sums	1	0	6	
				7 5 6
General list:—				
Mr. J. Stainer, Folkestone	5	0	0	
,, G. Lister & family	2	12	6	
,, F. W. Oakes	2	2	0	
,, J. Farrer	2	2	0	
,, J. H. Wice	2	2	0	
,, J. H. Richardson	2	2	0	
Rothwell Mutual Improvement Society	1	10	0	
Mrs. Clarkson	1	1	0	
Smaller sums	1	12	6	
				20 4 0
Collected by Messrs. C. Ward and J. Morton:—				
Congregational subscriptions:—				
Mr. C. Ward	2	2	0	
,, W. Cawdell	2	0	0	
,, Jos. Idle	1	1	0	
Messrs. Holt & Denton	1	1	0	
Mrs. Baines	1	1	0	
Rev. J. B. Maltby	1	0	0	
Mrs. Maltby	1	0	0	
Mr. J. A. Maltby	1	0	0	
,, D. Tilley	1	0	0	
,, J. Turner	1	0	0	
Mrs. T. Lambert	1	0	0	
Smaller sums	8	12	0	
				21 17 0
Collected by Messrs. W. Stephenson & W. Cawdell:—				
Mr. W. S. Copley	3	3	0	
Councillor Walter Hargreaves	2	2	0	
Dr. Stevenson	1	0	0	
Mr. G. Wilson	1	0	0	
,, Wm Chapman	1	0	0	
,, H. S. Atkinson	1	0	0	
,, J. Hirst	1	0	0	
Messrs. A & G Barker	1	0	0	
Smaller sums	1	12	0	
				12 17 0
Total amount collected				£139 15 0

Bricks were laid by the following:—

Guineas:—
Miss E. S. Copley — Mr. & Mrs. T. A. Young
Wilfred Foster

Half-guineas:—

Bertha Varley	Sidney Edwards
Thomas Gibson	Sydney S. Wade
Willie Priestley	D. R. Shurmer
Thomas Idle	Hilda Idle
Elsie Morton	Ethel Morton
Alfred Hopton	Alice Hopton
Louisa Barraclough	Joseph Barraclough
Ada Tuley	Frederick Dacre
Florence Pickersgill	Edith Mary Hammill
Walter Ellis	Florence Turner
Elsie Coverdale	Thomas Stephenson
Harriet Armitage	Nellie Brown
Gertrude Lee	Edith Lee
Elsie Seanor	Albany Seanor
Frederick Wright	May Hainsworth
Arthur Arnold	Edgar Arnold
Winnifred Arnold	Stanley Arnold
Eliza Abbishaw	Florence Abbishaw
Henrietta Rowley	Ellen Batty
Annie Nunns	Mary Nunns
Annie Rowley	Margaret Keitel
Phyllis Beckwith	Jessie Beckwith
Edith Blackburn	Annie Blackburn
Jessie Pickersgill	A. Pickersgill
L. Baines	William Hoops
Wilfred Batty	Bertha Batty
Herbert Curtis	Ernest Blackburn
Etta Marshall	

Total value £32 11s. 0d.

The following had collecting bags:—

Hilda Crowther	Lillie Priestley
Isabelle Gibson	Sissie Bray
M J Nellish	Lilian Nellish
Gerty Furze	Agnes Todd
Alice Priestley	Louisa A Priestley
E May Hammill	Thomas W Brown
Lucy Sidebottom	Nellie Varley
Edward Wormald	Ethel Rowley
Polly Savage	Mary Smith
John W Taylor	Annie Barthram
Edith Smith	George Goldthorpe
Carry Binks	D Batty
Jessie Beckwith	H Lawson
Ada Scholey	John Kale

Total value £7 5s. 3d.

The total summary will be something like as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Amounts collected, as above	139	15	0
Stones laid ..	166	10	0
Bricks laid ..	32	11	0
Collecting bags	7	5	3
Afternoon collection	3	19	0
Evening ,,	10	7	0
Young lady collectors at the Evening Meeting ..	1	5	0
Tea receipts, about	4	10	0
Amount for the day	366	2	3
Previous receipts ..	355	11	0
Interest on above ..	35	11	0
Total received to date	£757	4	3

As the tenders amount to £1369 0s 6d., there is therefore £611 16 3d still to face. Towards this, a connexional loan of £342 will be granted on easy terms; there is thus about £270 left which must be paid within twelve months of the schools being opened. As stated at the meeting, the Ladies have promised £100 by a Bazaar, the opening festivities should realise £50, leaving over £100 and the cost of furnishing still to be contributed in subscriptions or by concerts, teas, etc.

FOOTBALL

NORTHERN UNION—SECOND COMPETITION—EAST DIVISION.

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28.

	Pl	Wn	Lt	Dn	Pts	For G	For T	For P	Against G	Against T	Against P
Kinsley ..	7	5	1	1	11	10	19	77	6	7	33
Normanton	7	5	1	1	11	8	6	34	1	4	14
York	4	4	0	0	8	7	9	41	3	1	9
Alverthorpe	6	4	2	0	8	6	7	33	5	4	22
Rothwell ..	7	3	4	0	6	4	7	29	10	8	44
Featherstone	5	2	2	1	5	6	7	33	3	5	21
Goole	8	2	5	1	5	7	7	35	6	9	39
Outwood C	7	1	4	2	4	1	3	11	4	8	32
Pontefract	5	1	3	1	3	3	3	15	8	11	49
Eastmoor..	6	1	4	1	3	1	4	14	4	10	38
Ossett	4	1	3	0	2	4	2	14	7	7	35

REFEREES FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4.
Pontefract v Ossett—Mr. J. W. Wood, Leeds.
York v Outwood—Mr. F. Morton, Castleford.
Featherstone v Eastmoor—Mr. H. Price, Kinsley.
Kinsley v Rothwell—Mr. J. Latham, Wakefield.
E. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

WEST YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21.

	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts
Ossett..........	4	1	1	2	4
Dodsworth Inst	4	2	2	0	4
Featherstone....	2	2	0	0	4
Altofts	2	1	0	1	3
Rothwell W R ..	3	1	1	1	3
Oulton	5	1	4	0	2
xDewsbury.......	2	1	1	0	0

x Two points deducted for Breach of Rules.

	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts
Woodlesford	5	4	1	0	8
Ferrybridge	4	3	1	0	6
Hunslet N C	4	3	1	0	6
Altofts 'A'	2	1	1	0	2
Rothwell W R 'A'	4	1	3	0	2
Dodsworth Inst A	3	1	2	0	2
Purston United..	4	0	4	0	0

W. H. EASTON, Hon. Sec.

ASSOCIATION.

WOODLESFORD V. LEEDS BELLE VUE.

These teams played a "friendly" on the ground of the Leeds club on Saturday last. The visitors had nearly a reserve team, being minus Mitchell and Parker, the custodian. Notwithstanding this, a very good game was played, Leeds being victors by 2 goals to Woodlesford 1. On Saturday next the Woodlesford team journey to Pontefract, when they will play a "friendly" with the garrison team, although Pontefract is a much older team a good game is anticipated.

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

RUGBY.

At Kinsley—Rothwell v Kinsley.
ROTHWELL TEAM—Full back, B Cromack; three-quarter backs, J Fieldhouse, J Hoult (capt), J Morrell H Morgan, B Kelly; half-backs, F Robinson, B Morrell; forwards, J Ward, Joss Ward, E Godley, E Williams, H Hemsworth, Horsfall, J Parkinson, D Ward, Micklefield, W Neal.

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At Rothwell—Rothwell White R v Altofts.
WHITE ROSE TEAM—Goal, A Cripps; backs, J Beckwith, R Whitehead; half-backs, J Smith, T Bridges, W Jeffries; forwards, G Barnes, C Ward, H Dacre, J Berry, H Illingworth; Reserve, W Bedford.

At Beeston Hill—Beeston Hill Parish Church 'A' v Rothwell White Rose 'A.'
WHITE ROSE 'A' TEAM—Goal, W Cromack; backs, S Baber, J Nunns; half-backs, A Cromack, E Baber, H Brown; forwards, A Field, E Fox, W Blacker, J Hargreaves, G Tiffany; Reserve, T Parker.

At Pontefract—Woodlesford v Pontefract Garrison.
WOODLESFORD TEAM—Goal, D Johnson; backs, F Johnson, A Mirfin; half-backs, W Austerbury, H Mc William (capt), A Chadwick; forwards, C Taylor, S Tranmer, J Hobson, T Brown, J Wilkinson.

At Woodlesford—Woodlesford 'A' v Leeds A S 'A.'
WOODLESFORD 'A' TEAM—Goal, Longbottom; backs, A Crossley, J Boyes; half-backs, J B Bouch, G Taylor, J T Pickersgill; forwards, W Haigh, W Onions, P Haigh, J Hughes, S Hoyle.

At Oulton—Oulton St. John's v. Featherstone (Cup)
OULTON TEAM—Goal, G B Hartley; backs, W Inman (capt), H Butterick; half-backs, D Raybold, F Bell, E Dobson; forwards, J Barker, A E Wright, A T Murtland, S E Kershaw, T Page; Reserve, O Inman.

OLD FALSE TEETH BOUGHT.

Many ladies and gentlemen have by them old or disused false teeth, which might as well be turned into money. Messrs. R. D. & J. B. Fraser, of Princes Street, Ipswich, (established since 1833), buy old false teeth. If you send your teeth to them they will remit you by return of post the utmost value; or, if preferred, they will make you the best offer, and hold the teeth over for your reply. If reference necessary, apply to Messrs. Bacon & Co., Bankers, Ipswich.

TIT-BITS.

GREENY-YALLERY.—"Hallo, Jones, what are you doing with your coat buttoned up to your chin this hot weather?" "Husht! Don't mention it. I have on a tie that my wife selected."

A CONSIDERATION.—A gentleman travelling in Ireland recently came upon a native fencing in a most barren and desolate piece of land. "What are you fencing in that lot of land for, Pat?" said he. "A herd of cows would starve to death on *this* land!" "Shure, yer honour, wasn't I fincing it to keep the poor bastes out iv it?"

INHERITED TALENT.—"Your daughter has a fine touch, Mrs. Moriarty!" "Yis, and so they do be telling me. An' sure, 'tis no wonder she loves the piano, and never tires of it. She has great taste for music, and this is only natural, for her grandfather had his skull cut open with a cornet at a temperance picnic!"

FAVOURABLY SITUATED.—The following advertisement is from a paper published in the North: "To Let.—A house in Melville Street, situated immediately alongside a fine plum-garden, from which an abundant supply of the most delicious fruit may be stolen during the season. Rent low, and the greater part taken in plums."

HANDSOME IN A WAY.—A young gentleman of immense conceit, with a face much pitted by the smallpox, was discovered admiring himself in the looking-glass by the young lady whom he imagined he had rather smitten. "Yes, Mr. Allcollar-Nobrains, when carved work comes in fashion, I really do think you'll be the handsomest man I ever saw in my life."

BETTER BE ON THE SAFE SIDE.—When cycling up a fairly steep incline in Sussex some time ago, I overtook an old countryman, working for all he was worth on a not too modern tricycle, with but little progress. As I passed him I noticed he had his brake firmly down on his wheel. Thinking he was unaware of this, I called his attention to the fact, when, to my surprise and amusement, he replied: "Oi knows, but I be feared o' the thing goin' backards."

COULD GET OUT AND WALK.—The family of Mr. Torrance were about leaving the town of Strathavon for America. Tibby Torrance, an old maiden sister of Mr. Torrance's, was to accompany them. Before they left some of the neighbours were talking to Tibby about the dangers of the "great deep," when she suddenly exclaimed in a contented tone: "Aweel, aweel, it's been a gey dry summer, and I think the sea'll no' be vera deep!"

STRATEGIC MOVEMENTS.—First Boy: "See here! Didn't I see you running down street yesterday with Bill Bounce after you, wantin' to lick you?" Second Boy: "Y-e-s." "What did you run for?" "I—I was only running so as to get him away from home, so his mother couldn't see him fightin'; but by the time we was out of the sight of his house we got in sight of our house; and then, as my mother would see me if I stopped to hit him, I went in, so as to be out o' temptation."

A SUDDEN ENGAGEMENT.—Man looking for a flat (to friend): "I tell you these landlords are perfect brutes. They seem to think children have no right to live. Every decent apartment I find the agent tells me no children are taken." His Friend: "You come up to our building. No objections there—house full of children. I've five, you know. The third flat is vacant, too. Man and wife moved out last week because there were so many children. Come home with me now and look at it." First Speaker: "H'm, thanks—er—I'm afraid I can't to-night, old man. I just recall an engagement I can't put off."

THE QUEEN DOES NOT RETURN "EMPTIES."—Close to one of the stations at which the Royal train stops on its route to Balmoral, a gentleman possesses some very fine grape-vines. When the Queen arrived at this station on her late visit to the North, this gentleman presented her Majesty with a basket of his famous fruit. The Queen was much impressed by the mark of kindness shown, and wrote an especially nice letter of thanks. Thinking it would please the gardener, the gentleman read the letter to him, and asked him what he thought of it. "Vera nice," remarked the gardener, "but she doan't say nothin' aboot sending the basket back."

ARE DOCTORS USELESS?—The brother of a farm-labourer in County Cork, who was known to be dangerously ill, enters the local undertaker's. "Ah, thin!" exclaimed the undertaker, "is poor Mike dead? The heavens be his bed this night!" "No, glory be to God, an' he's not!" was the astounding reply of Mike's brother. "Faix, thin, what are ye coming to me for? Sure, it was orderin' his coffin I thought ye were up to!" "Begorra! that same is just what I've come for!" "But, man alive, ye say Mike's not dead!" "Ah, sure, didn't the doctor say he couldn't last till mornin', and doesn't the doctor *know well what he gave him?*"

A DANGEROUS HOST.—Jock, who has been staying in Falkirk, met his old chum Wull in Edinburgh, and on being asked how he liked living in Fa'kirk, said: "Man Wull, it's champion! Ye ken I've mairret since I left Edinburgh, an' got a nice wee hoose an' gairden in the ootskirts—it's quiet. I've bocht a pair o' boxin'-gloves, an' often hae a roond wi' some o' the lads frae the toon. Ye should come doon. Come doon frae Saturday tae Monday, an' I'll knock the face aff ye! I ken ye'll enjoy yersel'!"

WHY HIS DOG WAS LIKE A FISH.—A boy's fishing-rod was fastened to the root of a tree on the river bank, and he was sitting in the sun playing with his dog, idling the time away. He had been fishing all day and caught absolutely nothing. "Fishing?" inquired a man passing. "Yes," answered the boy. "Nice dog you have there; what is his name?" "Fish," replied the boy. "Fish? That's a queer name for a dog. What did you call him that for?" "'Cause he won't bite." Then the man proceeded on his way.

SHE KNEW IT ALL.—Smith and his wife were discussing the drama, art, and kindred subjects. Mrs. Smith declared she knew every bit as much about the theatre as she did about cooking and other household affairs. Her husband agreed with her to avoid argument. Recently he remarked: "Rosa Bonheur was a masculine-looking woman, wasn't she?" "What play did we see her in?" asked his wife, innocently. "You never saw her in any play," savagely replied Smith; "you are thinking of David Garrick, who played the title-rôle in 'Little Lord Fauntleroy,' last winter."

CRICKET MAD.—In a certain Lancashire coal-mine, where gun-powder is used for blasting purposes, it is the rule when a shot misses fire to leave the place till next day. On the Tuesday morning of the recent Test Match at Manchester a light was applied to a train in the usual manner. No report resulting, all the men went to the surface and made off. The following morning a "gaffer," clearing out the shothole, found it filled solely with dirt—not a grain of powder. He thereupon taxed the pitman who had charged the bore with "making a holiday." "Tha'rt reet, owd lad," coolly answered the collier. "Tha sees, all th' chaps i' this workin' wanted to see th' Australian cricketers, an' we didn't want to be fined for stoppin' off; soo I just rammed that hoil wi' a bag o' dirt!"

ONE WANTING.—A certain well-known doctor in Aberdeen owns a small estate on Deeside. Last week he invited some friends to shoot over it. They came, but unfortunately could find nothing to shoot. Accordingly, the doctor secretly went and bought half a dozen rabbits, and let them loose on his grounds. Next morning he announced to his guests that he had some business in Aberdeen, but that he would see them again in the evening. He hoped they would have better luck in their shooting that day. In the evening the doctor arrived. "Well, what sport have you been having?" "Oh, not so bad, doctor! We've shot five rabbits." "*Five* rabbits!" exclaimed the doctor. "There should have been *six*!"

He (in an argument): "Well thank goodness, I'm not two-faced." She: You ought to be thankful. One face like yours is enough.

WIT AND HUMOUR.

"Doesn't her hair look killing?" "No wonder it's dyed."

"Hear about Wiggins? He is going to marry his cook." "I am not surprised. I have often heard he would rather fight than eat."

Ethel: "Supper is weady, Uncle Don." Uncle John: "You mean breakfast, don't you dear?" Ethel: "'Es, but I tan't say it."

Yeast: "What is a plagiarist?" Crimsonbeak: "Why, he's a fellow who writes your thoughts before you think of them."

"Is your baby intelligent?" "Intelligent! Why, if she wasn't she'd never be able to understand the language my wife talks to her."

Mr. Whitetie: "Won't you give me a kiss, my little man?" Louis (hiding bashfully in mamma's gown): "You do it, mother."

Junior: "So you didn't propose to her after all?" Weed: "No, and I'm got going to. When I got to her house I found her chasing a mouse with a broom."

Judge: "Prisoner, it is your right to challenge the jurymen you object to." Pugilist: "All right, my lord, I reserve the right until after they make their decision."

Miss Homely: "Do you think I ought to permit Jack to kiss me before we are married?" Miss Beauty: "Yes, unless you prefer never to be kissed."

Mother: "What in the world ever possessed you to give Mr. Bingo a shaving set?" Daughter: "He never seems to realise how tender my face is."

He: "I do believe it is the truth, that the more brutal a man is the more you women are attracted by him." She: "Why not? There is lots of glory in bossing a man like that."

Jones: "It's amusing to see those women across the street looking at the bonnets in that window." Brown: "Amusing? Why, that's my wife and daughter!"

Browne: "There is always fire where there is smoke." Towne: "Huh! Guess you never tried to build a fire in the kitchen stove at five o'clock in the morning."

"Isn't he rather fast?" asked the anxious mother. "Yes, mamma, in one sense of the word. I don't think he can get away," replied the dutiful daughter.

Elderly Coquette: "Think of it, uncle, Mr. Schultz kissed me in the dark," Uncle: "To punish him for doing so he will have to kiss you again in broad daylight."

Doctor: "Can you get pure water at your boarding-house?" Patient: "No, not always; I frequently detect just a flavour of coffee in it."

She: "Are you sure you will like married life as well as you do your club?" He: "Oh, yes!" She: "And are you so awfully fond of your club?" He: "Not very!"

If you wish to make yourself a favourite with your neighbours, buy a dog and tie him up in the garden before you go to bed. They won't sleep for thinking of you.

"You really ought to have a better half," said the married man. "The trouble is," returned the bachelor, "that I should have no assurance that she would be content to be but half."

Mrs. Grumpy: "What makes you think that the cook will break her marriage engagement with the policeman?" Mr. Grumpy: "Because the bills show that she is breaking everything she can get near."

Maudie: "And so I refused on the ground that I am too young to marry." Chorus of Maudie's Friends: "Oh, you clever girl! Who else would have have thought of that excuse from you?"

Binks: "Say, old man, do you know of any cure for insomnia?" Jinks: "Counting 1,000 is said to be a remedy." Binks: "Confound it, that's what everybody tells me, but the baby's too young to count."

Bridegroom: "I'm afraid we shall look so happy and contented that everyone will know we are just married." Best Man (consolingly): "Don't worry, old chap, it will only be for a day or two, you know!"

Effie: "Uncle John, are you an authority upon the language of flowers?" Uncle John: "What do you mean—the language employed by the woman who receives them, or by the poor devil who has to pay the bill?"

Japly: "I shouldn't mind getting drunk occasionally but for one thing." Yaply: "What is that?" Japly: "It always gives me the courage to call on the very people that I don't want to have see me in that condition."

Police Inspector: "That new man will never make a detective." Chief: "Why not?" Police Inspector: "There was a twenty-five-pound box of soap stolen from a station cloakroom, and the idiot arrested a tramp for the crime."

"I tell you it takes a burglary to make a man rich." "You mean poor, don't you?" "No, I mean rich." "In what way?" "Well, I have been reading about the value of the goods stolen from Singer's house, and I find he has lost more than he ever had."

Younger Sister: "Why did you tell Mr. Callagain how old I am?" Elder Sister: "You're too young for that to make any difference. Now, it would be different if you were to tell him my age." "Well, I didn't. I only told him you were ten years older than I am."

She: "Do you remember how you said, when you were courting me, that if I would marry you I should have nothing to do all my days but sit around and look pretty? And how different it is now!" He: "Well, it ain't my fault if you can't look pretty any more."

"This ticket," he said to his wife, "says 'Vote for the best man.'" "I do not see how you can do that, dear," said his wife, "when you are not running." And then he put his arm around her, and said: "If it's a new hat you want, Molly, just get it, and send me the bill."

All the world's a stage and all the people are but actors,
As Shakespeare says they are.
And, furthermore, each person in his heart of hearts is
Convinced that he's a star.

She: "When you go to ask papa, the first thing he will do will be to accuse you of seeking my hand merely to become his son-in-law." He: "Yes? And then——" "And then you must agree with him. He's a lot prouder of himself than he is of me."

"Why don't you get dinner?" he asked. "You didn't marry a cook," she replied, simply. Time passes. It is now the dead of night, and muffled footfalls are heard. "Why don't you go and drive the burglars away?" "You didn't marry a policeman," he said.

"It is only right that I should tell you," she said, that father has lost all." "Not all," he exclaimed. "Yes, all," she asserted. "No," he said firmly, "not all. You are still left to him. I could not be so cruel as to add to his misfortunes. Tell him—tell him from me that my generosity impels me to leave him what little lies in my power."

"O-o-only!"—A man who stammered badly went to an institute where such cases were a speciality. His infirmity was so bad that even the expert in charge was astonished, and finally could restrain himself no longer. "Heavens alive, my good man," he exclaimed, "do you always stammer like that?" "O-o-o-o-oh, n-n-n-no," gasped the visitor—"o-o-only when I t-t-t-talk!"

A man who positively made meanness a study, when travelling, as he often did, would keep railway porters busily attending to his luggage, and then purposely defer the expected "tip" till the starting of the train made its payment impossible. One morning however he met with a porter whom he had treated in this way more than once before, and when the traveller said, as the train gave a lurch forward, "Dear, dear, I am so sorry—I quite forgot to get change," the porter drily retorted, "And I am rale sorry, too, sir! I quite forgot about that broon portmantay of yours! It's lying on the platform yet!"

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METHODIST AGGRESSIVE MOVEMENT.

In connection with the special evangelistic efforts being put forth by the Wesleyan Methodist Church in the Leeds district, the Rev. Henry Curnow and Rev. A. B. Sackett, visited Rothwell on Wednesday, by invitation, and greatly encouraged and stimulated those who were favoured in being present.

In the afternoon, the Rev. H. Curnow preached a most helpful and original sermon on the words "Be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." The main ideas were the value, the importance of being firm, steadfast, four-square, unmoveable; the blessedness of abounding in good works; and the necessity of doing all in God's name, assured of the great reward hereafter.

After a social cup of tea, a meeting was held in the chapel, under the presidency of the Rev. S. Arnold. After devotional services led by the Rev. W. Salisbury, Mr. Arnold gave a clear and earnest, but fine-spirited speech on the 'Movement' in the Leeds District for the general advance of spiritual aggression, and an exhortation to Rothwell Methodists to enter heartily into it. The Rev. A. B. Sackett followed, citing instances which had come under his own observation of the power of genuine prayer, and more fully explaining the object and extent of the evangelistic effort now being made to secure a large increase of members. The Rev. H. Curnow's speech was a great treat, and still further raised the high spiritual tone of the meeting, greatly encouraging all present, and leaving what it is hoped may be permanently beneficial results.

OUZLEWELL GREEN.

On Sunday last, Mr. W. Denton preached two excellent sermons at Ouzlewell Green chapel on behalf of the Foreign Missions, and last night a capital little meeting was held, under the presidency of Mr. W. Stephenson. The chairman, the Rev. S. Arnold, and Mr. A. J. Goldthorpe delivered speeches on the above subject, and the collections taken were considerably above last years'.

TIT-BITS.

THE BOY GUESSED RIGHT.—"My friends were the average man to turn and look himself squarely in the eyes, and ask himself what he really needed most, what would be the reply?" "A rubber neck!" shouted the perecocious urchin from the rear of the room.

THE BABY ITS OWN THERMOMETER.—"I wish, Susan, that when you give baby a bath you would use the thermometer so as to ascertain whether the water is at the proper temperature." "Oh, don't you worrit about that, ma'am, I don't need no 'mometers. If the little 'un turns red, the water's too hot; if it turns blue, it's too cold; and that's all there is about it!"

THE VALUE OF A HUMP.—"Can you tell me, my friend," said the gentleman to the showman, "what the hump on that camel's back is for?" "What's it for?" "Yes, of what value is it?" "Well, it's lots of value. The camel wouldn't be no good without it." "Why not?" "Why not? Yer don't suppose people 'ud pay sixpence to see a camel without a hump do yer?"

A SMILE ON THE FACE OF THE TIGER.—A menagerie recently paid a visit to Accrington and amongst the cages of animals exhibited was a heterogeneous group labelled "The Happy Family," consisting of a lion, a tiger, a wolf, and a lamb. When the keeper was asked confidentially how long a time these animals had really lived together, he answered: "About ten months—but the lamb has to be renewed occasionally."

THE IRON COW.—A farmer near to the village in which I reside had been fortunate with his cows, and had received a good supply of milk from them. One morning he told his servant to give each cow an extra turnip. Going out a little while after, he saw two turnips lying under the pump. On questioning the servant about it, the fellow replied: "Well, maister, pump's been our best cow this summer."

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COMING EVENTS REGISTER

The proprietors of this journal have now opened a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

Nov. 10—Dr. Buck's Concert in the Mechanics'.
Nov. 15—Dramatic Performance at Harold Hall, Oulton, by the Rothwell Amateur Dramatic Society.
Nov 22 & 23—Rothwell Church Bazaar.
Dec. 7 & 8—Rothwell Mechanics' Institute Second Annual Reception.
Dec. 26—Rothwell Working Man's Club Annual Ball
Jan. 30, 1900—Rev. J. Arthur Alderson's Second Grand Evening Concert

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GRAND
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At ROTHWELL,
On FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10th,
In aid of the above Institution.

The programme will include the following Artistes:
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MRS. PERCY ROBINSON,
MRS. A. CHRISTIE,
MR. T. J. HOGGETT, (Mus Bac. F.R.C.O.)
MR. E. STEAD, (Late Peterboro' Cathedral),
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DEATHS.

EDWARDS—Nov. 9th, aged 11 months, Allan, son of Henry Edwards, Rothwell.
HARGREAVES—Nov. 3rd, aged 3 years, Willie, son of John William Hargreaves, Rothwell.
HARGREAVES—Nov. 5th, aged 5 years, Ada, daughter of John William Hargreaves, Rothwell.
IDLE—Nov. 7th, aged 58 years, Harriet, wife of John Idle, Rothwell.
KILBURN—Nov. 8th, aged 6years, Lily, daughter of Alfred Kilburn, Rothwell.
SHURMER—Nov. 7th, aged 4 months, Lilian May, daughter of Raymond James Shurmer, Rothwell.

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Friday, November 10, 1899.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A monthly meeting of the above Council was held on Wednesday night, in the Council Chamber, Councillor G. Armitage presiding. There were also present Councillors J. Abbishaw (vice-chair), W. W. Harrison, J. W. Bulmer, J. Stead, T. Pawson Whiteley, W. Hargreaves, J. Oliver, B. Taylor, J. Hargreaves, J. Smith, with the deputy clerk (Mr. M. Barret), medical officer, (Dr. Stevenson), surveyor (Mr. J. T. Pears), collectors (Mr. A. and Mr. B. Marshall), nuisance inspector (Mr. R. R. Jones), and assistant clerk (Mr. Wilkinson).

HIGHWAYS.

At a meeting of the above Committee it was agreed that permission of the County Council be asked for the laying of some paving at Lofthouse and flagging at Stourton. The attention of the East and West Yorkshire Railway Company was ordered to be called to the encroachment of a fence at Royds Green, and the Great Northern Railway Company was to be notified that on Monday next they would commence the repair of the road under their bridge on the Lofthouse and Wakefield road, and charge the company with the cost. Mr. W. Smith offered to build a fence to his property in Meynel Avenue, if the Council would find the bricks. It was decided that all owners with property abutting on the road should erect the boundary walls themselves. It was arranged that a portion of Wood Lane should be covered with black dross.

Mr. J. Hargreaves proposed the confirmation of the minutes, and in doing so pointed out that there were one or two accounts in dispute with the County Council. One of these was for the repair of the bridge on the Leeds and Pontefract Road, which, twelve or eighteen months ago had got into a bad state, and was repaired by the Committee. The County Council had objected to this expenditure, but he thought if there had been any cause for objection it should have been pointed out before such a long lapse of time.

The question of the encroachment in Bullock Lane by the Midland Company was in the hands of the Company's engineer and the surveyor. A letter was read from the Midland Company's engineer, pointing out that the matter was receiving their attention, and expressing the opinion that when the work was completed, the Council would have no cause for complaints.

Mr. Hargreaves also pointed out that the Great Northern Company had moved in the matter of the repair of the road under their bridge on the Leeds and Wakefield Road, and had now a quantity of material on the spot.

Mr. Stead asked if the Committee could not arrange for having Gillett Lane swept on Saturday nights, as a large quantity of refuse collected in that locality when a westerly wind prevailed.

Mr. Hargreaves said the matter should be attended to.

With regard to the Bullock Lane encroachment, it was arranged that the Chairman of the Highways Committee, along with the Surveyor, meet the Railway Company's engineer on the spot, and make satisfactory arrangements with him as regards the abutment walls.

In answer to a question as to the byelaws for the regulation of hackney carriages, which had been ordered to be forwarded to the Local Government Board for approval, the Clerk said he knew nothing about them, but would make enquiries, and have them forwarded if they had not already been sent up.

SANITATION:—THE DRAINAGE OF OUTLYING DISTRICTS.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Committee it was agreed that a letter be written to Mr. Hoyle asking why the work promised to be done had not already been commenced.

On account of an outbreak of measles the day schools had been ordered to be closed. An Act of Parliament dealing with tuberculosis having been adopted in 1895, it was ordered that the same be put into force throughout the district.

The tender of Mr. Clarkson of £32 13s 8d for the work in connection with the Bowling Green sewer, was accepted.

The Committee also recommended the Council to apply for power to borrow £2577 10s 5d for the carrying out of several drainage extensions, which include the proposed laying of a sewer from John o'Gaunt's down to the bottom of Abraham's Hill; the laying of a sewer down West Parade, Commercial Street; extensions of the sewer at Ouzlewell Green and Carlton; the treatment of the sewage at Low Royds Green; the drainage of the new workhouse at Rothwell Haigh; the taking away of the sewage matter at other isolated parts of the Council's district.

Mr. W. Hargreaves in proposing the confirmation of the minutes, said that all the members would be aware that certain isolated portion of the Council's district were entirely without means of having the drainage matter removed from them. In most instances it was only a question of connecting these out-lying properties with the existing sewers, and as the Council would have to approach the Local Government Board for money to complete the Lemonroyd works, it was thought that these extensions could best be carried out with a loan, instead of taking the cost out of the current rate. They were £550 short for completing the Lemonroyd scheme, including engineer's charges; the extensions were estimated to cost £1977 10s 5d, so that the Committee asked that a loan of £2577 10s 5d be applied for.

Mr. Abbishaw seconded the confirmation of the minutes.

Mr. Oliver asked if the Committee had considered the drainage of the Carr Lane and Old Engine district.

Mr. Hargreaves said it had been under consideration, and the best way of dealing with it was thought to be by putting down small outfall works near the plant of the Midland Railway.

Mr. Oliver said he thought it might have been got into the Wakefield road sewer, but Mr. Hargreaves was of opinion that such could not be done without pumping.

Mr. J. Hargreaves and Mr. Taylor also expressed an opinion that £445 for the drainage of John O Gaunt's was a large figure, considering the rateable value of the property involved. They, however, admitted that if the Isolation hospital was erected in that district, the expense would not be so disproportionate.

The minutes were approved, Mr. Hargreaves promising that Carr Lane and Old Engine drainage should be gone into.

HEALTH REPORT.

The Medical Officer reported that during the month there had been 29 births (15 females and 14 males), 18 being in Rothwell (10 males and 8 females), and 11 in Lofthouse and Carlton (5 males and 6 females). There had likewise been 12 deaths (7 males and 5 females), 9 being in Rothwell (6 males and 3 females), and 3 in Lofthouse and Carlton (1 male and 2 females). Two cases of typhoid fever had been notified at Ouzlewell Green, 2 cases of diphtheria in Carlton Lane and Mill Hill, and 2 of scarlet fever, both at Stourton. The schools had been closed owing to the measles, which were endemic throughout the district. No death from the disease had occurred as yet.

LAMPS AND GAS.

At a meeting of the above it was reported that the Great Northern Railway were prepared to replace the lamp in Springfield Street Stourton, but they did not think they should be called upon to pay for the cost of lighting same. It was agreed that the company be notified that if any damage occurs in consequence of the lamp not being lighted, the Railway Company will be held responsible. The disputed account of the Rothwell Gas Company had been settled, less £2 9s 0d.

The minutes were confirmed.

BUILDINGS.

At a meeting of the Building Committee, Mr. W. Sykes' plans for laying out street in Carlton Lane were rejected, not being in accordance with the bye-laws. Messrs. G. Armitage & Sons' plans for 10 houses at Thorpe, Mr. R. Fox's plans for stable and harness room in Meynell Avenue, Mr. T. Dobson's for 2 houses at Stourton, and Mr. Calverley's plans for farm buildings and wash house at Cooper's Farm, Royds Green, were approved. Messrs. G. Armitage & Sons' plans for a detached house at Thorpe were approved, subject to an iron girder or support wall being thrown across. Mrs. Wright's plans for six houses and detached house at Ouzlewell Green were approved subject to, a 12 feet back road being left, and to block plan being furnished. The necessary legal notice was ordered to be served on Mr. Squire Marshall to remedy dangerous roof on his property in Commercial Street. The Committee also decided that Messrs. Fawcett & Mathers be notified that in future building in Queen Street, Stourton, a twelve foot street must be left at the back for the removal of night soil.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the motion of Mr. Taylor a rate at 1s 6d in the £ was laid for the current half-year.

J. H. Drew's wages were raised from 8s to 10s per week.

Mrs. Oliver, of Carlton, wrote thanking the Council for the resolution of sympathy passed at the previous meeting.

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION CLASSES.

The results of the examination held in May, of persons attending the above classes under the auspices of the Mechanics' Institute, are as follows:—Building construction: Subject III—Sydney Lockwood 1st., John H. Lamb 2nd., George Armitage 2nd. Geometrical drawing:—Art, Subject I A.—The following "Passed":—John H. Lamb, Sydney Milner, Wilfred Webster, Ethelbert Howroyd, Albert Morton, George Armitage, Robin Hood.

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ROTHWELL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

The adjourned meeting of the above Board was held on Friday evening last, in the Rothwell Board-room, present:—Messrs. A. Batty (chairman), J. Elstob, J. Butterick, W. Lunn, Rev. J. A. Alderson, and the clerk (Mr. Marshall) and attendance officer (Mr. Denton).

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Clerk reported to the Board that an order had been issued (with the knowledge of the Chairman and himself) by the District Council, being the Sanitary Authority for the district, declaring that the Rothwell Board and Rothwell Church Schools be closed from November 3rd. to November 27th., owing to an outbreak of measles in the town. From the report of the attendance officer it was apparent that the disease had become very prevalent, and the attendance has rapidly diminished in consequence.

On the motion of Mr. Butterick and Mr. Lunn, the Clerk was instructed to approach the Wesleyan Sunday School authorities, suggesting the propriety of discontinuing the Sunday School meetings during the above period. The members present thought this would also be agreed to by the Church and Primitive Sunday Schools.

At the last meeting of the Board a letter was read from the Managers of the Church Schools, drawing serious attention to the irregular attendance of the scholars, and urging the need for more drastic measures to secure better results. Figures were given shewing the possible and actual number of children attending during June, July, and August, showing that every school meeting there were no fewer than 60 children absent out of about 500 children. The Board decided that similar returns should be obtained from the Rothwell and Rothwell Haigh Schools, and then that the whole matter be gone into. The completed figures for June, July, and August are as follows:—

	Rothwell Haigh.	Rothwell Board.	Rothwell National
Possible attendance	38336	34331	35152
Actual "	32754	30927	31287
Absent	5582	3404	3865

Children between 5 and 7 years of age.

	Infants.	Infants.	Infants
Possible attendance	19440	10710	13728
Actual "	14817	9426	11288
Absent	4623	1284	2440

The subject was discussed for some time, and some steps were taken which it is hoped may improve the attendance of certain children, whose parents are mainly to blame for the unsatisfactory returns.

A resolution was unanimously passed, giving authority to the Attendance Officer to take out summonses against parents whose children are habitually absent. It is also anticipated that the Rothwell police business having been transferred to Leeds, the action of the School Board against neglectful parents will be more vigorously supported by the magistrates.

The Attendance Officer further reported on a number of children whose homes are in Hunslet, but who are registered as scholars in the Rothwell Haigh Schools, and respecting whose attendance there is great dissatisfaction. He stated that he had several times drawn the attention of the Leeds Attendance Officer to the cases, but there seemed to be no improvement. It was resolved that the Clerk write to the Clerk to the Leeds School Board, with a view to having this matter attended to.

ATTENDANCE OF TEACHERS.

A return having been asked for of the dates and reasons for teachers being absent during the year ending September 30th., the Clerk read a statement shewing these particulars as regards every teacher under the Board, and the members of the Board expressed their satisfaction with the statement.

TEACHERS.

There were several replies to an advertisement for an assistant in Miss Kirkby's place, the result being the appointment of Miss K. Holdsworth, of Mexbro', at £47 10s per annum.

The July examination for certificates has given Mr. H. White a place in the second class in both divisions, thus entitling him to superintend pupil teachers.

FINANCE.

The Clerk produced the Mortgage Deed for the loan of £2000 from the Public Works Loan Commissioners, for building the new Infants' School at Rothwell, and alterations in the present premises. The money is lent at 2¾ per cent, and is repayable in 29 years. On the motion of Mr. Butterick and the Rev. J. A. Alderson, it was resolved that the Deed and the Treasurer's Certificate for £2000 be signed and sealed by the Chairman on behalf of the Board.

On the motion of the Rev. J. A. Alderson, seconded by Mr. Batty, the following accounts were also ordered to be paid:—

	£	s.	d.
Arnold & Son	1	4	6
S. Grant..	4	19	9
Bean & Son	5	0	7
C. Ineson	1	6	10
S. Tuley..	2	11	0
J. & J. Charlesworth	3	18	0
Illingworth, Ingham & Co.	2	19	3
Baines & Sons, Limited	1	18	0
W. S Latham	1	0	0

SOCIALS AT STOURTON.

The Chairman drew attention to the fact that the schools at Stourton were being used for purposes and at hours not contemplated by the Board, and especially remarked on the fact that 'Socials' were publicly advertised to be held on Saturday nights up to 12 o'clock; he wished to know what chance there was of the caretaker getting the place closed before Sunday morning. He thought that the School Board, as the educational authority for the district ought not to allow such occurrences to take place. The other members fully supported the Chairman's remarks and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of the Chairman and Mr. Butterick, that all socials, etc., on Saturday nights close at 11 o'clock.

THE NEW SCHOOLS.

Mr. Richardson, the architect, attended, and produced plans and estimates for the heating apparatus required for the new Infants' School. It had been found, he said, that the present boiler is not large enough to work the heating apparatus for the old buildings and the new, and it had therefore been necessary to include the cost of a new one (allowance being made for the old boiler). It was finally resolved to accept the tender of Messrs. Higginbotham & Son, at £118. It was further decided, on the motion of Messrs. Butterick and Elstob that a wooden screen be erected in the Central Hall, as a temporary protection from the weather, during the proposed extension of the present building.

ROTHWELL CRICKET CLUB.

The annual meeting of the above club was held in the National Schools on Monday evening last, only about one dozen members being present, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. Clark.

After the minutes of the last general meeting were read and passed, the secretary, Mr. A. Nickols, read his report, which is as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen—As Honorary and Financial Secretary of the Club, I beg respectfully to submit my report and balance sheet, showing the past season's working of the club. We commenced the season with a balance in hand of £1 1s 8½d. This season the gates have not been so remunerative, chiefly owing to Rothwell losing their second match against East Ardsley in the cup ties; but on the other hand, more money has been received in different ways. Dr. Buck's annual match (if I might be so permitted to call it) realised £4 0s 4d. for the benefit of the club. We are deeply indebted to this gentleman for his valuable services as Captain and Vice-President of the club. He has done much for the club, and I am sure that his assistance is greatly appreciated, and that your Committee thank him sincerely for his sportsmanlike generosity. The players have won more games than they did last year, and there has been more enthusiasm shown in the matches. The bowling has been excellent. In the League Rothwell came well to the front in the average runs per wicket for the season, but is almost at the bottom in the batting averages. It is, however, hoped that better and more consistent batting will be shown during the next year. It will be known that the League has been disbanded and that now ordinary matches will be played during the next season. The League has gained its object, viz., to bring young players to the front, and to secure more spectators. Its disadvantages have been often seen. A victorious team rarely sent more than three or four batsmen to the wicket, and so many a player had no chance of having his innings. The matches have at various times been too keenly contested, and have been the result of much unpleasantness, and the cause for use of improper and insulting language to players, captains, and supporters. The Committee meetings have been badly attended. It was your misfortune to select gentlemen on the Committee who could not attend them, and so it has depended upon a few but willing gentlemen to officiate as your Committee. On more than one occasion your secretary has had to select the team and make all the arrangements for Saturday's match. I hope, however, that this mistake will not occur again, and that gentlemen elected as the Committee will be able to attend the meetings. I have been your secretary for two years, and have always endeavoured to do my duty, and if you are satisfied, then I am amply rewarded. I wish to state, however, that I shall not accept the office of secretary for another season if I should be selected for the honorable position. I am pleased to realise that during my two years of office the club has had a balance in hand each season. This proves that a cricket club can be successfully carried on, and I hope that the club will always have a balance in hand, and that the balance will increase yearly. The expenses of the club have certainly been remarkably small, which no doubt accounts for the balance. I sincerely thank all gentlemen who have assisted me in my duties, and I hope that such help will be given to my successor.

The year commenced with a balance in hand of £1 1s 8½d; Subscriptions from honorary members amount to £2 15s 0d; subscriptions, President and Vice-Presidents £8 17s 0d; subscriptions, members £10 5s 6d; gate proceeds £6 3s 9½d; balance from Buck's benefit match £4 0s 4d; waggonette fares from members £3 13s 0d; sundry receipts £9 3s 6d; total receipts £45 19s 6d. The expenses are for waggonettes £5 17 0d; umpires' and scorers' expenses £2 9s 0d; one year's rent (due August 2nd, 1899) £12; rates and taxes £2 5s 10d; league and cup tie expenses £1 14s 6d; groundsman £6 10s; cricket material £5 10s 6d; Mr. C. Ineson's account £1 10s 0d; purchase of horse £1; secretary's expenses £1 1s 0d; secretary's commission £1 2s 0d; sundry accounts under 10s £1 7s 11d; total £42 7s 9d, leaving a balance in hand of £3 11s 7d.

On the proposition of Mr. A. E. Baines, seconded by Mr. A. Sunderland, the report and balance sheet were adopted.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. R. N. Lunn, seconded a vote of thanks to the retiring officers.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, J. S. Calverley Esq.; corresponding secretary, Mr. R. N. Lunn; financial secretary, Mr. A. Nickols; treasurer, Mr. A. Sunderland; committee, Messrs. W. Fox, J. W. Smith, H. Brown, A. E. Baines, H. Morgan, H. Clark, W. Bedford, T. Parker and T. Dobson; captain, Dr. Buck; vice-captain, Mr. W. E. Richardson; umpire Mr. J. Milner; scorer, Mr. A. Lunn.

A long discussion took place on recommendations made for the alteration of rules, with a view to awarding prizes for bowling and batting averages. The advisability of letting the lower portion of the ground to the Parish Church Cricket Club was also discussed and agreed to.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

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TIT-BITS.

GOOD EXPERIENCE.—"I hope we shall get on well together, John," said a farmer to a newly-engaged lad. "I hopes as 'ow we shall, zur. I've had a lot to do wi' pigs."

NO WREATHS TO BE SENT.—"Oh, George dear, I put that beautiful pie I made this morning on the widow-ledge to cool, and a horrid tramp has stolen it!" "Serves him right!"

WE CONDOLE WITH HIM.—A Frenchman, writing a letter in England to a friend, and looking in the dictionary for the word "preserve," and finding that it meant "to pickle," wrote as follows: "May you and your family be pickled to all eternity!"

PREFERRED TO BE BLIND.—Pat, who is very much addicted to drinking whisky, visits a doctor, owing to failing eyesight. Doctor to Pat: "Pat, you will have to give up drinking whisky, or you will soon be totally blind." Pat: "Well, doctor, here's good-bye to day-loight!"

WHAT HURT.—Young; "I heard that you were run down by a cyclist this morning?" Oldboy: "So I was." Young: "Were you hurt?" Oldboy: "Not until one of the bye-standers said that it was a shame to see an old man knocked down like that."

THE BEST OF BOWLERS.—The following epitaph on a cricketer may be seen in a cemetery near Salisbury:

"I bowled, I struck, I caught, I stopped—
Sure, life's a game of cricket!
I blocked with care, with caution popped,
Yet Death has hit my wicket."

PERHAPS NOT.—Sir John Blundell Maple was the other day approached by a very junior member of his staff, who required an increase in salary from seven shillings to nine shillings per week. "How old are you?" asked Sir John. "Nearly fifteen, sir," answered the boy. "Why, do you know that when I was your age I was only receiving four shillings a week?" "Well, sir, perhaps you wasn't *worth* more!" was the somewhat startling rejoinder. He got his rise.

NO MEAN CRITIC.—The late Sir John Millais, while engaged in painting a landscape on day, noticed a rustic standing by his side gazing attentively at the canvas. Sir John took no notice of his rural critic, who presently inquired: "Did you never try fertography, sir?" "No," replied Millais. "It's much quicker," remarked the rustic. "Yes, it is," rejoined the artist. A few seconds' profound silence followed, and then the son of the soil blurted out: "And it's more like the picture."

A PRINCELY SALARY.—Some years ago the Prince of Wales visited a factory where a great number of men were employed. The Prince asked one of the workmen, who was perfectly ignorant as to who the stranger was who was addressing him: "What wages do the men receive here?" "Well," replied the honest workman respectfully, scratching his head and partially lifting his cap with the same hand, "that depends on what they is. A chap like you would get about eighteen bob a week."

HIS IDEA OF THE PROCESS.—"As I understand it," said the heathen, "you propose to civilise me?" "Exactly so." "You mean to get me out of habits of idleness and teach me to work?" "That is the idea." "And then lead me to simplify my methods, and invent things to make my work lighter?" "Yes." "And next I will become ambitious to get rich, so that I sha'n't have to work at all?" "Naturally." "Well, what's the use of taking such a roundabout way of getting just where I started? I don't have to work now."

ROUGH ON THE CHAMPION.—Dr. W. G. Grace is very fond of telling the following story. On a certain occasion a trusted old servant of his was given a trip to London. She returned much pleased with the sights she had seen. "What pleased you most?" asked the doctor. "Oh, sir, Madame Tussaud's was beautiful." "Then you must have seen me," said the veteran cricketer. "No, that I did not, sir!" "What! Didn't see me? I was there, as large as life." "Well, sir, to tell the truth, it cost sixpence extra to visit the Chamber of Horrors!"

IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.—The day was gala-day at the village of Worstock, and among the many events was included a "pea-race." Every competitor was to produce two dozen peas, and place them in their boots before a committee of umpires. At the appointed time the race commenced, and away hobbled the men. One old fellow, however, did not seem to be affected by the tortures which the peas inflicted on the others, and he coolly walked into the winning goal far in front of the rest. On being complimented by a friend, and asked how he managed to lick so many young sparks, he replied: "Well, you see, I took the precaution to boil them peas!"

WHICH?—An old negro servant in the employ of a Scottish gentleman was fond of fishing. Not long ago he took a day off in pursuit of his favourite amusement. He baited his hook and patiently sat upon the bank of the stream, vainly waiting for a bite. At last, under the influence of the sun, he fell asleep. While our weary angler slept an enormous fish took the bait and pulled him into the stream. Of course, this awakened the old man, and he was overheard to inquire as he floundered about in the water: "For mussy's sake, Toby, am dis niggah a-fishin', or am dis fish a-niggerin'?"

CHARACTER NOT GOOD.—In some rural districts of England there are held annually hiring fairs, where farmers and others attend to engage servants. At one held in Gloucestershire last autumn a farmer opened negotiations with a lad who seemed suitable for his purpose. Various questions having been asked and answered, the farmer inquired at last: "Hast got a character from thy last place?" "No," replied the boy; "but my old gaffer be about somewhere, and I can get he to write one." "Very well," was the reply, "thee get it and meet I here again at four o'clock." The time came, so did the farmer and the boy. "Hast got thy character?" was the query. The answer came short and sharp: "No; but I ha' got thine, and I bean't a-coming."

ONE FOR THE COLONEL. — A lady of my acquaintance was giving an afternoon tea-party, to which she had invited several of her intimate friends. The guests were making much of the little daughter of the hostess, a pretty child of four years old, when the door opened and the butler announced "Colonel Stringer." No sooner had the Colonel entered the room, than he absorbed the whole conversation, speaking incessantly of himself and his doings, allowing no one else time to put in a word. Presently the child, who had been staring at the colonel for some time, turned to her mother and said: "Now, muvver, you say someting!"

OUT OF THE PAN INTO THE FIRE.—At a dinner which was given in honour of a Colonial visitor last year, a young man, whose chief claim to distinction seemed to be the height of his collar and an eyeglass, said to a stranger who was near him: "Beastly nuisance, isn't it? Spoke to that fellow over there—took him for a gentleman—and found he had a ribbon in his coat; some confounded head-waiter, I suppose?" "Oh, no," replied the other; "that is the guest of the evening." "Hang it all, now, is it?" said the other. "Look here, old fellow, as you know everybody, would you mind sitting next to me at dinner and telling me who everyone is?" "I should like to very much," replied the other; "but, you see, I can't—I'm the confounded head-waiter!"

A BIG HIT.—Some time ago a cricket-match was played on a tableland with a fairly steep incline on each side. One of the batsmen, with a powerful hit, just made the ball reach the edge, and then roll over until it fell to the bottom of the hill. All the fielders were engaged on the side of the hill, at distances of about fifty yards, in throwing it up. When the ball reached the top man he threw it to the wicket-keeper, who was not in his proper place, but who managed to get the ball, and, as the batsmen happened at the time to be midway between the wickets, he made a huge shy at the wicket, and just missed it, with the result that the ball repeated its tricks on the other side. By the time the ball had come up the second time sixty-four runs had been added.

No doubt every cloud has a silver lining, but some people are never satisfied with anything less than gold.

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting of this Council was held at Hunslet, on Wednesday last. Mr. J. Farrer (chairman), presided, all the members being present, along with the clerk (Mr. Pindar), and medical officer (Dr. Buck).

The minutes of last meeting were passed.

The Committee appointed at last meeting to inspect the dairies and cowsheds in the district, gave a satisfactory report of their visit to Temple Newsam and Thorpe Stapleton.

A circular was read from the County Council on tuberculosis in milk, offering free analysis of samples sent by Sanitary Authorities, and stating the manner of getting samples.

There were 8 applicants for the position of turncock for Oulton, Woodlesford, and Middleton, ranging in age from 55 to 24, and wage from 30s to 20s. The local men, Harry Peel, Oulton, and James Beston, Rothwell, ran a very close race, the wage being £1 in both cases. Eventually, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, Harry Peel was unanimously elected to the vacant post. On the motion of Messrs. Fryer and Knight, Nathan Hoyle, the turncock for the Temple Newsam end of the district, had his wage raised to £1, to make him equal with the newly-appointed man.

Tenders for scavenging for three years were accepted as follows:—Oulton and Woodlesford, Mr. J. Greaves, £85; Whitkirk, Colton, Halton, Newsam Green, and Thorpe Stapleton, Mr. J. Pease, £154; the Middleton township was left over for a month.

Dr. Buck reported that in consequence of an outbreak of measles at Halton, the day schools had been closed from October 13th. to November 6th., on his recommendation. The attendance at the schools was now satisfactory; no deaths had occurred from the epidemic.

A case of overcrowding at Halton was reported, the father, mother and 9 children, living in a house consisting of the living room, scullery, and two bedrooms. Notice to abate the nuisance is to be served.

Other formal business of no public interest was transacted.

ROTHWELL WESLEY GUILD.

One of the principal features in the constitution of the Wesley Guild is the Devotional Meeting, held once a month, and if carried out properly, may be made most interesting. The Rothwell Branch held their first meeting of this description on Friday evening last, there was a good number present and the Rev. S. Arnold conducted the proceedings. After devotional exercises, the Chairman announced that three addresses or papers, on "Old Testament Characters," would be given by three young lady officers of the Guild. He then called on Miss Minnie Walker (roll secretary), to give a paper on "Hezekiah." This was a very beautiful and well-written description of some of the principal incidents in the life of this Old Testament worthy, and Miss Walker heartily merited the commendation which was expressed in the applause accorded her. Miss Batty (the secretary of the Literary and Tract Distribution Sections), was next called on, and quite equalled the previous essayist in her life of "Moses," many of the well-known events in the life of the Leader of Israel were touched on and shown up in their best light, a recital of that beautiful poem "The burial of Moses," concluding a thoughtful and well-read paper; her efforts were greatly appreciated. The third and last paper was on "Jonah," by Mrs. T. Young (vice-president of the Tract Distribution Section), and was attentively listened to throughout. This was, perhaps, more of an address than either of the others, and the speaker proved herself well able to deal with the subject in hand, her application of Jonah's failings to the present-day Christian's life was very beneficial, the thanks accorded her were well deserved. The roll call of 83 names (several have joined since), was then read, many of the members answering with a passage of scripture containing the word "Faith," which was the key-word for the evening. The renewal of pledges on knees was most impressive, the different classes of members repeating their separate pledge in unison; this must have had a deeply spiritual effect on all who participated. Prayers were offered by Mr. A. J. Goldthorpe and Mr. J. Morton. A most interesting and profitable meeting of devotion and prayer was brought to a close with the benediction.

A very promising little String Band has been formed in connection with the Guild. Mr. S. Morton is the conductor, and his forces now number 13 players, including 9 men and 4 ladies; no doubt the secretary (Mr. Louis Ward.) will be glad to hear of any others who wish to join this new venture.

We regret to learn that in the long list of names published last week as subscribers to the new Wesleyan School building fund, that of Mr. T. Baxter for a guinea was omitted; also that Miss Ellen Batty was placed among the half-guinea brick-layers instead of with the guinea gifts.

DANCE AT STOURTON.

On Saturday last, a grand Cinderella Dance promoted by Percil Bros., was held in the Central Hall, Board Schools, Stourton. There was a good attendance, the duties of M.C's were carried out by Messrs. E. Keightley and W. Cosway, and Mr. C. Milner supplied the music. The following were the dances—waltz, quadrille, schottische, lancers, Berlin polka, Balmoral schottische, quadrille, barn dance, mazurka, waltz cotillion, schottische, lancers, waltz, Gordon schottische, Berlin polka, quadrille, schottische, la favourite, lancers and waltz.

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FOOTBALL

ASSOCIATION.

OULTON ST. JOHN'S V. FEATHERSTONE UNITED.

This match was played on Oulton Green, on Saturday, and represented the first round of the Leeds Hospital Cup Competition. It was the second appearance of Featherstone at Oulton this season, who succeeded in carrying away two points to the credit of their League account as a result of the first encounter. The Oultonians felt a little more confidence in the result of Saturday's game, after considering that Hartley, Dobson, Wright, Kershaw and Barker were filling the respective positions of Higgins, O. Inman, Bedford, Hullah, and Hutchinson. Featherstone were represented by practically the same team as before, and winning the toss, chose to play up the slope. Page started the game, and the homesters were quickly in evidence, and the first quarter of an hour was a literal bombardment of the Featherstone citadel. Wright centred beautifully and Barker shot in, but the attempt was frustrated. Kershaw and Wright got away, and the former running well down, screwed in from a very difficult angle, and a good goal put the Owls in front. Page was next prominent by head work, and Kershaw again shot beautifully, and an excellent attempt was disposed of more by good luck than management. This brilliant start was very encouraging until Owen on the left for the visitors, raked in a long shot, which Hartley, with plenty of time to dispose of easily—fumbled—but very creditably retrieved this error by laying down and scooping the ball outside the upright, giving a corner which was however unfruitful. It now appeared as if the Owls had expended their first wind, and had a difficulty in obtaining their second for their attack dwindled down considerably, and by powerful and finely well-judged kicking, the visitors seemed to like the vicinity of the home department, and that benevolent and stubborn President over the army of the Owls, seeing an ugly shot made at his charge, put out his arm in defiance thereof, but the powers that be, in the shape of Mr. Cham—I mean Waterhouse—rather a different person when decisive judgment is required—ordered that his side should pay the penalty for such an ultimatum, and Corporal Owen, of the 1st Featherstones, taking the shot, beat Hartley without difficulty. The homesters rallied pluckily and only a few minutes had gone by before they were rewarded by a penalty kick necessitated by a foul charge depriving Barker of the ball near the corner flag. Raybould was entrusted with the opportunity for again putting his side in front, and after some considerable arranging of the players behind an imaginary 18 yards line (which according to the rules should always be marked for such a purpose) the homesters were delighted to find their sharpshooters had hit the coveted mark only to be brought down again from their exaltation to some further anxiety, for Mr. Waterhouse ordered the kick to be taken again for the ostensible reason of one of the defending side having over-stepped the line, which in my humble estimation is rather a shallow ruling and entirely against the spirit of the law; for anyone of the defenders could thereby prolong the decision of the point indefinitely, especially when one considers that a penalty has a happy knack of often missing. However, Raybould made no mistake, and the second shot counted one to the Owls; half-time arriving with the score—Oulton 2, Featherstone 1. The second half commenced with increased excitement, and it was felt the homesters would have a hard task to save the game, as the lead of one goal after playing down the slope was insufficient to calculate on a win. Featherstone reorganised their forwards, Owen, going from outside left, where he had played a brilliant game, to centre, and it was not long before the equaliser came, but in an altogether different manner than expected. The ball was passed to the visitors' outside right, who was lying within a yard or two of the goal line, and he, shooting through at an almost impossible angle, had the satisfaction to his own and everyone else's astonishment, of being awarded the point. Then it became evident that the referee's sight was imperfect in the growing dusk, and numerous instances cropped up in proof thereof. The fact becoming apparent to the players, shady football was the result, and a pleasant game utterly spoilt through inability to detect the offences. The game was shortly afterwards stopped on account of an accident to Wright, who had received a severe blow on the head, and the rest of the game, the Owls were without his valuable services. It was quite expected the visitors would now overpower the homesters, but the latter took a new lease of life and a stubborn defence by the backs, and determined saves by Hartley required tremendous efforts by Featherstone before their charge was lowered. Mosley having come forward, took a long shot, which dropped in the corner out of reach. The homesters were by no means beaten yet, and Raybould, who had been very conspicuous by excellent resource, shot hard and true, only to see the ball turned outside in the luckiest manner possible. Vigorous efforts by Kershaw, Page and Murtland, were not successful in saving the game, which was undoubtedly lost through the accident to Wright, without considering a certain goal scored during the afternoon. It was an excellent game in many respects, and satisfactory to everyone but the referee, who will no doubt acknowledge the force of my remarks, if not the suggestion I would in kindness make, viz:—to reserve his many excellent administrative powers to committee work. Turning to a criticism of the play of the Owls, one point was very prominent, and that was their omission of strengthening a weak place, a little study of which might easily have turned the tables. I refer to the non-feeding of their left wing, when the right was crippled; instead of relieving their broken wing by flying with the other, all the more work was given and expected of that unfortunate limb. Of the two custodians, Hartley had naturally most to do, and with the exception of the mull I have referred to, performed very creditably, and in strange contrast to his rival saved brilliantly at times without knowing it, and being decidedly favoured by fortune in his very elementary manner of dealing with the majority of his work. Butterick played an excellent game, and appears to possess more mental control than his captain, who invariably spoils his game when care is thrown aside to make room for wild and aimless excitement. The halves were a sound line, Raybould standing out only very slightly in front of Bell and Dobson; brooking criticism by the way, he often left Owen a clear course in the first half. Kershaw was prominent all through, and is a great acquisition, whilst his partner, Wright, until his accident, completed an excellent wing. Page was a success through a deal of hard toiling, and Murtland and Barker were useful and did not shine from want of attention during the second half. The latter is speedy but very little work fell to his lot, and I prefer to reserve criticism of his merits until more acquainted therewith.—CRITICUS.

ROTHWELL WHITE ROSE V. ALTOFTS.

An ordinary fixture between the above teams was played on the Royds Lane enclosure on Saturday last, before a moderate attendance of spectators. Rothwell kicked off towards the town goal, and Altofts came down the field but were driven back by the home defence. Illingworth now had a shot at goal, but it hit the post and rebounded into play. From a scrimmage in front of the Altofts goal, Illingworth scored for the homesters. Rothwell pressed up to half-time, neither side adding to their score. After the re-start, Altofts showed much improvement and had several attempts at goal which proved fruitless. The game was concluded in semi-darkness, and at times became rough, resulting in a win for Rothwell by 1 goal to *nil*. The game throughout was keenly contested, shooting on both sides was very erratic, and the home team did not play up to their usual form.

PONTEFRACT GARRISON V. WOODLESFORD.

This match was played on the ground of the former club, both teams being fairly well represented. The homesters winning the toss had the choice of goals. Playing with the wind Pontefract pressed, but the forwards made a poor show when nearly under the posts. Johnson cleared cleverly. Woodlesford now were playing much better, and after some smart passing among the forwards, Brown scored a splendid goal with a good low shot which completely beat the Garrison custodian, thus drawing first blood, the visitors now had the lead. The soldiers played keen after this, and their efforts were soon rewarded with a goal. Pontefract still had the advantage, and obtained a second goal. Half-time was called with Pontefract 2 goals to Woodlesford 1. After the restart, some good play was witnessed on both sides the back divisions being in good form. Pontefract scored another goal this being the only point scored in the second half. A good game was brought to a close the Garrison team proving the victors with 3 goals to Woodlesford 1 goal.

NORTHERN UNION—SECOND COMPETITION—EAST DIVISION.

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

	Pl	Wn	Lt	Dn	Pts	For G	For T	For P	Against G	Against T	Against P
Kinsley ..	8	6	1	1	13	12	25	99	6	7	33
Normanton	7	5	1	1	11	8	6	34	1	4	14
York	5	5	0	0	10	11	12	56	3	1	9
Alverthorpe	6	4	2	0	8	6	7	33	5	4	22
Featherstone	6	3	2	1	7	7	9	41	7	9	41
Rothwell ..	8	3	5	0	6	4	7	29	12	14	66
Goole	8	2	5	1	5	7	7	35	6	9	39
Pontefract	6	1	3	2	4	3	3	15	8	11	49
Outwood C	8	1	5	2	4	1	3	11	7	11	47
Ossett	5	1	3	1	3	4	2	14	7	7	35
Eastmoor..	7	1	6	1	3	2	4	16	5	12	46

REFEREES FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11.
Ossett v York—Mr. J. Stocks, Morley.
Normanton v Kinsley—
Alverthorpe v Pontefract—Mr. F. Asquith, Outwood.
Goole v Featherstone—Mr. F. Morton, Castleford.
Outwood v Eastmoor—Mr. J. W. Wood, Leeds.
E. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

ROTHWELL v KINSLEY.

The encounter between the above teams was witnessed at Kinsley on Saturday last. The visitors were poorly represented, and consequently suffered a severe defeat by 2 goals, 6 tries (22 points) to *nil*.

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

ASSOCIATION.

At Woodlesford—Woodlesford v Roundhay (Cup Tie)
WOODLESFORD TEAM—Goal, F Parker; backs, D Johnson, A Mirfin; half-backs, W Austerbury, H McWilliam (capt), A Chadwick; forwards, C Taylor, H Mitchell, J Hobson, S Tranmer, F J Ferrett; Reserves, J Wilkinson, F Johnson, W Haigh.

At Purston—Purston United v Rothwell W R 'A.'
WHITE ROSE 'A' TEAM—Goal, W Cromack; backs, S Baber, A Field; half-backs, A Cromack, E Baber, G Tiffany; forwards, C Fox, E Fox, C Ward, J Hargreaves, G Tiffany; Reserves, T Parker, H Hirst.

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"THE NEXT SOCIAL REVOLUTION. THE RE-PEOPLING OF THE LAND."

Under the auspices of the Rothwell Branch of the Leeds Industrial Co-operative Society, a lecture on the above subject was delivered in the Mechanics' Hall, on Wednesday night last, by Mr. Wm. Campbell, of Leeds, Mr. W. Naylor presiding. There was only a moderate attendance. The lecturer said that although the population had increased since 1871 by 28 per cent., the number of agricultural labourers was largely diminished. This, he maintained was injurious, and as a remedy commended the scheme of small holdings, as carried out on the continent, and also by a few landlords in England. He explained the object of the Land Colonization Society, and looked forward to the time when the Co-operative Societies would be able to purchase estates and raise their own corn, etc. A vote of thanks concluded the proceedings.

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ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE OLD SCHOLARS' EFFORT.

As a means of financially assisting the funds of the above place of worship, and of attracting to the services those who in their younger days attended the Primitive school, special services and meetings have been annually organised, those for the present year taking place last Saturday, Sunday and Monday. On the day first named a public tea was provided in the schoolroom to which a large gathering sat down; the trayholders were:—Mrs. Jas. Gibson, Mrs Eli Nicholson, Mrs. G. Bulmer, Miss Strain, Mrs. Strain, Mrs. Ellis, and Mrs. Benton. The proceeds of the tea, together with donations collected by the ladies realised £5 17s 10d. The Rev. J. Arthur Alderson preached the annual sermons on Sunday his subject in the morning being "The man with a gold ring," and at night an exposition of *Wesley's* Hymn "Jesus, lover of my soul," with musical illustrations. In the afternoon a service took place in the chapel, at which the choir rendered an anthem and Mr. A. Kilburn a solo. The Rev. J. A. Alderson delivered a very suitable address the subject of which was "Whispers to wives." The following were half-crown donors or collectors:—Mesdames Alderson, Bramley, Adamson, E. Ward, Rawson, S. Harrison, J. Harrison, R. Bulmer, W. Bulmer, J. Harriman, Milner, T. Ward, Crowther, Webster, Fred Kilburn, J. Lunn, H. Lunn, G. Lunn, Lunn senr., H. Taylor, S. Dobson, T. Dobson, G. Field, J. Ward, J. Gibson, Elliott, L. J. Harris and Mr. Eli Ward. The Sunday's collection realized £5 4s 3d. A coffee supper for the young people on Monday night brought the total raised by this effort to £11 13s 6d, which is far in advance of last year.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, WOODLESFORD.

The dedication festival of the above Church took place on Tuesday last, in the Board Schools. A large company sat down to a well-prepared repast, after which an entertainment took place in the large schoolroom. The Rev. A. J. Irvin, who has just recovered from illness, was present, and in a short speech said the much-needed Parish Room was nearing completion, the roof being expected to be on next week. It would be a very useful meeting place and a great convenience to the various bodies of church workers which had been organised. He also gave a short resumé of church activity in the parish during the past year. The entertainment included recitations by Mr. T. Reed and the Rev. E. H. Dykes; songs by Mr. Higgins ("The Old Garden" and "Queen of the Earth"), Dr. James ("Tommy Atkins"), Miss Enid Grimshaw ("Hush-een" and "Beloved, it is morn"), Mr. L. E. Greenwood ("My Queen" and "To Sylvia"), Mr. Reed ('My first cigar"). Mr. O. Brooks also gave a cinematograph exhibition during the second half of the entertainment. Mr. J Young presided at the piano. Mr. Cleaver acted as secretary to the undertaking, and the proceedings throughout were of a very successful character.

AWAY UP IN THE AIR.

In America they have recently been erecting business buildings from fifteen to twenty-four stories high; and the upper floors rent for almost or quite as much as the lower ones.

The possibility of this is of course due to the development of the lift, or "elevator," as our cousins over there name it. I personally know of one of these tall buildings, in the *twenty-third* story of which there is a fine and flourishing restaurant. I dined up there one summer day last year, and might have tossed a loaf of bread down on the weather vane of the highest church steeple in the city.

But there! It is the lifting machine that does it. Any arrangement that takes us off the earth, without putting us to trouble and exertion, opens a new area of existence. Do you imagine I should have eaten a chop in the twenty-third story of that Tower of Babel if I had been obliged to climb twenty-two long flights of stairs to get there?

Scarcely; for of all the various ways of making a man's legs ache, and taking the breath out of him, climbing stairs beats the band. There is no better test of the elasticity and toughness of the muscles, and of the conditions of one's heart and breathing apparatus.

All of which brings me round to the spot I ought perhaps to have started from — Mrs. Turner and her troubles. She says that for ten years or more she was bothered with indigestion—or dyspepsia, if you care to call it that; it is exactly the same thing. The luxury of a good appetite was to her only a dim and fading memory; she ate as a tired and sleepy sentry walks—only because she had to.

And even then she was punished for it; for after she had taken (most carefully did she select it) a meal of victuals, she was sure to suffer from pain and misery at the stomach, chest, and sides.

"My breathing," she says, "alarmed and worried me quite as much as any of the other symptoms of my complaint. Sometimes it almost seemed as if my breath were going altogether out of my body, as a bird flies out of a cage when the door is left open. I got about on the level fairly well, but when I tried to climb stairs I had to stop and gasp on every step. The effort would set my heart jumping and beating; and I caught mouthfuls of air as you have seen children clutch at bits of down floating through a room.

"In hope of relief I tried one kind of medicine after another, but for years I never had the good fortune to find the right one. I was very, very weak, and did my work only in the half-way fashion that people must do it in who have the will without the power.

"At length I chanced to read in a newspaper about how persons troubled with the same ailment had been entirely cured by Mother Seigel's Syrup after having suffered as much and as long as I had. I began taking it, and the first bottle did me so much good I felt convinced it would help me out. I continued using the Syrup, and in a little time it did for me what the paper said it had done for so many other afflicted ones.

"I became able to eat and digest, and my breathing got to be as free and easy as when I had no disease to depress and half suffocate me. I could go up stairs quickly and lightly as a girl. I slept well and gained strength with every dose of this wonderful remedy. I am now in excellent health and give all the credit to Mother Seigel's Syrup."—(Signed) (Mrs.) MARY TURNER, Ragg Cottage, Alswere, South Molton, March 17, 1899.

"Five years," writes another, "I went through the wretchedness of indigestion. I had pain at the chest and all the other symptoms and consequences of that common and dreadful complaint. Nothing did me any good until I began using Mother Seigel's Syrup. This speedily cured me, and I have never had the trouble since. I know of nothing that is so sure and quick in breaking up a cold as the Syrup."—(Signed) (Mrs.) CHARLOTTE SNODIN, 52, Hunter Street, Northampton, January 24, 1899.

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As the tickets for this concert are practically all taken, there is no need further to push for attendance, but an additional relish may be given by stating that another artiste has kindly promised to be present, Mr. E. Elliott, who is a most accomplished violinist; we congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Buck on their success.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY.

At the weekly meeting of the above held last night, the Rev. J. A. Alderson gave an address on "Eve, the temptress," in which he showed that the subject contained—1, A Sample of the Wisdom of the World.—Some Maxims of the World being—1, That happiness is the end of human existence; 2, That nature is a sufficient source of happiness; 3, That man's chief happiness lies in forbidden objects; 4, That God is what we fancy or desire him to be. All these are fallacies. 2, A Sample of the Qualities of Sin—Which consist of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life; i.e., sensuality, covetousness, and ambition. 3, A Sample of the Result of Sin—It transforms its victims into Satanic incarnations, it reveals its own deceptiveness, but not until it has often worked its own devilish effects. There was a good attendance.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

On Sunday last, Mr. Paul presided, when an address was given by Mr. Anderson, of Leeds. The soloist was Mr. Frank Sheldon, of Stourton, who sang "Abide with Me" (*Liddle*) and "The Golden Pathway" (*Grey*); Mr. T. W. Crossland accompanied.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

Mr. Webber was the essayist at the weekly meeting of the above on Monday last, his subject being "Fractures, and how to treat them," with stretcher exercises. Mr. A. L. Parker presided. The essayist first described the human frame and the constituents of bones, practical illustrations of how to treat injured persons were given. Mr. Webber also showed how to bandage a fractured skull, a broken arm, rib, thigh, etc. The essay was concluded with examples of stretcher exercises. The paper lasted an hour and a half, and was closely followed throughout. A vote of thanks to Mr. Webber was spoken to by Mr. G. Burgess, Mrs. Scott and Mr. R. Tilley. In answer to a general request, Mr. Webber promised to give another branch of the subject in the next half of the session.

ROTHWELL INFIRMARY COMMITTEE.

Mr. Jas. Hargreaves, the treasurer to the above, has this week paid over the following amounts to the Leeds General Infirmary £124 6s 3d; to Women and Children's Hospital £13 16s 3d. The amount of expenses, including the promotion of the three days' demonstration is £126 16s 3d.

NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND.

Next week we purpose giving extracts from a letter sent by our townsman, Mr. Walter Blackburn, who has just arrived at West Port, New Zealand.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Oct. 28th, 1899, is £336; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £271, thus showing increase of £65. For the 17 weeks ending Oct. 28th, the return is £4883, against £4214 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £669.

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COMING EVENTS REGISTER.

The proprietors of this journal have now opened a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

Nov 22 & 23—Rothwell Church Bazaar.
Dec. 7 & 8—Rothwell Mechanics' Institute Second Annual Reception.
Dec. 15—Oulton St. John's F. C. Invitation Ball at Institute, Oulton.
Dec. 26—Rothwell Working Man's Club Annual Ball
Jan. 30, 1900—Rev. J. Arthur Alderson's Second Grand Evening Concert.

ALL COUNTRY PEOPLE should read *The Rural World*, 1d. weekly, which contains articles on Horses, Cattle, the Dairy, Poultry, Bees, Rabbits, Pigs, Gardening, Natural History, Botany of the Farm and Garden, the Home, Foreign and Colonial Intelligence. Answers to Correspondents, etc. It is profusely illustrated, and is, altogether, a *most interesting and instructive farming and country paper*. A good medium for servants requiring situations. The Manager offers to send a specimen copy free. The address is 110 and 111 Strand, London, W.C.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley
Friday, November 17, 1899.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the temporary Board room, Whitehouse Street, Hunslet, Dr. Hawkyard (chairman) presiding. There were also in attendance Mr. Fryer (vice-chairman), Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Woodcock, Rev. M. J. Dillon, Rev. A. J. Irvin, Messrs. Robb, Seddon, Houghton, Knight, Tomlinson, Farrer, Hargreaves, Bamforth, Butterick, Banks, Charlesworth, Houghton, Mr. Kennedy (Her Majesty's Inspector), the clerk (Mr. Mee), Mr. J. H. Morton (the architect for the new workhouse), and the assistant clerk (Mr. Ward).

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved

The number of vagrants relieved during the fortnight, was 199 against 357 during the corresponding period last year, there being 183 men this fortnight against 335, 12 women against 17 and 4 children against 5. The master reported that a concert had been given in the house by Mr. Boden and friends.

THE NEW WORKHOUSE.

A letter from the Local Government was read, which stated that the plans for the new workhouse had been under the careful consideration of the Local Government Board, but before they finally approved of them, they wished the Board to consider several suggestions they had to make. The Board went on to say that having regard to the third recommendation made by the Select Committee on the Cottage Homes Bill, in their report dated July, 1899, the Board would suggest that the proposed new block for imbeciles and epileptics should be omitted from the plans, and not proceeded with for the present. Mr. Kennedy went in detail into the suggested improvements made by his Board. These included more light to some of the rooms, the widening of one of the corridors, the alteration of the position of the nursery and aged couples block, so as to give them a southern aspect, the better ventilation of the scullery departments, &c.

The suggestions were referred to the Building Committee, to consider and decide at their next meeting.

CHILDRENS HOMES.

At a meeting of the above Committee, held on the 13th. inst, tenders for the supply of corduroy trousers for the boys were considered, and that of Mr. J. Turton, of Hunslet, recommended to be accepted at 3s 11d for all sizes. The Clerk stated that there was a tithe rent charge of 15s 8d per annum on the land at the homes, and inquired if the Committee were wishful to redeem it. Agreed that it be redeemed. Two fresh cases of measles were reported in the Homes. The superintendent asked permission to take some of the boys to the Chrysanthemum show at Leeds, and Father Dillon offered to provide tickets for all the boys wishful of going. The offer was thankfully accepted.

The minutes were confirmed on the motion of Messrs. Butterick and Edwards.

THE COMPLAINT AGAINST DR. CLOUGH.
COMPLETE EXONERATION.

It will be remembered that at the last meeting of the Board, Mr. Robb brought to their attention a complaint that had been made to him by relatives of a deceased woman, that Dr. Clough had not attended her for a certain period, and that in consequence of his neglect an inquest had had to be held. It was at that meeting decided that Dr. Clough be asked for an explanation.

The following letter was now read by the clerk:—

Hunslet, November 14th, 1899.

Gentlemen,—Touching the matter of Grace Hebden I was asked to visit and treat her in the early part of last May, about the 13th. I did so, and found her suffering from bronchitis, I attended until the end of the month, and then she being convalescent and expressing a wish to have no more medicine, I ceased my attendance. Nearly three months afterwards (I have no note of the date of death), the friends came to me for the death certificate. Of course so long after my last seeing her, I was unable to give one. As to what was the cause of her death, whether it was sudden or after a long illness, I was in absolute ignorance. After my last seeing her she had been able to walk about in the open air, even coming so far as the Board Offices regarding her pay. I may add that the last medicine I prescribed for her was not fetched. It was written in May. The friends never requested me to see her, nor did she ever come to see me. I had no idea that complaint had been made to the Guardians, until I saw it in the papers, pointed out to me by friends. It would be greatly to my interest as a private practitioner, if in future, complaint about my conduct should be kept out of the press. It is impossible to estimate the damage that the report has done me. I will relate one that occurred on Monday last. A patient of mine who was convalescing, was told by her friend that she ought to change her Doctor, and on being asked why, the only reason she gave was that there was something in the paper about him the other night. However, the patient didn't heed her, but still the reports do seriously handicap one.

Yours truly,
J. CLOUGH,
Medical Officer No. 1 District.

Mr. Robb said this was a matter which affected him personally, and he might point out that before last meeting he had brought a statement of the case to the attention of the Section. In consultation with the Clerk on the subject, he (the Clerk), said the only thing to be done in the matter was to bring it before the full Board. This he did. A month that night, after leaving the Board meeting, a letter was put into his hand, dated the 9th. October, in which it was stated that owing to the doctor's neglect in visiting this woman an inquest had been necessary, owing to no fault of theirs. He asked Mr. Barker, the relieving officer, about the matter, and he said he thought the woman had not been attended for three weeks; the number of days given him (Mr. Robb) was three.

The Clerk said the reason he thought it a matter to be brought before the full Board was that it had not been brought officially before the section.

Mr. Robb continuing said he thought that for Dr. Clough to rush into the press before sending an explanation to the Guardians, was a great injustice to the Guardians, and personally he felt it very keenly. He had merely asked a simple question, and all he wanted was a simple answer, and if that had come nothing more would have been done. He supposed that as a member of the Board he had a perfect right to bring any matter before the Board if any neglect was reported.

Mr. Hargreaves said it was a great pity that this affair had got into the papers at all. The information appeared in the press before the Clerk had time to write to the doctor. Mr. Robb had a perfect right to bring the matter to the attention of the Board, but such questions affecting the character of their medical men should be taken in committee; this would be a lesson to them in the future. The reporters left the last meeting before it concluded, and this tit-bit of information seemed to have been the only business thought to be worth publishing; those interested in the work of the Union had spoken to him about it, and said that if that was all the business they transacted of interest to the ratepayers, he didn't know what they met for. At that meeting, however, thousands of pounds of the ratepayers' money was spent, including a vote of £70 for the local hospital for the treatment of consumptives.

Father Dillon thought Dr. Clough justified in the action he had taken. He thought Mr. Robb ought to have got correct information before bringing it before the Board. The relatives of the woman were to blame in not giving the correct information.

Mr. Edwards: How was Mr. Robb to know whether the information was correct or no. If anybody brought a complaint to me, I should bring it before the Board for them to deal with.

Mr. Robb: Dr. Clough says I should have written to him; I have nothing to do with writing to Dr. Clough, that was the clerk's business. I consider that the statement in the paper is a practical vote of censure on me for bringing the matter before the Board. (Voices: Oh! no, no).

On the motion of Mr. Hargreaves, a resolution was unanimously carried accepting Dr. Clough's explanation, and exonerating him from blame. Embodied in the resolution also was an expression that Mr. Robb in bringing the matter before the Board had acted in good faith, and had only done his duty.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee accounts amounting to £518 6s 3d were passed for payment.

The Rothwell, Hunslet, and Templenewsam calls, had not been paid, and as there was not the minimum balance at the bank, the attention of the respective overseers was to be called to the need for early payment.

In connection with the furnishing of the new offices, only two tenders had been received. Further tenders were ordered to be obtained. The Chairman, Mr. Charlesworth and the Clerk were appointed a Committee with power to purchase lavatories, &c.

Miss L. Foster, of Hunslet, was appointed relief mother at the Homes at a salary of £18 per annum. On the motion of Mr. Butterick, Miss A. Wilson was appointed foster mother at the Homes in place of Mrs. Bland; salary £20.

ROTHWELL WESLEY GUILD.

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the above on Friday evening last, to hear addresses on "Our Home Missions." After devotional exercises the Rev. S. Arnold called on Mr. G. W. Batty to give an address on the above subject. This gentleman, during the course of his remarks, gave some interesting facts and figures showing the past and present success of missions, and proving the urgent need for still greater endeavour in the future to reach the teeming multitudes in the British Isles, who have not yet been touched by the gospel. 4,400,000 out of the 5,000,000 people in London do not attend a place of worship. Only 15,000,000 out of the 40,000,000 population in Great Britain attend Divine service. To come nearer home, there is accommodation in the Chapels and Churches of Rothwell, for one third of the population, but only 1 in 6 attend. Other details were given which showed a very encouraging growth in missions and membership both in London and the provinces After the formation of the Bolton mission, the Wesleyan membership in the town went up 50 per cent. in one year. The missions have many great difficulties to face, but are doing splendid work wherever they are established. The Rev. S. Arnold spoke for a short time on the work among soldiers and sailors, both at home and abroad. The Deep Sea Fisheries were discussed, and the work in sea-ports and garrison towns explained. He related some of his own experiences at Malta, where a large number of soldiers are stationed. The awful and subtle temptations which thickly bestrew the life of soldiers there, were touched on. Much good Christian work, however, was being done in the place. He regretted that many people who were religious at home were irreligious abroad. In speaking of India, where he worked as a missionary for some time, Mr. Arnold said the worst enemies of the mission work were atheism and strong drink. The drink curse in India was a great deal worse than in England. Some particulars of the way of working missions were given, as well as the aim of the work. The proceedings closed with the benediction.

About 30 members of the Guild attended the Rally of Wesley Guilds in the Leeds district on Saturday night last, at Oxford Place Chapel, Leeds. A very successful meeting was held, the body of the chapel being full, besides a goodly number in the gallery. The speakers included the Revs. Simpson Johnson and S. Chadwick. The chair was taken by Pliny Hepworth, Esq. Rothwell was as well represented as any Guild outside the city of Leeds, and were heartily applauded on responding to the Roll Call, for having come a distance on a bad night in such numbers, (they were the only Guild accorded this honour).

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NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND.

As promised last week, we have pleasure in publishing part of a letter recently received by Mr. Walter Blackburn's parents, and which we are sure, will be read by many of his friends with great interest. The letter is dated September 25th, 1899, from Peel Street, West Port, New Zealand, goes on as follows:—"We called at Cape Town, and it is a fine town and has some nice gardens. We had it fine for a few days after leaving there, then it came in cold and foggy and we had some snow, and then we had a week of rough weather, three days of which were extra rough, the sea was like mountains; some of the sailors said they had not seen so heavy seas, we had full sails up and it blew them all to pieces. In a day or two after, they had to throw a large horse overboard, which died with getting knocked about in the storm, also a sheep; a second class passenger had his collar bone broken with saving a lady from falling. The carpenter went down into the hold below the open berths (where I slept) about six o'clock at night, he struck a match and fell, and some opium got on fire, and there being some gas about, the place was full of fire in a few seconds. He got his arm and face burnt, but there was nothing more amiss, only some excitement and one of the old ladies fainted. We called at Hobart, as you would see by the papers, and stayed a couple of days in order to get a steam pipe mended. I made the acquaintanceship of Mr. Hiddleston, district treasurer for that district, also the district secretary, Mr. Taylor, manager of the *Mercury* office. He gave me a number of 6d. papers besides those which I sent; he showed me round the Museum and Fine Art Gallery. A Primitive Chapel Minister came on board to see us, a Mr. Barber, he belongs to Leeds; he was going to invite us on to tea, but we did not know what time we was going to set sail. It is a fine place but quiet, geraniums grow quite wild besides a lot of other plants, they have hedges made of ivy leaf planes. The people said that New Zealand was the best colony, the wages at Hobart seem to be a shilling per hour for most of the trades. We had nice weather from Hobart to Wellington, where it was blowing and raining; we anchored out at 11 a.m. Sunday morning, September 10th, and then went into the docks at 3 p.m. There I got a letter from Bro. Cole, who had arranged for Bro. Frazer, the district secretary, to meet us; but as he is getting old and lives four miles away, he did not come, but Bro. Rash, D.D.R., was on the wharf looking for us. We had supper at Bro. Rash's; I went to Church with him, and my wife stayed at the house with Mrs. Rash and her daughter. On the Monday morning, Bro. Rash went with me to Bro. Frazer; he had another letter for me from Bro. Cole; we went to see a Mr. Flockton about getting work; he said they could find me work, but as I was a miner, and having booked to Westport, he said I had better go there, as the miners were doing well and getting good wages. Bro. Frazer bought half-a-dozen oranges and a dozen bananas for the children. We went to Mrs. Gaudin's in the afternoon, the wife of the D.C.R., and were made quite at home having tea with her and family. Mr. Gaudin being in Sydney. We had our tea at Mr. Rash's on the Tuesday, and they were all very nice to us. We left Wellington at one p.m. on the Wednesday, it being a very fine day and had a pleasant trip to Picton, there was a Salvation Army Band playing on the boat. We stopped at Picton a few hours, and then went on to Nelson through the Sounds, which looked very nice. I saw the white pilot fish, which is about 14 feet long; it is protected by the Government, and comes to meet all the boats that go that way; it goes in front of the boat for a few minutes and then leaves. Nelson is a nice place, but quiet, there is nothing much doing there. We got to Westport on the Friday morning, Bro. Cole sent a telegram to a Rechabite, but he lives at Dennation, which is a good way off, and I have not seen him yet. We made to a Temperance Hotel boarding house until we knew what we were going to do, and we stayed there until Wednesday morning. The bill was £2 8s 0d, they charge 1s a meal and 1s. a bed, or £1 per week. The Wesleyan Minister told me of a house which two young men have been 'batching' in, and they left it on Wednesday, so we went into it. There is a large and small table, two couches one small bedstead, two wood bunks, (which are used as bedsteads), three chairs, a lot of pots, baths, knives, forks, and a lot of useful articles, which belong to the Wesleyan Society, in the house, there are five rooms and a bit of ground, and the rent is 6s. a week; we are staying in it while I get to work and another house. I arrived a month too late to get work at once, as they have fallen off a bit. The mines are about 14 miles off Westport, the coal is about 26 feet thick in some places, the thinnest I have heard of is about 5 feet. They have some new machines which they are using; the men go at 4 p.m. and stay till 12 p.m. to use the machines which do the holeing, that is the baring, which is 6 feet under, and then the men that go on at 12 p.m., fire shots and get the coal down for the men that comes at 8 in the morning to fill them up. The fillers are paid by the day, I think it is 10s. a day and bonus; some say, that the main men, that is the men that get them ready, earn into the teens of shillings a day. I have been to see the manager at Granite Creek mine, and he said if I could afford to wait a week or two, he would put me in, so I am thinking of waiting. If I had gone to Dunedin, I should have been working by this, but people say that Westport is the best for making money. There is plenty of work for carpenters at 10s to 12s a day, or for engineers and fitters. I have had work offered if I had been a carpenter. I am going to try my hand for a week or two at white bait catching; I have got a net and we have had a few good feeds off it. The factories are starting to tin it, they pay so much a tin for it. The West Coast is very expensive, but the wages are best there. We have made one mistake in not bringing more useful things, as they are three times the money out here as in England. Our two large boxes are no worse for their journey, all the goods we had in them are as good as they were when we left home. It is a fine country, we have had middling of rain, but it does not trouble us as we can sit with the doors open and very little fire, and then it is comfortable in the house, and it does not feel cold like it does at home. The first Sunday night I was in Westport I was asked out to supper. I went to the Wesleyan Church in the morning, and in the evening, the minister asked me if I would go with him as Mr. Stubbs wished me to go to have supper with them; it is Charles Stubbs' brother who went to New Zealand a few months before us from Lofthouse, he is working down in Duneding and doing well. Tell Joshua Lunn I have not got into another Tent yet, as there is not one at Westport, but I will let him have it when I get it complete. They pay more than I did at home, they go in for a £1 per week when sick and £30 at death, they pay a £1 per year for a Doctor, and it includes wife and family. Remember me to Mr. Marshall, I will write to him later on; also to Mr. G. H. Parker, hoping he has got some better work. He concludes by remarking that when the letter reaches his friends, they will be baking their parkin, and assures all, that both he, his wife and children are in good health and have good appetites.

DR. BUCK'S CONCERT.

The generous offer of Dr. and Mrs. Buck to provide an evening's entertainment towards the funds of the Mechanics' Institute, was fulfilled on Friday last, and proved a great financial success. The efforts of these friends to secure a large audience were willingly met by numbers of our townsfolk in the purchase of reserved and other tickets, so that not only was the room filled, but the majority of the seats had been booked at 2s each, resulting in a larger income than has perhaps ever been realised by a concert in the district before.

The programme was considerably varied, and the artistes, some known, some unknown to us, entered heartily into the project of spending a pleasant evening and of assisting in making it enjoyable.

Mrs. Christie and Miss Pauline Newton have both sung in Rothwell previously, the former lady singing "Flight of Ages," and Miss Newton "Where roses gleam" and "The Silver King." Both ladies are evidently finished singers, and received cordial applause for their willing services.

In Mrs. Percy Robinson we had a lively little lady, whose dramatic songs were quite a change to the usual concert programme, and whose excerpts from the comic operas, were much relished by the audience; the selections comprised "A little bit of string," (encore "What a little bird told me"), and "La belle Parisienne," (encore "The Toy Monkey"). The latter, which is a duet, was joined in by Mr. Robinson, also a pleasing vocalist; Mr. Robinson also gave a laughable story, recounting the troubles of an amateur's first attempt to recite.

The gentlemen contributing to the programme were all, without reserve, first rate, and contrary to what is usual, certainly took the palm.

It was a great pleasure again to hear our friend of long ago, Mr. E. Stead, and to note how he has not only developed physically, but has become possessed of a fine resonant voice, capable of large volume, great depth of tone, and withal of distinct stroke. This was remarkably manifest in *Halton's* "Revenge," where the singer has to utter the title-word between rests, and so low as *E* and *D*. Of course he was recalled and gave "The distant shore." In his second song, "When bright eyes glance," Mr. Stead proved his ability to give clear and effective expression and enunciation, a point not always attended to, even by good vocalists.

Mr T. Firth is a stranger, but he may be glad to know that Rothwell people can appreciate a good singer when they hear one, and the clear-cut, silvery voice which he possesses will be welcomed whenever he can visit us again. *Sullivan's* "Once again," was very much enjoyed, and so was "Ever and alway," (the latter being encored with "Dreams of my own land,") all very tastefully rendered.

The two gentlemen also gave "The Army and Navy Duet," with much satisfaction, and a repeat was worthily demanded of the quartette "Regular Royal Queen," by Mrs. Robinson, Miss Newton, Mr. Firth and Mr. Stead.

Mr. George O. Cattle supplied the humorous items, which comprised "They were all occupied," (encore "First visit to the pantomime,") and "Recipes," (which was also loudly encored). As is generally the case, the audience greatly enjoyed the laughable stories told in song, and dramatically illustrated by Mr. Cattle's facial contortions, and would fain have had more.

We have been favoured with several good violinists, but certainly have no cleverer performer than Mr. E. Elliott, whose contributions added immensely to the gratification of the concert. The programme opened with a duet for violin and piano, in which it was evident Mr. Elliot was quite at home, and the performance by both gentlemen was an agreeable indication of good things to come. In *Handel's* "Sonata in A," the acute taste and delicate touch of the player was still more evident; but in the brilliant playing of *Wienaski's* wonderful "Souvenir de Muscove," local violinists got an eye-opener, both Mr. Elliott's clever bowing (for solo and variations) and in his lovely harmonic passages. He was vociferously recalled three times, and nothing would satisfy the delighted company, but a repetition of those dulcet tones.

Of Mr. Hoggett, on whom devolved the labour of accompanying all through, too much cannot be said. His sympathetic assistance in the ordinary songs, his alertness in following the idiosyncrasies of the comics, and the digitation required in the violinist's copies were all perfectly rendered, and to him is due much of the musical success of the event, (although the piano was anything but perfect in condition).

It is gratifying to learn that Dr Buck has been able to hand over about £15 to the treasurer of the Building Fund, having hospitably and liberally entertained the ladies and gentlemen at his own expense.

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WIT AND HUMOUR

Cholly: "Do you think cigarettes weaken the intellect?" Doctor: "Sometimes, but there is no danger in your case."

Even the man who makes money by being crooked may sometimes find himself in straitened circumstances.

First Burglar (excitedly): "Here comes a policeman. How can we get rid of him?" Second Burglar: "Let's pretend to be fighting."

"Pa," said little Willie, "can't you spare me enough money to buy me a gun?" "My son, I am going to get you a gun when I can spare a boy, not before."

"Clementine, what did you do with that curtain-stuff you bought last week?" "It was entirely too loud and gay for curtains, so I made a blouse of it."

Visitor: "You have a beautiful place here, but doesn't one become very much bored living in the country alone?" Hostess: "Oh, no. Thank goodness, we have few callers."

First Duke: "Why don't you travel incognito, as I do? It's far pleasanter. Second Duke: "Yes, but my wife always goes with me—and I married an American."

Professor (to his wife): "I never know how to take you, Amelia. Two years ago you were dying for that hat, and now I've bought it you don't like it at all!"

Mamma (sternly): "Don't you know that the great King Solomon said, 'Spare the rod and spoil the child?'" Bobby: "Yes, but he didn't say that until he was growed up."

"You had better not go boating with Ada," said Tommy to his sister's fiancée. "Why not?" "'Cause I heard her say she intended to throw you overboard soon."

Wayfarer (to the robber): "I haven't any money with me, I'm sorry to say, but I will be glad to advise all my friends and acquaintances to take walks along this lonely path."

Jack: "Frank is a lucky dog." Fred: "Why?" Jack: "He proposed to Miss Milyuns and was refused, and the very next day her father failed and lost everything."

Mob Orator: "No, gentleman—I tell you that if you want a thing done well you must always do it yourself!" Voice from the crowd: "How about getting your hair cut?"

"Yes," she sighed, "for many years I've suffered from dyspepsia." "And don't you take anything for it?" her friend asked. "You look healthy enough." "Oh," she replied, "it's my husband that has it."

Lady: "So you want a square meal?" Tramp: "No'm, I'm looking for a round one." Lady: "I never heard of such a thing. Pray what is a round meal?" Tramp: "One dat hasn't any end to it, mum!"

Agent: May I put a burglar alarm in your house? Lady: No, we don't need it. The family across the street watches us so closely that even a burglar couldn't get in without being seen.

"What are you making that fence of such awfully crooked rails for?" asked the stranger riding by. "So that when them pigs of Brown's creep through they'll come out on the same side where they started."

"Marjorie, weren't you engaged in a flirtation with that young man you went to the concert with?" "Well, auntie," answered the young woman, "that's the only way a girl can get engaged nowadays."

"I wish men were like pianos." "Why?" "Because pianos are either grand or upright." "Well, most men are a great deal like pianos." "How?" "You can buy them at a big discount from their catalogue."

"Excuse me, but it seems to me that I must have met you before. Are you not a brother or a near relative of Major Gibbs?" "No, I am Major Gibbs himself." "Ah, indeed! That explains the remarkable resemblance."

"I heard ye were on shtrike," said Mike to his friend Pat. "I was that," answered Pat. "A shtrike for what, Pat?" "For shorter hours, Mike." "An' did ye get them?" "Sure we did, Mike. It's not workin' at all I am now."

Klondike clergyman: "Walrus Bill, do you take this yere woman, Slanting Annie, for better or for worse?" Walrus Bill (frankly): "I hope it's for better, parson; it hain't for worse, anyhow, for she's as bad as she can be right now."

"Man's religion," says Uncle Eben, "shouldn't be worn like a cloak—all on de outside. It orter be mo' like a porous plaster. De world may not see it, but de man knows it's dar, an' his family knows it's dar, an' a-doin' of him good."

A countryman, at first sight of a locomotive, declared that he thought it was the devil on wheels. "Faix, an' ye're worse than meself," said an Irish bystander, "for the first time I saw the crathur I thought it was the sthameboat hunting for wather."

A man went into a hardware shop in Wigan the other day and inquired: "How much do you ask for a bath-tub for a child?" "Ten-and-six," was the reply. "W-h-e-w!" whistled the customer. "We'll have to go on washing the baby in the soal-scuttle till the prices come down."

"Wal, Jim, wot d'ye think abart the Czar o' Rooshia and this 'ere universal disarmament?" Jim: "Well, it's summat like me and my ole woman, mate, when there's a bit of a shindy brewing. The one wot proposes peace is the one wot ain't got 'old o' the poker."

"Woman suffrage may do for some of your henpecked husbands," writes an Edinburgh reader, "but I'll have none of it. In my house there is order and authority. My wife takes care of the household, the business, and the children; nothing else concerns her. I am the master."

An Irish quack doctor was being examined at an inquest on his treatment of a patient who had died. "I gave him ipecacuanha," he said. "You might just as well have given him the Aurora Borealis," said the coroner. "Indade, yer honour, and that's just what I should have given him next if he hadn't died."

Uncle George: "No, Tommy isn't so bad. He's what I call a good boy. When he asks liberty to go out to play and it is refused him he never makes any fuss." Aunt Hannah: "And sits right down in the house?" Uncle George: "Oh, no, he goes right out and has his fun just the same as if he had been given permission."

Barber (fishing for a compliment): "Did Mr. Stubbles say anything about his visit to my place?" Victim: "I think he did." Barber (delighted): "Did he now?" Victim: "Yes, he said that while in the chair it was borne in upon you in the strongest manner that you were being shaved; after you left it was impossible to realise that you had been shaved."

Clerk: "I have been in your employ now going on for five years, and I am getting the same salary I started with." Manager: "I know it, Mr. Knibbs, but every time that I've made up my mind to cut you down or discharge you something has reminded me of your wife and little ones at home, and so I just couldn't do it. There, my man, you see I have a heart as well as a head."

"That shows what you can do in this country," said the man with a good loud voice as he rang up a nickel with a view to stopping the car. "John's one of the most remarkable self-made men we ever had in Wayne county." "Is that true?" "I should say so. Wonderful man! Why, that fellow came here twenty years ago with fifty dollars, and last week he failed for a round half million. Beats the band what a rustler can do in this country."

This is a true story of a very well-known novelist, overheard on the top of an omnibus in London. He and his wife were together, and the man is a very absent-minded man, always cogitating new plots and situations. Suddenly, in a loud voice, he exclaimed: "Lil! I won't murder her! I can't! I'll poison her instead! What poison can I give her?" General consternation amongst the passengers, most of them leaving the 'bus with uncomplimentary haste

THE MECHANICS' BILLIARD HANDICAP.

The final round in the second billiard handicap promoted by the Mechanics' Recreation Committee, was played on Monday night last, on the No. 1 board, at the Institute, and was witnessed by a large number of members. The finalists were Mr. A. Kirk, one of the best and most experienced players who attends the Institute, and Mr. Arthur Cromack, whose acquaintance with the billiard cue has not been so long as his opponent's, but whose play marks him as a player above the average. Kirk was 40 behind scratch, and Cromack 20. Very creditable play was witnessed on the opening, both players making few mistakes. Kirk gradually rubbed off his arrears, and passed his opponent in the fifties. Cromack's play then fell off considerably, whilst that of his opponent was well maintained, some really beautiful shots being taken by him. There was now very little question as to the issue of the game. Kirk counted fast, and completed the 100 amidst applause, whilst his opponent's score stood at 68.

Mr. Martin, secretary of the Recreation Committee, then stepped forward and expressed regret that his chairman could not be present to hand over the prizes. Mr. Newsome, in a letter that was read by the secretary, after giving expression to regret at not being able to attend, goes on to say:—"It is a distinct point of merit on the part of men, who, by the exercise of their muscles, win their livelihood, to come out on the top in a homely billiard handicap, and proves that beneath the surface there is a character with grit in it. He who plays well may be depended on to work well and put judgement and skill into the work. Convey my compliments to the winners."

Mr. Martin then spoke of the success which the billiard tables were proving to the Institute, not only as a means of very enjoyable recreation for the members, but also as a source of income, the two tables bringing in on an average 30s each per week. During the first twelve months it was estimated that the No. 1 board would pay for itself. (Applause). He then referred to the very agreeable and sportsmanlike manner in which the tournament had been conducted, and said that it was the intention of the Committee to organise another one before Christmas. He then handed to Mr. Kirk a gold medal, and to the runner up, Mr Cromack, a silver medal as mementoes of the occasion.

Record of the winners:—

FIRST ROUND.
A Kirk (40 behind S) beat H Wormald (40 behind S)
A Cromack (20 behind S) beat A. Chapman (Scratch)

SECOND ROUND.
A. Kirk beat W. Cromack (30 behind S)
A. Cromack beat G. Hoit (10 before S)

THIRD ROUND.
A. Kirk beat E. Kendrew (40 behind S)
A. Cromack beat F. Hargreaves (30 behind S)

FOURTH ROUND—SEMI-FINAL.
A. Kirk beat A. Thurwell (Scratch)
A. Cromack beat H. J. Martin (Scratch)

FINAL
A. Kirk beat A. Cromack.

SCORES

	1st Rd.	2nd Rd.	3rd Rd.	4th Rd.	Final
A. Kirk	101	100	100	100	100
Opponent	82	80	79	73	68
A. Cromack	102	100	100	100	68
Opponent	79	75	36	97	100

SUCCESSFUL STOURTON TEACHERS.

We are pleased to observe amongst the certificate results just published that Miss Lily Ellison, of Stourton, has earned a good double First, a better position than many who have had the advantage of two years at college. Her brother, Mr. Fred Ellison, has also recently passed his Intermediate Examination for B.A., and before this time next year, will doubtless be able to attach that honourable title to his name. We heartily congratulate both them and their parents.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

On Monday last, the above Society held their second social of the session, there being a record attendance, and the Rev. G. H. Clark, presided The first part of the programme took the form of a concert, in which the following artistes appeared:—pianoforte solo, Master Walter Scott; songs, "Somebody's Pride" and "Sweet Island of Ulva," Miss Clara Backhouse, cornet solos, "Pretty Jane" and "Shamrock and Rose," Mr. Willie Fowler, of Rothwell; songs, "When a fellow is just turned sixteen" and "Brighton," Miss Smith, of Rothwell; songs, "Annie Laurie" and "Scotland Yet," Mr. McLucas. All gave satisfaction and gained loud applause, and on the motion of Mr. R. Tetley, seconded by Mr. G. H. Barker, a vote of thanks was accorded to the artistes for their services. Afterwards a coffee supper was served. The remainder of the evening up to 11 o'clock, was spent in dancing until 11 o'clock; Mr. E. Keighley acting as M.C., whilst Mr. G. Flower supplied the music.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE A.B.C.

The meeting of the above on Sunday afternoon last was opened by Mrs. Kay, who also read the lesson at a later stage of the service. Mrs. Render gave an address, showing how every good action, however small, no matter how obscure and unknown, were seeds of kindness, they cost the giver very little effort and no loss in any way, but they are capable of doing untold immeasurable good, and will be rewarded hereafter. Some very touching stories were told in illustration of the speaker's remarks. In conclusion, she urged the advantage of making a full and free surrender to Jesus Christ. Mr. Eli Ward was the chairman. Miss A. Denton, Miss F. Gibson, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. T. Hampson, gave two quartettes, "Take time to be holy," and "Rock of Ages" (unaccompanied), the pieces were well and creditably rendered. The speaker and singers were thanked for their services. There was a good attendance.

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AMATEUR THEATRICALS AT OULTON.

By a well-advised arrangement our local Amateur Dramatic Society (which is partly indebted to Oulton for a successful membership), appeared at the Harold Hall, Oulton, on Wednesday evening, and repeated their enjoyable entertainment. The pretty and commodious ball was well filled, the higher priced seats being very largely patronised, and in fact the audience comprised most of the families in the Oulton and Woodlesford district.

The Farce, "Don't judge by appearances" was first placed on the boards, the cast being precisely as at Rothwell, as follows:—Major Pepper, Mr. J. W. Daft; Frank Topham, Mr. R. R. Jones; John Plump, (servant to Major Pepper), Dr. James; Diana and Angelica, (nieces to Major Pepper), Miss M. Suddaby and Miss Butterfield.

The comedy "The Serious Family" was then presented, the performers being as at Rothwell, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Newsome, Miss Butterfield, and Miss Suddaby, Dr. James, Mr. James Dobson, Mr. J. W. Daft, and Mr R. R. Jones.

Having given a full report of the plays a fortnight ago, it is unnecessary to go into detail again. Suffice it to say, that each actor and actress carried out the duty assigned in splendid style, and with easy naturalness, so much so as to secure very hearty and genuine applause in every instance.

The performance was concluded in a thoroughly British fashion by the singing of the National Anthem, Mr. James Dobson leading with the solo.

Immediately at the close, the ladies and gentlemen engaged, proceeded across the road to Dr. James', where a most genuine 'spread' invited their consideration and enjoyment. Under such agreeable surroundings, it is not surprising to learn, that the happy hours sped all too quickly, song and joke, and merry making, filling up the time until early morning, when after many thanks to Dr. and Mrs. James for their hospitality, the jovial party separated to their several homes.

The financial results which are considerable will be handed over, in equal portions, to the treasurer of the Society, and the committee of the Oulton Institute.

WEST RIDING WAR FUND.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Sir,

The Lord Mayors and Mayors of the principal Cities and Boroughs of the West Riding are taking steps to raise funds on behalf of the sufferers from the War in South Africa, but I venture to think that there are many country districts in the Riding untouched by these appeals.

The various channels through which help may be sent have been given wide publicity, and are now well known to the public. I propose, therefore, to establish at once a West Riding War Fund, and to hand over all sums received as may be directed to the following Societies:—

(1) The Royal Commission of the Patriotic Fund for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans, and other dependents of those who may lose their lives in the War.
(2) The Central British Red Cross Committee for the benefit of the Sick and Wounded.
(3) Lloyd's Patriotic Fund for disabled Soldiers and Sailors.
(4) The Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association for the benefit of the Wives and Children left at home.

All donations should be accompanied by instructions as to which of the above Funds they are intended for. In the absence of any such instructions, they will be devoted to the West Riding Branch of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association.

Contributions, which may be sent direct to me or to the credit of the West Riding War Fund, to Messrs. Beckett's Bank, at Bradford, Doncaster, Leeds and York, will be acknowledged from time to time in the Press.

Yorkshire will be represented in South Africa by four of its territorial battalions, and will shortly have one of its Militia Battalions, and probably three others, embodied for Service. This means the breaking up of hundreds of homes, with winter coming on. I venture, therefore, to appeal more particularly for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, which has many branches in the West Riding, and the necessary machinery at its disposal to afford prompt relief to the wives and children of our County Regiments and Reservists, and of our Militiamen, who may stand in need of assistance, and who should be our first care.

Your obedient Servant,
SCARBROUGH,
Lord Lieutenant.
Sandbeck, Rotherham.

JAPANESE BAZAAR.

We beg to draw attention to the fact that a Bazaar, after the Japanese fashion, is to be held next week in the Mechanics' Hall, for the benefit of the Church and Schools, an object, which, we are sure, will commend itself to all our readers.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Nov. 11th, 1899, is £372; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £294, thus showing increase of £78. For the 19 weeks ending Nov. 11th, the return is £5614, against £4813 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £801.

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WIT AND HUMOUR.

Alice: "Don't you think my new pictures are successful?" Maude: "Why, yes! They are really very pretty."

Jones: "Do you think the tramp problem will ever be solved?" Brown: "Not if the tramp has to work it out."

It is hard to lose friends—to see them slipping from you one by one—but it is harder still to find a towel with your eyes full of soap.

First Cook: "How do you like your new place?" Second Cook: "First rate. There isn't an alarm clock about the place."

Tommy: "Wot was de hardest question de teacher asked yer ter-day?" Bobby: "When he asked me would I sooner be licked with a strap or a ruler."

"Look at this man," said the attorney, pointing to the prisoner; "does he look like one who would commit a crime?" "No," replied the witness; "but neither do you!"

Robson: "Going to learn to play the violin?" Dobson: "No." "Then why did you buy that one you are carrying?" "I bought it from the man who lives in the flat above me."

"My daughter's music," sighed the mother, "has been a great expense." "Indeed?" returned the guest who had just heard her play. "Some neighbour sued you, I suppose?"

"What are you stopping for, John? If we don't hurry we'll miss our train." "You can go on if you want to, Maria. I'm going to see how they get that jibbing horse started!"

"Alice and Edgar are awfully in love." "How do you know?" "I met them dawdling along together in the rain yesterday. They both wore new clothes and had no umbrella."

"Should you be much put out if I kissed you?" he queried. "No, but you would be, and very quickly," answered her father from the head of the stairs.

"He laughs best who laughs last." "I don't know. It's mighty dismal business getting off a joke and having to laugh at it yourself because nobody else does."

Kelly (growing pathetic): "Pity a poor unfortunate man, Kelliher, thot's got to go home to his woife!" Kelliher: "Brace up, Kelly! brace up! Ye should be thankful ye are not the Sultan!"

Waiter (to cook): "Steak for one. Gent don't want it raw, nor he don't want it burned black." Cook (angrily): "Is that what he said?" Waiter: "No, not exactly. I asked him how he wanted it, an' he said 'medium.'"

Singleton: "Do you agree with the doctors who consider kissing dangerous?" Benedick: "Oh, yes." Singleton: "What dread effect do you think is likely to arise from it?" Benedick: "Marriage."

Old Lady: "I suppose, poor man, that you have fared badly because of hard times?" Weary Walker: "Yes, mum. So many people bein' out o' work makes an awful competition fer us fellers ter struggle agin."

Mrs. Cletime: "I think Mrs. Perkins has a great deal better opinion of her husband than he deserves." Mrs. Oletime: "Yes, and there are a lot of women like Mrs. Perkins—bless them all!"

She: "Do you remember you said you would do anything I asked when I promised to marry you?" He: "Yes, but I didn't know then how much spare time a woman had to think of things to ask for."

Grimes: "Yes, I thought if I didn't get her I should be crazy." Miller: "And you didn't get her, and you haven't gone crazy." Grimes: "No; but the man who did acts as though he had."

Husband: "What did you think when you heard the chandelier fall in the night?" Wife: "I thought you had been detained 'on business' again, and were getting up stairs as quietly as you could."

Returned Native: "Is Mr. Goodheart still paying attention to your daughter?" Elderly Matron: "He isn't paying her any attention at all." "Indeed? Did she jilt him?" "No, he married her."

Raggles: "Every year the manufacturers claim to make great improvements in their bicycles, but the most necessary one has not yet been invented." Jaggels: "What kind of a machine is that?" Raggles: "A self-cleaning one."

The Maid: "I found a four-leaved clover this morning. There is an old saying that the finder will be married within a year." The Bachelor: "I was under the impression that the finding of a four-leaved clover was an omen of good luck."

Farmer Jones: "Well, my boy, what profession are you going to take up?" Jones junior: "Pharmacy, I think." Farmer Jones: "Farmacy? Why, you could have stayed at home on the farm for that, instead of spendin' time an' money at school and college!"

He had taken his punishment like a little man, and for some time afterwards had been buried in thought. "Mamma," he said, "do you really spank me because you love me so much?" "That's the reason I punish you, Willie." "And don't you love papa at all?"

Hibbler: "What are you writing now?" Scribbler: "A volume of bright sayings for infants." Hibbler: "But how on earth can it be of any use to infants?" Scribbler: "It can't. It's intended to be of use to parents in saving the wear and tear on their imaginations."

Miriam: "Where do you expect to go this summer—to the country, or the seaside?" Fannie: "We haven't decided yet. It will depend on which papa selects. I do hope he will say the seaside. That will make mamma take to the country, and I like it so much better."

"It was a good opportunity," said the actor; "but I had to give it up." "What kind of a character was it?" "Villain." "Wasn't the salary enough?" "Very liberal, and the manager a gentleman; but when I was a boy I promised my mother that I would never smoke a cigarette."

"I came very near making a terrible mistake to-day," said Mrs. Westside to her husband. "Fancy!" "Oh, indeed!" "Yes. You know the new family that's just moved in? I was very near calling on them, when I accidentally learned that they haven't got a bicycle to their name."

Young Author: "Tell me frankly what you think of the manuscript of my book. I want to get it in shape for publication, as I have several other irons in the fire." Critical Friend: "Well, that being the case, I would advise you to use the manuscript for fuel. It might at least help to heat the other irons."

A small boy was one day asked by a clergyman if he knew what was meant by energy and enterprise. "No, sir, I don't think I do." The clergyman said—"Well, I will tell you, my boy. One of the richest men in the world came here without a shirt on his back, and now he has millions." "Millions!" replied the boy; "how many does he put on at a time?"

"My dear," observed the cannibal at lunch, "I shall probably bring a gentleman home with me for dinner." "Oh, how lovely of you to tell me beforehand!" exclaimed the wife. "Will you have him broiled or fried?" Here we see that, while the point of view varies with climatic and other influences, certain problems are universal.

"Frances," said the little girl's mamma, who was entertaining callers, "you came downstairs so noisily that you could be heard all over the house. Go back and come down the stairs like a lady." Frances retired, and after the lapse of a few minutes re-entered the room. "Did you hear me come downstairs this time, mamma?" "No, dear. I am glad you came quietly. How did you manage to come down like a lady the second time?" "I slid down the banisters."

Here is a story which Baron Dowse, the celebrated Irish judge, once told in that exaggerated "brogue" which he loved to employ. "I was down in Cork last month holding assizes. On the first day, when the jury came in, the officer of the court said: "Gintlemen av the jury, ye'll take yer accustomed places, if ye plaze.' And may I never laugh," said the baron, "if they didn't all walk into the dock.'"

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ASSOCIATION.

WEST YORKSHIRE CUP.

WOODLESFORD V ROUNDHAY.

These teams opposed each other in the first round of the above competition on Saturday in the Garden Field, Woodlesford, Mr. Wild, of Altofts officiating as referee. The teams had met previously this season in the Junior League Competition, when Roundhay just managed to secure the verdict. No other match to be played in the district on that particular afternoon would have ensured a good gate, provided the weather had been more propitious, and those present required considerable fortitude and enthusiasm to brave the boisterous wind and penetrating mud which was to be found in that quarter. The mud was superabundant and of a highly adhesive quality, a fact which rendered artistic play of very doubtful value. Roundhay had the advantage of the gale during the first half but failed to make any great headway, and allowed their opponents to open the scoring, a weak return by one of the backs cannoning off Mitchell to Hobson on the left who centred, and Mitchell got through. It was not long before the equaliser came, Mosby returning an inefficient "clear" by Parker to the confines of the net. The Roundhay men rallied and several times broke away, the ball frequently travelling to their outside left, who generally managed to put it anywhere but in the centre. Chadwick, for Woodlesford, was playing well at right half, and gave his men in front plenty of play, which, but for Conacher's sound kicking and heading, would have proved very troublesome. The next score came from that department, Taylor running well up and transferring to Mitchell of the roaming brigade; the latter screwed in and Roundhay's custodian in reaching forward lost his foothold, came face downward in the mud, and had the mortification of seeing (with difficulty) the ball slide over the line. A little thought by the visitors would have made clear the superiority of the 'rushing' code over their more elaborate finessing, but this was evidently not apparent to them, and after various dangerous efforts by their opponents they managed to draw level. A pretty bit of play found Egginton in possession, and he tricking McWilliams shot straight and true with the left, the interval arriving with the score 2 all. The issue of the second half appeared all in favour of the homesters who, with the wind at their backs were not long in testing the utmost resources of the visitors. The latter moved their left half to the custody of the goal, and the previous goal-keeper soon demonstrated his ability to strengthen their second line, which was decidedly weak on the left during the first half. The homesters were continually aggressive, Hobson at outside left doing many smart things and eventually that player provided the finishing stroke after a struggle under the posts. The visitors, however, came away several times during the last ten minutes, and it looked odds on Egginton drawing them level after an excellent exhibition of passing, but the whistle sounded with the score Woodlesford 3 Roundhay 2. The homesters are to be congratulated on their efforts which were far more searching than their opponents' more scientific display, the state of the ground being totally opposed to any success attending light touches, however well meant. At the same time they were on the side of fortune, especially in the matter of the second goal and again when Mirfin, I believe it was, handed the ball nicely out of a 'scrum' in front and did not involve the homesters to the extent of a penalty. Parker kept his charge creditably. Mitchell and Hobson were the pick of the forwards; Chadwick at left half is strong and useful, and Mirfin at full-back safe and reliable.

NORTHERN UNION—SECOND COMPETITION—EAST DIVISION.

RESULTS UP TO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

	Pl	Wn	Lt	Dn	Pts	For G	For T	For P	Against G	Against T	Against P
Normanton	9	7	1	1	15	9	8	42	1	4	14
Kinsley	9	6	2	1	13	12	25	99	6	8	36
York	7	5	2	0	10	10	13	59	6	2	18
Alverthorpe	7	5	2	0	10	7	9	41	6	5	27
Featherstone	7	4	2	1	9	7	10	44	7	9	41
Rothwell	8	3	5	0	6	4	7	29	12	14	66
Outwood C	9	2	5	2	6	2	3	13	7	11	47
Ossett	6	2	3	1	5	6	2	18	7	8	38
Goole	9	2	6	1	5	7	7	35	6	10	42
Pontefract	7	1	4	2	4	4	4	20	9	13	57
Eastmoor	8	1	6	1	3	2	4	16	6	12	48

REFEREES FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18.
Ossett v Outwood—Mr. S. Mortimer, Dewsbury.
Goole v Yorke—Mr. T. W. Castle, Castleford.
Kinsley v Alverthorpe—Mr. J. Parkinson, Eastmoor.
Pontefract v Eastmoor—Mr. Fieldhouse, Holbeck.
E. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

On Wednesday night, a meeting of the Eastern Division Committee was held at Councillor W. H. Smith's, the Clarence Hotel, Wakefield. Mr. Fearnley, of York, presided. It was reported that the receipts at the replayed match, Normanton v. York, on Wednesday afternoon, amounted to £16 9s. It was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that the Outwood Church Club had infringed By-law No. 20 in playing S. Wild against East Moor, as he was not a registered player at the time, and the Committee ordered the match to be replayed on the Outwood ground, on a date to be agreed upon, the surplus of the gate receipts to go to the Competition fund, after the deduction of expenses, and if the receipts fail to cover the expenses the deficit to be borne in equal proportions by the two clubs. Complaint was made that James Rueberry played for the Featherstone Club against Goole, although he is a duly registered member of the Normanton Club, and it was unanimously resolved that he should be requested to appear before the Committee at their next meeting to give an explanation, and that in the meantime he should not play again for Featherstone, who, it was decided should play Rothwell, on a date to be arranged, in consequence of having failed to keep their engagement with Rothwell on the 28th ult. Rothwell was allowed £1 15s 10d. for expenses.

Referring to the Oulton v. Featherstone match in our last issue we are glad to hear that Wright is progressing favourably, although it may be a week or two before he is found assisting his club. It is time something was done to put a stop to the illegal pilfering and poaching of players, as we understand on reliable authority, that a certain prominent half-back of Oulton, has been approached in no deeply disguised manner by some late opponents of that club. If that is the case, we hope the Oulton executive will take steps to expose the offenders.

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COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

RUGBY.

At Rothwell—Rothwell v Fairburn.
ROTHWELL TEAM—Full back, B Cromack; three-quarter backs, J Fieldhouse, J Hoult (capt), J Morrell H Morgan, B Kelly; half-backs, F Robinson, B Morrell; forwards, H Hemsworth, E Williams, D Ward, J W Micklefield, W Neal, H Horsfall, G Bulmer, A Pape, J Newton, W Shaw.

ASSOCIATION.

At Rothwell—Rothwell W R v Dodsworth Institute.
WHITE ROSE TEAM—Goal, A Cripps; backs, J Beckwith, R Whitehead; half-backs, W Bedford, T Bridges, W Jeffries; forwards, G Barnes, C Ward, H Dacre, J Berry, H Illingworth.

At Woodlesford—Woodlesford v Rothwell W R 'A.'
WHITE ROSE 'A' TEAM—Goal, W Cromack; backs, S Baber, J Nunns; half-backs, A Cromack, E Baber, G Tiflany; forwards, C Fox, E Fox, T. Parker, J Hargreaves, A Gibson.

At Woodlesford—Woodlesford v Rothwell W R 'A.'
WOODLESFORD TEAM—Goal, F Parker; backs, D Johnson, A Mirfin; half-backs, W Austerbury, H McWilliam (capt), A Chadwick; forwards, S Brown, S Tranmer, H Mitchell, J Hobson, C Taylor; Reserves, F Johnson, W Haigh.

At Leeds—Oulton St. John's v. Beeston Hill P C
OULTON TEAM—Goal, G B Hartley; backs, W Inman (capt), H Butterick; half-backs, D Raybold, F Bell, O Inman; forwards, E Dobson, J Barker, T Page, S E Kershaw, W Hutchinson; Reserve, W Crossland.

At Oulton—Oulton 'A' v. Beeston Hill P C 'A.'
OULTON 'A' TEAM—Goal, C Higgins; backs, A Higgins, E Haslegrave; half-backs, C F Hullah, P Higgins, S Lockwood; forwards, H Bedford, F Arundel, W Crossland, T Smailes, P Inman; Reserve, L Lockwood.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

On Sunday last, Mr. Paul presided over the ordinary gathering of the above, there being a good attendance. An address was given by Mr. L. Harris, of Rothwell, his subject being "Jesus Christ." Mr. Fred Ellison, of Stourton, was the soloist, and gave effective renderings of "Thou art passing hence" (*Sullivan*) and "The holy City." Mr. R. Gill ably accompanied.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S C. & A.F.C.

In the Central Hall, Board School, the above club have this week, held their annual social and dance, a good company being present. Mr. A. Ely acted as M.C., whilst Mr. C. E. Milner supplied the music.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY.

In connection with the above, the Rev. J. A. Alderson gave a lecture last night on "The Norfolk Firebrand, or the life and labours of Robert Kay." The lecture was delivered in the Rothwell Primitive School, and there was a fair attendance, the address being very interesting, and delivered with the force and piquancy characteristic of the Rev. gentleman. Mr. A. Steel occupied the chair, and assisted in the proceedings. A collection for the Society, was made at the close.

NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT.

From advertisements and posters the public are pretty well informed of the fact that to-morrow night the Mechanics' Hall will be the scene of a varied and novel programme of music and amusement. Messrs. Percil Bros. and their assistants promise a lengthy and laughter-provoking entertainment in which almost every description of comicality is represented. No doubt those who visit the hall will be fully repaid by the programme of pleasure offered.

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THE ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

Of the above Band of Hope, will be held in the WESLEYAN CHURCH, ROTHWELL,

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Morning 10-30; Evening at 6 o'clock.

Preacher:—

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DEATHS.

DUCKER—Nov. 19th, aged 65 years, Frances, widow of George Ducker, 'Anchor' Inn, Rothwell Haigh.

GARFITT—Nov. 19th, aged 8 months, James Pickard, son of John Garfitt, Rothwell Haigh.

SMITH—Nov. 16th, aged 22 years, George Smith, Stourton.

COMING EVENTS REGISTER.

The proprietors of this journal have now opened a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

Dec. 7 & 8—Rothwell Mechanics' Institute Second Annual Reception.

Dec. 15—Oulton St. John's F. C. Invitation Ball at Institute, Oulton.

Dec. 26—Rothwell Working Man's Club Annual Ball

Jan. 5, 1900—Rothwell Subscription Dance.

Jan. 30, 1900—Rev. J. Arthur Alderson's Second Grand Evening Concert.

Rothwell Times,

Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley

Friday, November 24, 1899.

[RO]THWELL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the above Board was held at Rothwell Haigh School on Friday evening, present, Messrs. T. Park, (vice-chairman), J. Elstob, J. Butterick, B. Richardson, W. Lunn, Rev. J. A. Alderson and the clerk (Mr. Marshall) and attendance officer (Mr. Denton).

The clerk stated he had received a letter from Mr. Batty (the chairman) regretting his inability to be present owing to sickness.

The minutes of the various preceding meetings were read and duly confirmed.

It having been remarked at a previous meeting that the advert announcing the deposit of the new Byelaws had only appeared in one newspaper, the clerk now read the instructions from the Department in which it is set forth that the notice shall be published in 'a' newspaper circulating in the district; of course, he selected the '*Rothwell Times.*' Had he gone beyond this instruction, the Board might have been surcharged the additional cost.

Mr. Lunn, also, having complained that the Rothwell Infants' School had been closed for a day, without his knowledge, the clerk replied that in any matter requiring immediate attention, it was his invariable custom to consult the chairman and the chairman of the Committee concerned, and act accordingly. Should Mr. Lunn occupy one of those positions in future, he would find that the Clerk would treat him in the same manner as he treated the gentlemen at present holding those honorable appointments.

LETTINGS.

The Clerk reported a case in which the Rothwell schools had been taken on hire without the proper formal sanction or any agreement being signed, and it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Butterick and Mr. Elstob, "That in future the caretakers be instructed not to open the rooms to any person without an officially signed notice that they are so let."

Mr. Richardson, who has to do with the letting of the schools at Stourton, said that he always granted the use of the rooms on Saturday up to 11 o'clock, and he had been very much grieved to find that persons had gradually pushed the time further and further, until once or twice he had heard of its being midnight. He had taken the trouble personally to visit the schools, and see that the wishes of the Board were properly carried out, and that the socials were conducted respectably; he hoped the Board would have no more cause for complaint in the matter, which no one regretted more than himself.

The Chairman (Mr. Park) also remarked on the difficulties they had to contend with at Stourton, and expressed his regret at the irregularities which had occurred, and hoped, with Mr. Richardson, that things would go on more satisfactorily.

TEACHERS.

A letter was read from Miss Batty, asking for an advance of salary, and the Chairman gave notice that he would move it next meeting.

The Clerk stated that Miss Holdsworth, (of Swinton School Board) would commence duty at Rothwell, on Monday, January 8th.

On the motion of Mr. Butterick and the Rev. J. A. Alderson, it was resolved that Miss Stead's salary be advanced to £50 a year from December 1st.

A letter was read from Mr. White reporting his having raised his certificate to a Second Class, and asking that his salary be advanced as promised. Mr. Richardson, having previously given due notice, now moved that Mr. White's salary, from December 1st. be increased to £85 a year; seconded by Mr. Butterick and carried.

The Clerk reported that four of their P.T's would complete their four years' indenture on the 30th. November, and it was customary to pay such teachers an increased salary of £30 a year, until the result of the Queen's Scholarship Examination is known. Mr. Butterick gave notice that he would move such an advance in salary at the next meeting, to date from December 1st.

Mr. White having applied for some assistance in conducting the Night School, (his numbers now being about 40), it was moved by Mr. Lunn, that Mr Blacker be appointed to assist in the Rothwell Haigh Night School, at a salary of 4s. a night, commencing November 20th. This was seconded by Rev. J. A. Alderson, and carried; Mr. Elstob neutral.

FINANCIAL.

In consequence of the delay in completing the original Mortgage Deed for the £2,000 loan on Rothwell New School (owing to the work being postponed longer than was anticipated), it had been found necessary that a new Deed should be prepared, and this was now produced by the Clerk, and the usual formal resolution passed, authorising the Chairman to sign and seal the document.

On the motion of the Rev. J. A. Alderson, seconded by Mr. Richardson, it was resolved that the following accounts and salaries be passed for payment:—

	£	s.	d.
Rothwell Haigh Teachers' sals	74	7	4
Rothwell Teachers' Salaries	74	3	2
Rothwell Gas Light Company	2	1	3
Petty Cash	5	0	0
J. Miles, Library Books	18	16	10
W. S Copley, loan account	150	0	0

The half-yearly payment of £32 11s 9d, has been received by the Treasurer from the Agricultural Rating Fund.

SWIMMING BATHS.

Mr. Lunn moved "That the Clerk be instructed to write the Baths Committee of the Leeds City Council through the Town Clerk asking upon what conditions the children in the Stourton Board Schools in standards V, VI and VII may attend the Corporation baths in Joseph St, Hunslet, during the summer months. He urged the benefits of knowing how to swim, and considered that their children at Stourton should have the opportunity of learning. He had already had some conversation with the chairman of the Baths Committee, and he had no doubt that arrangements would easily be made for sending a certain number of their scholars to Joseph Street Baths. He referred to the fact that the children living at the 'Homes' are now permitted to attend the Baths, and trusted the Board would carry the matter through. Mr. Butterick seconded the proposal, which was carried.

ATTENDANCE.

Some correspondence has passed as regards the irregular attendance at Rothwell Haigh School, of a number of Leeds children; these have all been satisfactorily diposed of.

At the last Committee meeting at these schools, the officer was armed with full powers as regards several parents who persistently neglect the attendance of their children.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Licence for the performance of Stage Plays at Rothwell Haigh School was ordered to be renewed.

A number of articles wanted for these Schools were ordered to be obtained.

Several details respecting both schools are left over for the Management Committees to deal with.

THE JAPANESE BAZAAR.

It has been customary for some years now to hold a bazaar or sale of work during the month of November, to assist in meeting the Rothwell Church and School expenses. These assemblies have been marked by gratifying results, the time spent in preliminity preparations being fully compensated by the netting of substantial sums of money and by the social enjoyment of the many people who have found entertainment thereat. The structural alterations, the maintenance of an efficient staff, and the purchase of up-to-date apparatus for the day schools have involved the managers in considerable extra expense during the past few years, and it must be gratifying to them to find that efforts to meet their financial liabilities are so heartily responded to by those, who, although perhaps having no direct benefit from the institution are nevertheless ready and willing to help a good cause.

This year's bazaar, opened in the Mechanics' Hall on Wednesday afternoon last, was on a more pretentious scale than some of its predecessors, the tasteful decoration of the rooms, the heavily laden stalls, and the exceptionally good entertainments, bespeaking hours of careful and painstaking preparation.

There was a large company present at the opening ceremony, including Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jowitt, of Leeds; Rev. W. B. and Mrs. Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. Calverley, Rev. F. G. Witt, Rev. A. J. Irvin, and a full complement of stall-holders and church-workers.

The stalls and general decorations were in suitable keeping with the title of the bazaar and had a very pleasing foreign effect, the recess under the arched platform being particularly realistic in its representation. The following are the stalls and names of those in charge:—

Sewing Party's Stall.—Mrs. J. C. Abbishaw, Mrs. Brook, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. G. Barker, Mrs. Elstob, Mrs. R. Batty, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. O. Parker.

Fancy Goods Stalls 1 and 2.—Miss Armitage, Miss Mander, Miss Richardson, Miss A. Armitage, Miss Parker, Miss Stevenson, Miss Butterfield, Mrs. Pierson, Miss A. Wormald.

Men's Stall, Poultry and Rabbit Stall:—Messrs. H. Abbishaw, W. Bennett, J. Chadwick, J. W. Daft, J. Elstob, F. C. Mander, W. Moss, J. C. Abbishaw, P. Chapman, John Dobson, J. Harrison, H. J. Martin, J. M. Rodley, H. S. Atkinson, C. Butterfield, H. Clark, W. H. Easton, E. Moss, A. Vinton, Dr. Buck, Dr. James.

Flower Stall.—Miss Hargreaves, Miss K. Hargreaves, Miss Puffett, Miss L. Puffett.

Sweets Stall.—Miss Batty, Miss E. M. Batty, Miss H. Clayton.

"Over the Garden Wall"—Miss C. Bennett, Miss L. Clayton, Miss H. Sheldon.

Cloak Room and Parcel Office.—Miss Jowitt, Miss Leslie, Miss Myton.

Refreshment Stall.—Mrs. A. Barker, Mrs. J. Harrison, Miss Suddaby, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Newsome, Miss. K. Webster, Mrs. Clark, Miss Pound, Mrs. H. Wormald.

The Rev. W. B. Pierson, in speaking at the opening, said all present should imagine themselves on a tour round the world, and for the time being within the dominion of the Mikado. The ladies of Japan he was sure had made good provision for them, and in many ways were prepared to minister to their enjoyment and well-being. They must remember, however, that their trip was not merely for pleasure, but also to make gain, and he trusted that when they arrived again in smoky and grimy England they would have something worthy their exertions to carry on the work of the parish. Although money was said to be the root of all evil, it was nevertheless the starting point of much good. Every parish had its own difficulties, and those difficulties created sympathy amongst the respective workers, as an instance of which they had amongst them that afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jowitt, of Leeds, to lend a helping hand. He had pleasure in calling upon Mrs. Jowitt to open the Bazaar.

Mrs. Jowitt expressed her pleasure in being present, and said that the object of the Bazaar was such an excellent one as to need no words from her to press its claims. Rothwell, she understood, was a very liberal subscriber to the funds of the Leeds General Infirmary, an institution in which she had particular interest, and that fact partly accounted for her presence. She had pleasure in declaring the bazaar open, and in wishing it every possible success.

A vote of thanks was then passed to Mrs. Jowitt for her services, the motion being spoken to by Mr. Elstob, and Mr. B. Thompson. Mr. Jowitt, on behalf of his wife, suitably acknowledged the compliment, trusting that at the close of the two days' sale their money bags might be well filled.

Very enjoyable lantern lectures were given in the evening by Mr. Elstob, the first night's show being entitled "Round about Rothwell," which proved an immensely popular exhibition. The pictures included the Parish Church (interior), about a dozen of the carved pew heads, the Favell monument, one of the late vicars (Rev. J. B. Palmer), the present vicar (Rev. W. B. Pierson), the Manor House, Rothwell mill and dam, several views in and about Wakefield, Bushy Cliff and neighbourhood, Royds Green, interior of the Rothwell Wesleyan Chapel, the Rothwell Primitive Chapel, the *Rothwell Times* staff, election day at Rothwell, views of the last Rothwell Flower Show, the Rothwell Vicarage, White House at Oulton, Oulton Church, views at Swillington, Aberford, Boston Spa, Roundhay Park, Bolton Woods, Leeds Town Hall, Briggate, Kirkstall Abbey, etc., etc., the programme concluding with comic slides for the children.

The second night's exhibition was entitled "Gems of Yorkshire scenery," and included many well-known scenes, as well as numerous beautiful pictures unfamiliar to many of the audience.

Mr. Frank Waide, the well-known society entertainer, also gave drawing-room entertainments, his contributions including:—first day—song, "Under the circumstances;" recitation, "The haunted ride;" song, "It does go;" song, "It's not for me;" recitation, "My sweetheart when a boy;" sketch, "Christmas Pantomime;" extras: song, and sketch, "Off for the Holidays." Second day—song, "Cyclists;" recitation, "The dead dolly;" sketch, "My musical neighbours;" song, "How we laugh;" recitation, "The haunted ride;" song, "Hallo, what are you doing here?" song, "And so did I."

In addition to these sources of revenue, darning, millinery, and ass-pinning competitions were also brought off, and created attractive and fun-producing diversions.

The stall-holders secured very ready sales during the first day, the stalls yesterday when the Bazaar was re-opened presenting a very fleeced appearance. There was again a good attendance and all the entertainments were in full swing at night. The proceeds, which are highly satisfactory, reach a total of about £120, the first day's takings amounting to over £90.

LOFTHOUSE CRICKET CLUB.

The annual supper and meeting of the above club was held at the 'Rose & Crown' Inn, on Saturday evening last. Over 40 members and friends sat down to a substantial supper, which comprised—Yorkshire pudding, beef, mutton, veal, rabbit pie, vegetables, plum pudding, apple pie, pastry, cheese and celery. The carvers were:—Rev. G. H. Scott, Mr. T. Lake and Mr. Jabez Parker; great satisfaction was expressed with the excellent manner in which the supper had been served.

After supper, the annual meeting took place under the chairmanship of the Rev. G. H. Scott.

The secretary, Mr. G. P. Balme, presented the report and balance sheet of the first annual athletic sports held in September, which had resulted in an income of £57 10s 9d, and an expenditure of £36 3s 3d; thus leaving a balance for the funds of the club of £21 7s 6d. The general balance sheet showed an income of £62 18s 6d, with an expenditure of £60 2s 3½d, leaving a balance in hand of £2 16s 2½d. The bazaar fund balance now stands at £13 9s 0d. From a playing point of view, the Secretary reported the following big scores knocked up against the first team—Oulton 172 for 8, Roundwood 215, Metley 154, Linthwaite 160 for 5, East Ardsley 216, and the return match 117 for 1. Lofthouse largest scores were—168 against Rothwell, 282 for 6 Upper Batley, and got them out for 64; 218 for 8 against Altofts and got them out for 66. Of the 22 matches played, 5 had been won, 6 lost, and 11 drawn; whilst 1930 runs had been scored for 148 wickets, with an average of 13.04; against 1960 for their opponents 140 wickets, making an average of 13.90 The second eleven had played 15, won 7, lost 5, and drawn 3; and had scored 1256 for 130 wickets, average 9.36 against their opponents 965 for 123, average 7 84, nearly 2 runs a wicket better. The following is the list of averages:—

BATTING AVERAGES—FIRST TEAM.

	Inns.	Times Not out.	Most in an Inns.	Runs.	Avrg.
S B Brook	19	5	63	367	26.3
T Longley	17	2	82	299	19.4
T Parkin	19	3	38x	274	17.2
J Hall	5	0	41	77	15.2
G W Hollings	9	1	44	112	14.0
J R Marshall	17	4	47	156	12.0
J Noble	17	2	36	172	11.7
J Parker	7	2	12	44	8.4
G Dews	7	1	28	51	8.3
A H Brook	7	1	35x	45	7.3
W Atkinson	4	1	17	22	7.1
Jas Horner	16	3	17	89	6.11
J B Aveyard	7	2	11	22	4.2
A Hall	9	2	4x	15	2.1

x Denotes Not Out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs.	Avrg.
John Sykes	4	0	2	17	8.1
J Horner	28.3	6	7	59	8.3
G W Hollings	143.4	33	38	372	9.30
Jas Hall	65	19	14	141	10.1
A H Brook	2	0	1	11	11 0
J Parker	19	3	3	35	11.2
T Longley	165.3	51	27	330	12.6
T Parkin	119.4	32	21	290	13.17
S B Brook	58	7	9	166	18.4
Alb Hall	8	0	1	28	28.0
J B Aveyard	28.2	2	3	95	31.2
Urban Scott	20	4	1	92	92.0
Alan Ward	35	11	5	83	16.3

SECOND ELEVEN—BATTING.

	Inns.	Times Not out.	Most in an Inns.	Runs.	Avrg.
J B Aveyard	9	2	52x	172	24.4
J W Ackroyd	11	1	56	208	20.8
John Sykes	8	1	36	134	19.1
Urban Scott	6	1	33x	70	14.0
W Atkinson	9	0	22	96	10.6
W Dixon	11	0	40	103	9.4
A Hall	1	0	9	9	9.0
H Wormald	5	0	17	41	8.1
E Atkinson	9	1	23	61	7.5
A Kellett	1	0	7	7	7.0
Arthur Scott	9	0	20	59	6.5
E Morten	7	2	24	31	6.1
W Parker	5	2	8	18	6.0
J Hill	3	1	5	11	5.1
F Lunn	2	0	8	10	5.0
R Akroyd	7	1	17	30	5.0
F Moorhouse	2	0	10	10	5.0
John Brook	6	2	10	20	5.0
Walt Hartley	7	1	8x	29	4 5
John Lunn	1	0	4	4	4.0
T Longley	12	0	13	46	3.10
O Tate	5	1	8	12	3.0
T Ward	1	0	2	2	2.0
W Longley	4	0	4	7	1.3
B Atkinson	1	0	1	1	1.0
Ben Firth	1	0	1	1	1.0

x Denotes Not Out.

BOWLING

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avrg.
Urban Scott	67	28	93	29	3 60
J B Aveyard	72.3	14	168	28	6 0
J W Ackroyd	78	29	141	20	7.1
A Hall	12	4	24	3	8.0
H Wormald	38.4	5	109	13	8.5
W Dixon	24.3	3	81	9	9.0
W Atkinson	12	2	28	3	9.1
John Sykes	34 4	9	76	8	9.4
A Scott	28	3	66	6	11.0
W Hartley	20	5	66	4	16.2
W Longley	4	2	10	0	0
E Atkinson	3	0	21	0	0

The Chairman proposed the toast "The Queen" in a very loyal speech, also "The prosperity and success of the Lofthouse Cricket Club"; in speaking to the latter, he expressed his pleasure in noticing that there was a nice balance on the right side, and specially urged the members to use individual efforts, and not leave the work to a few officials, especially prompting them to increase the number of subscribers, as there was a deficiency of £7 1s 0d from the previous year. In reference to the success of the club, he said that although they had not won the Woodlesford League, they had men who had secured the highest average in the batting department, and also the highest individual scorer.

From a suggestion by the Committee, it was unanimously decided to alter the name of the club to "Lofthouse Cricket and Athletic Club."

Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring officials, scorers, gate-keepers and auditors.

The election of officers resulted as follows—President, Joseph Charlesworth, Esq., Glenapp Castle; hon. secretary, Mr. G P. Balme; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. A. Fox; committee, Messrs. M. Atkinson, A. H. Brook, Wm. Lee, T. Longley, Ed. Lunn, John Lunn, Wm. Parker, Thos. Parkin, W. Plows, and A. Wilson, who have been on the committee during the last season, with the addition of the following:—Messrs. J. W. Parkin, T. Newell, H. Tate, S. B. Brook, W. Duxbury, T. Hall, Walt. Brook, and G. W. Hollings. Umpires, Messrs. W. Armitage, John Lunn and Walter Brook; scorers, Messrs. J. W. Parkin and B. Atkinson; representative for cup tie, Mr. J. R. Marshall; captain, 1st team, C. S. Sykes, Esq.; lieutenant. Mr. J. R. Marshall; captain, 2nd team, Mr. John Sykes; lieutenant, Mr. E. Atkinson.

The Chairman, in presenting the prizes, said he had given the prize for the bowling for the past thirteen years, and he hoped some other gentlemen would come forward and take his place. He had great pleasure in presenting a guinea to Mr. G. W. Hollings as the bowling prize, which he was at liberty to spend as he liked. He next drew attention to Mr. B. Brook, who had secured the highest average both in the club and the league; Mr. Sykes who gives this prize, not being at home, it would have to be held over. For the highest individual score, on behalf of Councillor Milner, he presented a pair of boots to Mr. T. Longley. Owing to a slight misunderstanding, the prizes for the second team, which had been won by Mr. J. B. Aveyard and Mr. Urban Scott for batting and bowling respectively, he could not present them, but they would be handed over in due course.

Mr. Albany Brook again promised to give the bowling and batting prizes for the second team.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. M. Atkinson seconded a vote of thanks to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Brook, for the excellent manner in which they had catered, everything being of first-class quality; Mr. Brook responded.

A discussion took place in reference to forming an accident fund for the players receiving injuries whilst playing. It was decided that the Committee should formulate a scheme and then convene a general meeting of all the members.

Mr. G. P. Balme proposed, and Mr. G. Beaumont seconded, a vote of thanks to the chairman for so ably presiding; to which Mr. Scott suitably responded.

An adjournment then took place to the singing room, where the remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner; Messrs. J. & W. Parker, Wilson and Lee contributed songs, and were accompanied by Mr. G. W. Hollings. A very successful affair terminated with "Auld lang syne."

Arthur Farrer who left Lofthouse, to act as professional for Primrose Hill has had another successful season and has signed on for Malton for next year. Allan Ward has also done well for Meltham Mills. and has been re-engaged.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

On Monday evening last, a lime-light lecture was given in connection with the above Society, in the Board School, by Mrs. Dickenson, poor law guardian, on "Poor Law administration." The meeting was very well attended, and the audience, as evidenced by the attention and applause, appreciated to the fullest the lecture. The slides illustrated the Hunslet Guardians, the working staff, the Hunslet Workhouse (exterior and interior), the Children's Homes at Rothwell Haigh, and similar institutions at Croydon and Sheffield. Mrs. Dickenson's explanations and descriptions were most lucid, showing a thorough and practical acquaintance with poor law administration. The audience were in sympathy with the efforts that had been made to make our necessitous aged more comfortable by better beds, and the provision of arm-chairs; also with the severer methods to check the occasional inmates—tramps. The benefit of having a Lady Guardian was evidenced when the change in the laundry portion was explained. The work of the Guardians in bringing up the children under their care, as at the Homes, and of fitting them to take their place in the world as respectable citizens called forth warm applause. At the conclusion of the lecture, questions were asked. In anwer to Mr. Tetley, Mrs. Dickenson stated that although not quite sure, she thought quite 10s out of every £1 raised for poor relief was required in administration and not directly in poor relief. Other questions were put and well answered. After a little discussion there seemed to be a favourable majority for the "Cell System" of treatment of tramps. On the motion of the Rev. G. H. Clark, and seconded by Mr. Tetley, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Dickenson for her able lecture. Mrs. Dickenson suitably replied and the meeting closed. Mr. F. Ellison, vice-president, presided.

OLD FALSE TEETH BOUGHT.

Many ladies and gentlemen have by them old or disused false teeth, which might as well be turned into money. Messrs. R. D. & J. B. Fraser, of Princes Street, Ipswich, (established since 1833), buy old false teeth. If you send your teeth to them they will remit you by return of post the utmost value; or, if preferred, they will make you the best offer, and hold the teeth over for your reply. If reference necessary, apply to Messrs. Bacon & Co., Bankers, Ipswich.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Nov. 18th, 1899, is £368; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £329, thus showing increase of £39. For the 20 weeks ending Nov. 18th, the return is £5982, against £5142 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £840

TO MOTHERS.—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is pleasant to taste; it produces natural quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." Of all Chemists, 1s. 1½d per bottle

LITERARY EXTRACTS.

[ME]MORY never dies, nor grows weaker in the [...]l of age; it strengthens with advancing [year]s, until the shadows of things gone by seem [to th]e old more real than the reality, the old [live] in the past as the young live in the future; [mem]ory makes its own habitation.

BOOKS which absorb our attention to such a [deg]ree that they rob us of all fancy for other [boo]ks, are absolutely pernicious. In this way [the]y only bring fresh crochets and sects into [th]e world; they multiply the great variety of [...]ghts, rules, and measures already existing; [the]y are morally and politically a nuisance.—[...]BERT.

THINK of death as a thing thou must meet [...] and of this life as a thing thou must part [wi]th; and love not too well that life that keeps [th]ee from a better, nor fear that death that leads [th]ee to a better life. This life is a journey, and [th]e world an uneasy horse, that, with much [...]ting and some falls, brings thee to thy home, [an]d why art thou unwilling to alight?

IN JAPANESE FASHION.—In her simple [...]less way, the Japanese girl does not hesitate [to] set forth her own perfections. In a recent [iss]ue of a Japanese journal one young lady [ad]vertises for a husband in a very unspoken [fas]hion:—"I, the undersigned, am a peetty girl, [wit]h abundant hair, flower-like face, perfect [eye]brows, and a good figure. I have money [en]ough to take life easy and to enable me to [sp]end my years with some man who will ever be [my] companion and who can admire the flowers [wi]th me by day and the moon by night. If any [cle]ver, accomplished, handsome, and fastidious [gen]tleman is disposed to accept this offer, I will [be] true to him for life, and that after life is [ov]er I will be ready to be buried with him in [th]e grave." Decidedly this young lady, who so [ch]eerfully offers to share the grave with a [po]ssible husband, is very much in earnest.

GAIN IN LOSS.—There is a positive gain in [so]me kinds of loss. The solid block of fine [m]arble loses certain portions of its mass, and a [st]atue stands forth, multiplying the value of the [o]riginal mass a thousand-fold. The jewel suffers [lo]ss in being engraven. Its very heart feels the [st]eely point of the graver as the image or in[sc]ription that is to endure for ever is made [up]on it by the removal of its integral substance. But its intrinsic value is immeasurably enhanced. What is needed most by those passing through the furnace, held to the polishing-wheel, under the chisel of the great Master, under the point of the graver, is steady clinging to the right, unbending tenacity of high purpose, and fidelity to trust even unto death.

MEN'S HATS.—It seems impossible to regulate any matter with thorough consistency. The etiquette that governs the wearing of hats indoors by men has some curious points. It is pretty well understood now that a man shall not remove his hat in the elevator of a business building if a woman enter the car, but in the elevator of a hotel he does. In the case of theatres there is much diversity of opinion as to just when he should uncover. Some remove their hats in the foyer, and do not put them on again until they again meet the chill outer air, while others wear their hats until they reach their seats, and clap them on again as soon as the curtain falls for the last time. There is no recognised rule about this; it is even less settled than the customs as to hats in clubs. The American fashion is not to wear the hat in the club, and the English idea is to retain it anywhere in the building except in the dining-rooms.

ARTIFICIAL APPLAUSE FOR THEATRES.—Germany has come to the front with a curious contrivance which will render the claque in theatres superfluous, and substitute a machine performing the same duties. The ingenious inventor, Herr Zimmermann, has ascertained that two leather sacks, filled with air, when brought violently together, make a noise precisely like that produced by the clapping of hands. He placed pairs of leather sacks in hidden places throughout a theatre, and then connected them by wires with the wings so that they could be set in motion by electricity on a button being pressed. The regisseur in the wings controls the apparatus in all parts of the house, and can produce applause from the gallery, the pit, or the stalls at will. Herr Zimmerman claims that his invention is now in use in several theatres in Paris and Berlin, but for obvious reasons declines to say in which.

EVAPORATED EGGS.—One thing that has puzzled the trade here—the falling off of shipments of eggs from Canada—is explained by quite a new departure. The producers and merchants of the Dominion are not wont to let a market pass from them when once they have acquired it, and as Canadian eggs have become established here, particularly in Bristol, Liverpool, and Glasgow, it was a matter for conjecture why we have received so few this season. It transpires that Canadian fowls have not ceased laying, nor have Americans eagerly sought for them despite the seven cent duty; but they have been bought up by thousands of dozens to be used in a new evaporated egg food, for which an order was recently placed in Ontario amounting to a hundred tons for shipment to this side. Farmers in Canada do not care what becomes of the eggs so long as they sell them, and are delighted at the prospects opened out by this new industry, which has enabled merchants to keep the price of eggs up above the export basis. Why cannot this trade be kept at home? It is a vain query, for though we are beginning to move a little, for every step we take the foreigner and the colonial takes a stride right into our midst.—*Commercial Intelligence.*

CURIOUS PAVEMENTS.—At Gwandu, in Africa which contains between 10,000 and 15,000 inhabitants, the town, which is oval in shape, is surrounded by a palisade of tree poles, the top of every pole being crowned with a human skull. There are six gates, and the approach to each gate is laid with a pavement of human skulls, the tops being the only parts that show above ground. More than 2,000 skulls are used in the pavement leading up to each gate. The pavement is of snowy whiteness, and polished to the smoothness of ivory by the daily passage of hundreds of naked feet. At Philadelphia compressed grass has been formed into paving blocks, and this pavement has stood a year's test so well that a large industry has sprung up for its manufacture. The grass used is what has grown on salt marshes. Amongst other curious materials which have been used for pavement may be mentioned molasses mixed with sand and compressed into blocks, horses' teeth set in cement, granulated cork, indiarubber, shells, steel, and glass. The costliest Macadam record is that which once paved the streets of Kimberley, South Africa. It was so thickly studded with diamonds that millions' worth of gems were taken from it.

A REMARKABLE LEGEND.—From Bulawayo is recorded a curious incident—or should it be called a legend?—in the history of the tribe known as "Wankies," situate near the Zambesi River. The name "Wankie," it is said, never dies; each chief adopting the name after succession. The curious custom is very reminiscent of the Pharaohs of ancient days, and is not unknown in other parts of Africa besides at Wankie's. Not far from the royal kraal stands a conical hill with a curious name. Although very symmetrical, there are signs that a part of it has been cut away by artificial means. The explanation, as given by the natives, is, that many years ago, a certain "Wankie" lived on the river bank, some distance from the hill. He took a fancy to this hill, but did not care to move his quarters. With more determination, or obstinacy, than the proverbial Mahomet, he insisted that the hill should be brought to him, so he set about and made his tribe bring it to him piecemeal. He was not successful in accomplishing his ambitious desire and history does not record whether he died of despair. But the bare idea of an uncivilised, ignorant, savage chief attempting to move mountains has something very pathetic about it—almost sublime.—*Rhodesia.*

In the British Navy there are 120 vessels that have been in service at least a quarter of a century.

ROTHWELL WESLEY GUILD.

A public lecture was given in connection with this increasingly successful institution, on Friday evening last. There was a large attendance of members and friends, in spite of the bad night. The subject of the discourse was "The Wonders of Insect Life," and was most efficiently handled by the Rev. S. Arnold (president of the Guild). Many of the audience had been amazed at the marvels of nature's handiwork previously, but their astonishment turned to something akin to awe as the minuteness and completeness of the details of the life and composition of insects were graphically unfolded by the lecturer. In opening, Mr. Arnold described what an insect is, and how it differs from other creatures, the shape being one of the principal differences. The wonderful care that most insects have for their young was fully shown; when the eggs are laid, they are deposited in the midst of an abundance of food, thereby ensuring sustenance for the grub, when hatched. The defensive armour and implements with which many insects are endowed was touched on, one small creature having a kind of gun in its tail; when an enemy chases it, it is able to discharge this weapon, and thereby stun and blind its opponent for a while. The breathing apparatus of these small bits of animal life were most interestingly described; instead of the blood being taken to the air in the lungs and there purified, the insects breath the air thoughout the whole body, the veins carrying the air to the blood in all parts of its anatomy, in place of blood to the lungs; they have no heart and no circulation of blood. It was stated that some insects have as many as 24,000 eyes, which all reflect any object which comes in their line of vision. The way various species of insects are produced was gone into and proved an attractive study, some being perfected in the water, others on edge of the desert, some in the heart of plants, etc. The almost human skill of ants in building was spoken of with much force. Flies, beetles, fleas, butterflies, spiders, ants, gnats, etc., were all thoroughly and beautifully described, and the wonder and praise at God's infinite care, and preparations for the well-being of the smallest and most insignificant of his creations, grew as the lecture proceeded. All were much pleased, and gained many instructive and interesting lessons from the remarks of the rev. gentleman. The lime-light views illustrating the lecture were thrown on the sheet by Mr. A. Arnold, and showed up the minutiae of insect life charmingly, some of the pictures being most interesting; almost everything that was said was illustrated on the sheet, and greatly facilitated the power to grasp the marvellous wonders described. The following are a few of the enlarged microscopic photographs given:—the respiratory apparatus of insects, compared with the breathing organs of a cat—a portion of the eye of a fly, with the reflection of a black cross on a white ground—the changes in the first stages of a gnat's growth—the sacred beetle of Egypt rolling a great ball of eggs and food to the edge of the desert, where it always leaves its eggs—the scales of a butterfly's wings—the inside of an ant's nest, and very many others, all exactly pourtraying what was being described. A solo "Dream of Paradise," was beautifully and effectively rendered by Miss Mina Marshall during the evening. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all who had assisted in making the meeting such a marked success, on the motion of Mr. J. R. Seanor and Mr. J. Shurmer. A collection for expenses was taken at the close.

ROTHWELL OLD BAND BAZAAR.

The workers in connection with the recent bazaar held in behalf of the Rothwell Old Band, took tea together on Saturday last in the bandroom. There were about 50 persons present. After tea a social evening was spent, at which the bazaar balance sheet was read by Mr. T. Bennett, from which it appears there is a nett balance from the effort of £33 14s 11d. The bandroom has recently been redecorated and beautified, which expense, along with the debt on the building, has been met all but about £10. On the motion of Mr. S. Fowler and Mr. W. W. Harrison the report and balance sheet were approved as correct and highly satisfactory to all concerned. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and singing, Mr. Wilfred Taylor and Mr. C. Smith contributing songs. Mr. W. Fowler and Mr. H. Gibson were the M.C's. and Mr. A. Fowler accompanied.

A LOCAL POLICE CONTABLE 'CALLED UP.'

P. C. Hawker, who was recently transferred from Gildersome to Rothwell Haigh, has been called up to join his regiment, the Scots Guards, at the Tower of London. He has been in the police force two years, and during the short time he has been in this district has very favourably impressed his superior officers, who, along with others of the force presented him before leaving with a silver mounted pipe in case, a tobacco pouch and quantity of tobacco. His arrangements for marriage at an early date have necessarily had to be abandoned.

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PRESENTATION TO MR. MARTIN.

We have pleasure in observing that a very handsome badge and gold medallion was presented to Mr. H. J Martin, last week, at Leeds, by his fellow Foresters. The interesting event took place in the Chapter House, in Albion Place, at an annual Conference of the Independent Order of Foresters, and testifies to his successful services in extending the membership of the Order.

ALL COUNTRY PEOPLE should read *The Rural World*, 1d. weekly, which contains Articles on Horses, Cattle, the Dairy, Poultry, Bees, Rabbits, Pigs, Gardening, Natural History, Botany of the Farm and Garden, the Home, Foreign and Colonial Intelligence, Answers to Correspondents, etc. It is profusely illustrated, and is, altogether, a *most interesting and instructive farming and country paper.* A good medium for servants requiring situations. The Manager offers to send a specimen copy free. The address is 110 and 111 Strand, London, W.C.

YOUNG FOLKS' COLUMN.

A GENTLEMANLY BOY.

A gentle boy, a manly boy,
Is the boy I love to see;
An honest boy, an upright boy,
Is the boy of boys for me.

The gentle boy guards well his lips,
Lest words that fall may grieve;
The manly boy will never stoop
To meanness, nor deceive.

An honest boy clings to the right
Through seasons foul and fair;
An upright boy will faithful be
When trusted anywhere.

The gentle boy, the manly boy,
Upright and honest, too,
Will always find a host of friends
Among the good and true.

He reaps rewards in doing good,
Finds joy in giving joy,
And earns the right to bear the name—
"A gentlemanly boy."

H. L. CHARLES.

WHAT A BOOK SAID.

"Once on a time," a library book was overheard talking to a little boy who had just borrowed it. The words seemed worth recording, and here they are:

"Please don't handle me with dirty hands. I should feel ashamed to be seen when the next little boy borrowed me.

"Or leave me out in the rain. Books can catch cold as well as children.

"Or make marks on me with your pen or pencil. It would spoil my looks.

"Or lean on me with your elbows when you are reading me. It hurts.

"Or open me and lay me face down on the table. You wouldn't like to be treated so.

"Or put in between my leaves a pencil or anything thicker than a single sheet of thin paper. It would strain my back.

"Whenever you have finished reading me, if you are afraid of losing your place, don't turn down the corner of one of my leaves, but have a neat little book-mark to put in where you stopped, and then close me and lay me down on my side, so that I can have a good, comfortable rest.

"Remember, that I want to visit a great many other little boys after you have done with me. Besides, I may meet you again some day, and you would be sorry to see me looking old and torn and soiled. Help me to keep fresh and clean and I will help you to be happy."

"WHAT are you doing there, Johnnie?" inquired the school-teacher of the scholar who had just taken off his shoes and stockings.

"I want to know how many are four times five. I've used up my fingers, so I'm counting on my toes."

SOME children were being taught grammar in a village school. After having drilled into the children the names of the vowels, the mistress went on for some time. Suddenly she went back and asked: "What is a vowel?"

A little girl held up her hand, and said: "Please, mum, it's a young chick growed up!"

LITTLE Edith had a habit of eating the soft part of her bread and tucking the crust under the edge of her plate.

Her mother had frequently reproved her for this, but it appeared to have no lasting effect.

The other evening she was detected at her old trick. Her mother said:

"Edith, how often have I told you about leaving your crusts? There may come a day when you'll want a crust badly."

"Oh, mamma!" replied Edith, "may I save them for then?"

"WELL," said little Ruth, "I don't know what charity means. Do you?"

"Yes," replied Dot. "Charity is giving away what you don't want."

THE FAIRY FIREFLIES.

In her story of life amongst the curious little Japs, entitled, "A Diplomatist's Wife in Japan," Mrs. Hugh Fraser has many charming incidents to record. Here is one of them, with a fairy tale thrown in:—

"I went to a night fair two or three evening's ago, a humble show where little more than cakes and sweetmeats and straw sandals were sold; but there was one stall full of winged lights, tiny stars of green fire clustering all over it. I bought about a hundred Princess Splendours in a black horse-hair cage, and brought them home with me. Do you know the story of Princess Splendour?

She was, it seems, a tiny moon-child, so like a firefly that the old woodman (of fairy tales all the world over) picked her off a bamboo branch in the moonlight and brought her home to his wife. She grew lovelier and brighter for twenty sweet years till all the brown cottage shone with her beauty at night and basked in it by day. Every one loved her, but most of all the Emperor, whom she loved too. But she could not marry him, because all her life was only to be twenty years, and the time was nearly up.

And he hoped to keep her; but at last the day came when she had to go, and Princess Splendour travelled home on a moonbeam, crying silver tears all the way, till Mother Moon took her in her arms and folded her to her warm white heart, quite away from the Emperor for ever. All her tears took wings and go flying about the woods on warm nights looking for the Emperor still, though he died an old, old man hundreds of years ago.

But the keeper of the strange stall at the fair (and I could hardly see it in the darkness) had captured scores of the winged lights, and sold them by ones and twos in a dainty cage two inches long, with a green leaf for provisions, for two rin, a sum so small that we have no equivalent for it. I stood for a minute before the firefly stall and then told the interpreter to say that I must have *all* the flies in *all* the cages. . . .

I carried them all home in the horsehair box, and when everybody had gone to bed I crept out into the balmy darkness of my garden, opened the box and set all the lovely creatures free. This way and that they flew, their radiant lamps glowing and paling like jewels seen through water, some clinging to my hair and my hands, as if afraid to plunge into the garden's unknown ways. I felt like a white witch who had called the stars down to play with her.

A CLERGYMAN'S little daughter, who had been to church for the first time and heard her father preach, was questioned by him on reaching home as to how she liked his sermon. There was an embarrassed silence.

Then the little maid, tired out with the long strain of "being good," and yet anxious not to offend in any wise, made answer, with a long-drawn breath of patient resignation:

"You preached awful long, papa, but I beared it."

TEACHING CANARIES TO SING.

The learning time in a canary's life is from five to six months old to a year. The owner must begin in good time. Be sure the bird is in robust health and good spirits.

Now to teach him. Choose the song you want sung; place him in a quiet room with the cage covered. Then play a few notes of the air on some instrument, flute, bird-organ, or piano.

Play slowly, distinctly, and in correct time, repeating it till the bird begins to try himself. He must not see the teacher nor hear any noise to distract his attention from the notes he is to learn. It may take hours, possibly twelve, before the bird learns his lesson.

When he sings his notes he should be rewarded with something he likes, or praised a little.

However well he may know his song he will forget it the first time he moults, unless carefully repeated to him every day while moulting.

A LITTLE girl one day heard a tale spoken of as a narrative. Next morning when her mother entered the nursery the little dog began frisking about, when the little girl exclaimed:

"Oh, mother! see how Toby is wagging his narrative!"

Algeria and Argentine are the only countries in the world where the horses outnumber the human beings.

FOOTBALL

Will the Secretaries of Football Clubs kindly forward List of Fixtures, Reports of Matches (both first and second teams), and List of players chosen as early as possible.

NORTHERN UNION—SECOND COMPETITION—EAST DIVISION.

RESULTS UP TO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

	Pl	Wn	Lt	Dn	Pts	For G	For T	For P	Against G	Against T	Against P
Normanton	9	7	1	1	15	9	8	42	1	4	14
Kinsley	9	6	2	1	13	12	25	99	6	8	36
York	7	5	2	0	10	10	13	59	6	2	18
Alverthorpe	7	5	2	0	10	7	9	41	6	5	27
Featherstone	7	4	2	1	9	7	10	44	7	9	41
Rothwell	8	3	5	0	6	4	7	29	12	14	66
Outwood C	9	2	5	2	6	2	3	13	7	11	47
Ossett	6	2	3	1	5	6	2	18	7	8	38
Goole	9	2	6	1	5	7	7	35	6	10	42
Pontefract	7	1	4	2	4	4	4	20	9	13	57
Eastmoor	8	1	6	1	3	2	4	16	6	12	48

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WEST YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts
Ossett	5	2	1	2	6
Featherstone	3	3	0	0	6
Dodsworth Inst	4	2	2	0	4
Altofts	3	1	1	1	3
Rothwell W R	3	1	1	1	3
Oulton	5	1	4	0	2
xDewsbury	3	1	2	0	0

x Two points deducted for Breach of Rules.

	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts
Woodlesford	5	4	1	0	8
Ferrybridge	4	3	1	0	6
Hunslet N C	3	2	1	0	4
Altofts 'A'	2	2	0	0	4
Rothwell W R 'A'	4	1	3	0	2
Dodsworth Inst A	3	1	2	0	2
Purston United	5	0	5	0	0

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COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

RUGBY.

At York—Rothwell v York.

ROTHWELL TEAM—Full back, B Cromack; three-quarter backs, J Fieldhouse, J Hoult (capt), J Morrell H Morgan, B Kelly; half-backs, F Robinson, B Morrell; forwards, H Hemsworth, E Williams, E Gouley, W Shaw, J W Micklefield, D Ward, A Pape, J Parkinson, A Horsfall.

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At Rothwell—Rothwell W R v Pontefract Garrison.

WHITE ROSE TEAM—Goal, A Cripps; backs, J Beckwith, R Whitehead; half-backs, W Bedford, T Bridges, W Jeffries; forwards, G Barnes, C Ward, H Dacre, J Berry, H Illingworth; Reserve, E Baber.

At Woodlesford—Woodlesford 'A' v East Leeds.

WOODLESFORD 'A' TEAM—Goal, G Lawn; backs, A Crosby, F Johnson; half-backs, A Benson, G Traumer, S Hoyle; forwards, T Ellis, W Onions, J Hughes, J B Bouch, W Tuler; Reserves, H Tuler, D Johnson, H McWilliam, F J Ferritt.

THE POWDER AND THE SPARK.

Both doctors said the lady would never walk out again, and her condition seemed to justify their opinion. She had lost the power to move After every big battle thousands of men, more or less crippled, are thrown on the world. But big battles, thank goodness! are rare; and will be more rare as men become more sensible and civilised.

But there are enemies not to be overthrown by force, and who never sign treaties of peace One of them is the combination of causes which produces the disease called rheumatism. Its victims are everywhere, but especially in countries having variable climates and much wet, fog, and dampness. Take notice, however, that it is not the cold or the wet which directly creates rheumatism. A certain poison in the blood is the primary *cause*, and the dampness and cold are the *inciting* causes.

In plainer words: the acid in the blood is like a handful of powder in your pocket, and the dampness is like the spark that explodes it. But what manufactures the acid? Let us hear Mrs. Morison's story, and then try to find out.

"It was in the early part of 1886," she says, "that my health began to give way. At first I merely felt unnaturally weak and tired, without being able to explain it. Then my appetite fell off, and I ate much less than my habit had been; and after the little I did eat I had a pain around the chest and a sensation in the stomach as if some living think were moving there and gnawing me; a most horrible feeling it was.

"A new thing also (to me) was the nasty bitter taste in the mouth that stayed by me all the time, but was worse in the morning. A sour fluid would rise into my throat and mouth which burned and bit at times as strong vinegar does on the tongue. I spat up a deal of thick phlegm, too, and it was often much labour to cough it loose and get rid of it.

"I had four months of this, all the while hoping it would pass away of itself, or that I could find some medicine to cure it. In this I was sadly disappointed, for the complaint fastened upon me closer and harder until and by I began to have attacks of rheumatism, a malady I never had in my life before.

"This went on from bad to worse until my poor body appeared to be full of it. It broke out worst in the joints, as I had so often seen it in others. It took hold of my hands and feet, which got inflamed and hot, so they could hardly bear touching. The pain was terrible, and before long I could not stand on my feet, and had to be put to bed by hands stronger than mine.

"Later on I grew to be so bad I had to take to my bed altogether. I then belonged to the great multitude who are in the world but not of it; who live but can neither work nor take pleasure in living. I was perfectly helpless; I had no power to turn from one side to the other unaided.

"I lost strength until I frequently fainted dead away from sheer weakness. And as for pain, I was never free from it; I did not know what it was to have a minute's real ease. My daughter and a kind neighbour nursed me, and for over a year their task continued; and those who saw me agreed that I was doomed to be a burden on my friends as long as I lived.

"During this time the attending doctor gave me medicines and ordered blisters and embrocations, but none of them had more than a passing effect. Then a second doctor was brought to see me, and *both said I would never walk again.*

"One day my neighbour, Mrs. Murphy, said she believed Mother Seigel's Syrup would help me, as she knew many like cases which it had cured. I began taking it, and was soon much better. I felt easier, and food agreed with me. After this, using the Syrup regularly, I improved, and gained strength rapidly. The rheumatic pains gradually left me, and *in a month's time I was able to walk and go about my housework.* Since then I have had no return of the ailment, and have credited my wonderful cure to Mother Seigel's Syrup, for surely nothing else did it. You may publish the case as you please."—(Signed (Mrs.) SUSANNAH MORISON, 9, Gransden Avenue, London Lane, Hackney, London, June 29, 1899.

The source of the poisons in her blood which gave Mrs. Morison rheumatism was the indigestion which *went before it.* What we have said hundreds of times, we say again—*the fundamental cause of rheumatism is dyspepsia.* Cure the latter and you cure the former. Don't forget this vital fact.

WIT AND HUMOUR.

Alice: "Don't you think my new pictures are successful?" Maude: "Why, yes! They are really very pretty."

Jones: "Do you think the tramp problem will ever be solved?" Brown: "Not if the tramp has to work it out."

It is hard to lose friends—to see them slipping from you one by one—but it is harder still to find a towel with your eyes full of soap.

First Cook: "How do you like your new place?" Second Cook: "First rate. There isn't an alarm clock about the place."

Tommy: "Wot was de hardest question de teacher asked yer ter-day?" Bobby: "When he asked me would I sooner be licked with a strap or a ruler."

"Look at this man," said the attorney, pointing to the prisoner; "does he look like one who would commit a crime?" "No," replied the witness; "but neither do you!"

Robson: "Going to learn to play the violin?" Dobson: "No." "Then why did you buy that one you are carrying?" "I bought it from the man who lives in the flat above me."

"My daughter's music," sighed the mother, "has been a great expense." "Indeed?" returned the guest who had just heard her play. "Some neighbour sued you, I suppose?"

"What are you stopping for, John? If we don't hurry we'll miss our train." "You can go on if you want to, Maria. I'm going to see how they get that jibbing horse started!"

"Alice and Edgar are awfully in love." "How do you know?" "I met them dawdling along together in the rain yesterday. They both wore new clothes and had no umbrella."

"Should you be much put out if I kissed you?" he queried. "No, but you would be, and very quickly," answered her father from the head of the stairs.

"He laughs best who laughs last." "I don't know. It's mighty dismal business getting off a joke and having to laugh at it yourself because nobody else does."

Kelly (growing pathetic): "Pity a poor unfortunate man, Kelliher, thot's got to go home to his woife!" Kelliher: "Brace up, Kelly! brace up! Ye should be thankful ye are not the Sultan!"

Waiter (to cook): "Steak for one. Gent don't want it raw, nor he don't want it burned black." Cook (angrily): "Is that what he said?" Waiter: "No, not exactly. I asked him how he wanted it, an' he said 'medium.'"

Singleton: "Do you agree with the doctors who consider kissing dangerous?" Benedick: "Oh, yes." Singleton: "What dread effect do you think is likely to arise from it?" Benedick: "Marriage."

Old Lady: "I suppose, poor man, that you have fared badly because of hard times?" Weary Walker: "Yes, mum. So many people bein' out o' work makes an awful competition fer us fellers ter struggle agin."

Mrs. Cletime: "I think Mrs. Perkins has a great deal better opinion of her husband than he deserves." Mrs. Oletime: "Yes, and there are a lot of women like Mrs. Perkins—bless them all!"

She: "Do you remember you said you would do anything I asked when I promised to marry you?" He: "Yes, but I didn't know then how much spare time a woman had to think of things to ask for."

Grimes: "Yes, I thought if I didn't get her I should be crazy." Miller: "And you didn't get her, and you haven't gone crazy." Grimes: "No; but the man who did acts as though he had."

Husband: "What did you think when you heard the chandelier fall in the night?" Wife: "I thought you had been detained 'on business' again, and were getting up stairs as quietly as you could."

Returned Native: "Is Mr. Goodheart still paying attention to your daughter?" Elderly Matron: "He isn't paying her any attention at all." "Indeed? Did she jilt him?" "No, he married her."

Raggles: "Every year the manufacturers claim to make great improvements in their bicycles, but the most necessary one has not yet been invented." Jaggels: "What kind of a machine is that?" Raggles: "A self-cleaning one."

The Maid: "I found a four-leaved clover this morning. There is an old saying that the finder will be married within a year." The Bachelor: "I was under the impression that the finding of a four-leaved clover was an omen of good luck."

Farmer Jones: "Well, my boy, what profession are you going to take up?" Jones junior: "Pharmacy, I think." Farmer Jones: "Farmacy? Why, you could have stayed at home on the farm fer that, instead of spendin' time an' money at school and college!"

He had taken his punishment like a little man, and for some time afterwards had been buried in thought. "Mamma," he said, "do you really spank me because you love me so much?" "That's the reason I punish you, Willie." "And don't you love papa at all?"

Hibbler: "What are you writing now?" Scribbler: "A volume of bright sayings for infants." Hibbler: "But how on earth can it be of any use to infants?" Scribbler: "It can't. It's intended to be of use to parents in saving the wear and tear on their imaginations."

Miriam: "Where do you expect to go this summer—to the country or the seaside?" Fannie: "We haven't decided yet. It will depend on which papa selects. I do hope he will say the seaside. That will make mamma take to the country, and I like it so much better."

"It was a good opportunity," said the actor; "but I had to give it up." "What kind of a character was it?" "Villain." "Wasn't the salary enough?" "Very liberal, and the manager a gentleman; but when I was a boy I promised my mother that I would never smoke a cigarette."

"I came very near making a terrible mistake to-day," said Mrs. Westside to her husband. "Fancy!" "Oh, indeed!" "Yes. You know the new family that's just moved in? I was very near calling on them, when I accidentally learned that they haven't got a bicycle to their name."

Young Author: "Tell me frankly what you think of the manuscript of my book. I want to get it in shape for publication, as I have several other irons in the fire." Critical Friend: "Well, that being the case, I would advise you to use the manuscript for fuel. It might at least help to heat the other irons."

A small boy was one day asked by a clergyman if he knew what was meant by energy and enterprise. "No, sir, I don't think I do." The clergyman said—"Well, I will tell you, my boy. One of the richest men in the world came here without a shirt on his back, and now he has millions." "Millions!" replied the boy; "how many does he put on at a time?"

"My dear," observed the cannibal at lunch, "I shall probably bring a gentleman home with me for dinner." "Oh, how lovely of you to tell me beforehand!" exclaimed the wife. "Will you have him broiled or fried?" Here we see that, while the point of view varies with climatic and other influences, certain problems are universal.

"Frances," said the little girl's mamma, who was entertaining callers, "you came downstairs so noisily that you could be heard all over the house. Go back and come down the stairs like a lady." Frances retired, and after the lapse of a few minutes re-entered the room. "Did you hear me come downstairs this time, mamma?" "No, dear. I am glad you came quietly. How did you manage to come down like a lady the second time?" "I slid down the banisters."

Here is a story which Baron Dowse, the celebrated Irish judge, once told in that exaggerated "brogue" which he loved to employ. "I was down in Cork last month holding assizes. On the first day, when the jury came in, the officer of the court said: "Gintlemen ay the jury, ye'll take yer accustomed places, if ye plaze.' And may I never laugh," said the baron, "if they didn't all walk into the dock.'

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MEASLES AT ROTHWELL.

The epidemic of measles which has now been with us a month or more, seems to be still spreading, the number of cases being very large. It has been decided by the Sanitary Authority, (which ordered the closing of the Day Schools for three weeks), to extend the Order another week, in the hope that the disease will have nearly spent itself, and enable the Managers of the schools to open on Monday, December 4th.

ELEPHANTINE FEET.—A story is being told, which may or not be true, about a rising young politician who has unusually large feet. His mother is a lovable old woman, but very deaf. She lives in a small house in Torquay, and is always delighted by a visit from her son. When the British Fleet, which was anchored in Tor Bay lately, fired a salute, the old lady was observed to start, fix her cap, and smooth down her apron. Then she said with a sweet smile: "George is coming, I hear his footsteps on the stairs!"

ANOTHER NAME FOR BURIAL.—The following amusing story is told of a clergyman who, in the lottery of matrimony, had not had much luck. On one occasion, when he was about to perform the marriage ceremony, he opened the Prayer-book at the Burial Service by mistake, and commenced reading. The astonished bridegroom exclaimed: "Sir, sir, you mistake! I came to be married, not buried!" "Well," replied the clergyman, "if you insist on it, I am obliged to marry you; but believe me, my friend, you had far better be buried."

"UNTO THIS LAST."—Shoemaker's shop. Enter new customer. Customer: "I want you to make me a pair of your best lace-boots." Shoemaker thanks him, measures his left foot, and assures him that his esteemed order will have immediate attention. Customer: "But don't you take a drawing of my foot?" Shoemaker: "With pleasure, sir, if you wish it." Customer: "Won't it make a better-fitting boot if that's done?" Shoemaker: "Certainly, sir: but of course some object to it." Customer: "Object? How so?" Shoemaker: "Well, you see, sir, it makes the boot extremely like the foot!"

HOW TO LABEL GOODS.—Pat Maloney was nailing a box containing articles which he intended sending by rail. From the nature of the contents a friend knew it was essential that the box should not be inverted during the passage, He ventured to suggest to Pat to write conspicuously on the case, "This side up, with care." A few days afterwards, seeing Pat again, he asked, "Heard any more about your goods? Did they get there safely?" "Every one of them broke," said Pat. "The whole lot? Did you label it 'this side up,' as I told you?" "Yes, I did. And for fear they shouldn't see it on the cover, I put it on the bottom, too."

THE PROFESSOR PROBABLY NO WISER.—A shepherd in a highland inn was recounting to a companion his experiences with "one of those mad Englishmen," who proved to be a professor collecting geological specimens in the neighbourhood. "There was one of them," he said, "who asked me to carry his bag by a short cut across the hills to his inn. When he was out of sight I looked into it, for the bag was unco' heavy, and, would you believe it? it was full of stones; so I jist emptied the bag there, and filled it up from the cairn near the inn." Poor professor! What must his feelings have been when he opened his bag.

ONE REASON FOR MARRIAGE.—In the North of England, where rabbit-coursing is a great sport, swift, well-trained dogs often win large sums in prizes; consequently the owners of these animals bestow much attention on them. An old Yorkshire collier, well known for his success in the coursing field, recently surprised all his friends by marrying a very unprepossessing woman. "Why hast thou got spliced, lad, at thy age?" one of his friends asked him. "Oh, that's not much of a tale," answered the old man. "I agree wi' ye 'at Betsy yonder is no beauty; if she had been I shouldn't have wed her. But that there dog o' mine, he was simply pining for someone to look after him while I was away at the pit. I couldn't bear to leave him in the house by hissen, so I hit on the idea of marrying Betsy. She's not 'andsome, but she's mighty good company for t' dog."

Mother: "Ah! now you're a little man" Fred (in trousers for the first time): "And, now, ma, can't I call father Harry?"

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ROTHWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH.

FOREIGN MISSIONS ANNIVERSARY.

On SUNDAY, DEC. 3rd, 1899,

Sermons at 10.30 and 6 o'clock, by the REV. SAMUEL ARNOLD.

In the afternoon at 2-30, Mr. Arnold will conduct a CHILDREN'S SERVICE and show Missionary Curiosities.

Chairman—MR. JOHN NUNNS.

Soloist in the Evening—MR. S. ARMITAGE.

On Wednesday, Dec. 6th, the REV. W. M. SPENCER, (Late Missionary in India), will preach in the Afternoon at 3-30.

PUBLIC TEA at 5; Tickets 6d each.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at 6.30, to be Addressed by Rev. W. M. SPENCER, Rev. S. ARNOLD and other friends.

Chairman—Councillor John ABBISHAW.

Collections on each occasion on behalf of the Foreign Missions Fund.

ROTHWELL LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

THE ANNUAL BALL

Will be held in the MECHANICS' HALL,

On FRIDAY, JANUARY 26th, 1900.

DEATHS.

ASQUITH—Nov. 26th, aged 21 months, Harry Kay, son of Benjamin Lewis and Lucy Asquith, of Rothwell.

BENNETT—Nov. 24th, aged 6 months, William Rhodes, son of Thomas Henry and Elizabeth Ann Bennett, of Rothwell.

BULMER—Nov. 30th, aged 17 months, Archie, son of Walter Bulmer, Rothwell.

BROWN—Nov. 27th, aged 4 months, Elsie, daughter of Mark Brown, Nab's End, Middleton.

DOUGLAS—Nov. 28th, aged 33 years, Beatrice Douglas, Low Grange, Middleton.

MITCHELL—Nov. 29th, aged 77 years, Jane, widow of Christopher Mitchell, Stourton.

ODGERS—Nov. 30th, aged 12 months, Gladys, daughter of Richard Henry Odgers, Rothwell

SHARP—Nov. 27th, aged 21 months, Servilla, daughter of Robert Sharp, Rothwell.

COMING EVENTS REGISTER.

The proprietors of this journal have now opened a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

Dec. 7 & 8—Rothwell Mechanics' Institute Second Annual Reception.
Dec. 15—Oulton St. John's F. C. Invitation Ball at Institute, Oulton.
Dec. 26—Rothwell Working Man's Club Annual Ball
Dec. 26—Lofthouse National Schools Annual Ball.
Jan. 5, 1900—Rothwell Subscription Dance.
Jan. 30, 1900—Rev. J. Arthur Alderson's Second Grand Evening Concert.

EPPS'S COCOA ESSENCE.—A THIN COCOA—The choicest roasted nibs of the natural Cocoa, on being subjected to powerful hydraulic pressure, give forth their excess of oil, leaving for use a finely flavoured powder—a product, which, when prepared with boiling water, has the consistence of tea, of which it is now with many, beneficially taking the place. Its active principle being a gentle nerve stimulant, supplies the needed energy without unduly exciting the system. Sold only in labelled tins. If unable to obtain it of your tradesman, a tin will be sent post free for 9 stamps.—James Epps and Co., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London

Rothwell Times,

Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley

Friday, December 1, 1899.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A fortnightly meeting of the above Board was held at the temporary Board room, Whitehouse Street, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon, Dr. Hawkyard (chairman) presiding. There were also in attendance Mr Fryer (vice-chairman), Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Woodcock, Rev. M. J. Dillon, Rev. A. J. Irvin, Messrs. Banks, Butterick, Edwards, Houghton, Knight, Robb, Seddon, Bamforth, Tomlinson, Hargreaves, Charlesworth, with the clerk (Mr. Mee) and assistant clerk (Mr. Ward).

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as printed.

The Master reported gifts to the inmates of a quantity of papers from Mrs. Woodcock and Mr. Houghton.

The number of vagrants relieved was returned as 209, against 303, during the same period last year.

WORKHOUSE VISITING COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the above Committee the tenders for the supply of waterproof bed sheets were considered on a reference from the Board. It was proposed by Mr. Banks that the tender of the Leeds Rubber Company for sheets 36 inches by 60 inches, weighing 2 lbs. 13ozs., at 5s 6d each nett be accepted, seconded by Mrs. Woodcock. An amendment was proposed by Mr. Houghton that the tender of Messrs. Thornton and Company for double texture sheets 36 inches by 60 inches, weighing 2 lbs. 11 ozs., at 4s 6d each nett be accepted, seconded by Mr. Seddon. Messrs. Seddon and Houghton voted in favour of the amendment, and Messrs Dillon, Banks, Fryer, and Robb, and Mesdames Dickenson and Woodcock for the proposition. The proposition was therefore declared carried. It was proposed by Mr. Seddon that 2 dozen instead of 1 dozen sheets be obtained, seconded by Mr. Dillon and carried unanimously.

The Clerk also submitted estimates and tenders for lining of boiling pan. It was proposed by Mr. Banks that the matter be allowed to stand over for the present. Seconded by Mr. Houghton, and carried unanimously.

The letter from Miss A. Nichols offering to give a concert at the Workhouse, and to sing a few carols on Christmas day was considered. It was proposed by Mr. Seddon that the offer of an entertainment be gratefully accepted, to take place on the 7th. proximo, but that the offer to sing carols on Christmas day be left open for the present. Seconded by Mr. Robb, and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. Fryer that the Guardians be recommended to allow extra fare for Christmas as follows:—legs of mutton for dinner of inmates in health; rabbits for that of infirmary inmates who prefer them; cup of coffee or tea after dinner; ½ lb. of grapes for each adult and ¼ lb. for each child; 1 oz. tobacco additional for men; 1 oz. tobacco or tea additional for women; 1 box of oranges, 3 cwt apples, 6d. per head for toys for children, and spice loaf for tea on Christmas Eve, with diet in other respects as in previous years. Seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. Fryer that the Guardians be recommended to allow poultry in lieu of beef, together with the sum of 36s for officers' Christmas dinner. Seconded by Mr. Dillon, and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. Seddon that the Clerk apply to "Uncle Toby," of the *Newcastle Weekly Chronicle* for a share of the toys for distribution. Seconded by Mr. Banks, and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. Banks that Mesdames Dickenson and Woodcock be deputed to purchase the toys for the Workhouse. Seconded by Mr. Seddon, and carried unanimously.

It was agreed that it be left in the hands of the Clerk to obtain a supply of evergreens for the decoration of the Workhouse, with power to purchase if necessary.

Mrs. Dickenson reported that the Misses Seanor, of Rothwell, had offered to sing to the Inmates on Christmas day. The offer was accepted.

Resolved that the Master be authorised to purchase oranges, etc., for Christmas in the open market.

A post card was received from Mr. A. Lee offering 100 tons of firewood sleepers, at the same price as before. It was proposed by Mr. Dillon that Messrs. Banks and Robb be deputed to inspect the sleepers, and that the Clerk be instructed to enquire when and where they may be seen. Seconded by Mrs. Woodcock, and carried unanimously.

On the motion of the Rev. M. J. Dillon the minutes were confirmed, the amount to be allowed for toys at Christmas being altered from 6d to 1s per head.

CHILDREN'S HOMES.

At a meeting of the Homes Committee a letter was read from Miss Amy Nichols, offering to give a concert at the Homes; the offer was accepted. The Guardians were recommended to approve of the extra Christmas fare as last year, viz:—leg of mutton, plum pudding, cakes, oranges, apples, grapes, and 1s. per head for toys. Also that 21s be allowed for extra officers' rations. Thanks were expressed to Messrs. Dillon and Houghton, the former for supplying a number of boys with tickets for the Leeds Chrysanthemum show, and the latter for the gift of a quantity of papers.

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to £286 10s 7d. The Clerk reported to the Committee the receipt of the precept for Police and County rate, which was £1681 9s 6d, an increase of £311 12s 7d on last half-year. A letter was read from Mr. Green, the collector for Templenewsam, whose delay in paying in Overseers' contributions had been complained of at last meeting. Mr. Green explained that the amount was paid in the day before the Board meeting, but of course this was not in time for the Clerk to be apprised. It was agreed that the Overseers be written to, and asked to see that in future the contributions are paid in at the Hunslet branch, and that Mr. Green be also informed to the same effect.

NEW BUILDINGS.

The tender of Messrs. T. Horsman & Co., for new tables, chairs, &c., for the new offices, was accepted, the figure for the tables, &c., being £74 12s 0d, and the chairs £3 6s 0d each. It was agreed that 18 new chairs be supplied. The tender of Messrs. T. Green & Sons for heating apparatus at £94 was also accepted. Fire ranges, lavatories, &c., had been purchased at a cost of £39 13s 4d. The Building Committee further considered the new Workhouse plans, and the suggested alterations made by the Local Government Board. Practically all the alterations were accepted by the Committee, with the exception of that in relation to the old people's block. The minutes of the Committee were confirmed.

MODE OF OBTAINING MEDICAL RELIEF.

The Clerk stated that from the case that had recently come before the Board, there appeared to be some little difficulty in the matter of the Medical Officers getting to know who were really entitled to apply for relief and who were not. In some cases persons had been on the Doctor's books some time after they had ceased to be chargeable.

The Chairman said that according to the Local Government Board's consolidated orders, the Guardians ought annually to cause lists to be prepared of all aged and infirm persons as may be actually receiving relief, such lists to be furnished to the Medical Officers. Personally, he thought, these lists should be prepared every six months. The order also provided that these persons should receive a ticket which would entitle them to obtain medical advice and medicine as their cases required.

The Clerk said that although these orders had been in force since 1847, they had not been carried out by many Boards.

The Chairman said it seemed to him to be an inhuman sort of treatment at present, as these persons in need had first of all to go to the Relieving Officer and get an order, before they could obtain medical assistance. Without this order, a Medical Officer was not bound to attend, and in such cases as fits in your children, the delay in obtaining medical assistance might mean death. He thought that in all cases when persons were in receipt of relief these tickets should be supplied.

Mr. Hargreaves agreed with what the Chairman had said, and proposed that the necessary steps be taken to regulate this matter, and that the lists referred to, be prepared. (Carried).

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the motion of the Rev. M. J. Dillon the revised regulations for nurses were approved with slight alterations.

The report of deputation to Asylums was presented, as was also that of delegates to Poor Law Union's Association

A letter was read from Dr. Buck, who, as Medical Officer to the Children's Homes, made an application for an increase of salary. Mr. J. Hargreaves gave notice that at next meeting he would propose that an advance be granted.

ROTHWELL WESLEY GUILD.

A very enjoyable social evening was held in connection with the Wesley Guild at Rothwell, on Friday night last. There was a good attendance to hear the programme provided by the Committee. The Rev. S. Arnold opened the meeting with singing and prayer. The items included two selections by the Rothwell Wesley Guild String Band, "Armour Bearer" and "Hark, hark, the grand Triumphant Song." This was their first appearance in public and they acquitted themselves admirably, considering the time they have been in practice, many of them had never played in a band previously · they promise very well and will prove a valuable addition to the Guild meetings. Mr. T. Hampson also came out for the first time as a 'cello soloist, his selection was "Flight of Ages" (encore), and he went through the composition creditably; Miss M. Batty efficiently played the accompaniment. Miss Tarrie Marshall pleased her audience with her recital of "BethGelert." The other artistes are tried entertainers in connection with meetings of this kind; Miss Gibson gave an excellent pianoforte solo; "Queen of the Earth" and "The Toilers," (encore), were well rendered by Mr. Thompson; a vocal quartette, "Rock of Ages," was sung by Miss E. Gibson, Miss F. Gibson, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. T. Hampson; Miss E. Sheldon gave a pretty interpretation of one of *Sankey's* solos. Miss Jessie Ward kindly played the accompaniments in her usual excellent and finished style. It is hoped that these little friendly gatherings will be the training ground for still greater efforts afterwards, and the social evenings are capable of unearthing many a singer, reciter, or other performer who would otherwise have no chance of gaining a hearing in bigger entertainments. Hearty thanks were passed to all who had assisted in the evening's entertainment. After the concert, a coffee supper was served to which a good number sat down, and the proceedings put on a free and easy appearance.

BOARD SCHOOLS' TRANSFER SAVINGS BANK.

It may interest our readers to learn that the following are the results of thrift in several of our Board Schools, as shown by the report of the Yorkshire Penny Bank.

Rothwell:—2710 deposits, amounting to £111 8s 5d, £48 11s 1d has deen repaid, and £69 transferred, during the year ending July last.

Woodlesford had 2812 deposits, amounting to £88 6s 0d, £36 4s 5d repaid, and £48 19s 3d transferred.

ALL COUNTRY PEOPLE should read *The Rural World*, 1d. weekly, which contains articles on Horses, Cattle, the Dairy, Poultry, Bees, Rabbits, Pigs, Gardening, Natural History, Botany of the Farm and Garden, the Home, Foreign and Colonial Intelligence, Answers to Correspondents, etc. It is profusely illustrated, and is, altogether, a *most interesting and instructive farming and country paper.* A good medium for servants requiring situations. The Manager offers to send a specimen copy free. The address is 110 and 111 Strand, London, W.C.

OULTON & WOODLESFORD SCHOOL BOARD.

A meeting of the above Board was held on Monday night, at the Woodlesford School, Mr. H. Trinder (chairman) presiding. The other members present were Mr. Lygo, Mr. W. H. Newsome, and Mr. T. Batt, with the clerk (Mr. R. J. Smith)

FINANCES.

The Clerk reported that the balance in favour of the Board after last meeting was £33 6s 9d. He had received from the Local Government Board on behalf of the Agricultural rates grant £15 11s 4d, from the Overseers on account of precept £100, and £2 5s for school lettings, bringing the balance at the bank up to £151 3s 1d. The accounts for payment were:—school cleaner, £3; extra cleaning, 16s; gas gauge, 17s; Harrison and Waide, printing, 12s; subscription to Association of School Boards, 10s 6d; Goodall and Suddick, agreements, 16s; teachers' salaries, £65 15s 8d.; R. J. Smith, salary, £6 5s; F. Leslie, salary £3 15s.

THE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

It was decided that if convenient to Mr. B. Pickard, who has promised to distribute to the scholars the awards won for regular attendance, the date for the presentation be changed from Friday, the 22nd., to the preceding Tuesday or Wednesday. Several ladies are also to be asked to assist at the ceremony.

CLAIM UNDER THE "NECESSITOUS SCHOOLS" CLAUSE.

The Clerk said he had brought the question of the Board's position to the attention of the members last year, with a view to making a claim under the Education Act of 1897, as a necessitous school. On going into the matter, however, he found that the Board was not in a position to make the claim. He had again compared the figures for the present year and found that they appeared to be entitled to an allowance of £3 12s 11d. a not very big amount, but one which they appeared to be fully entitled to.

On the motion of the Chairman and Mr. Lygo it was decided that the Clerk make application for the amount.

RIGHT OF WAY.

The Clerk reported having seen a representative of Messrs. Ford and Warren, and had inquired how matters stood with regard to the settlement of the right of way case. He was informed that the amounts were now being taxed, and that Mr. Pulleyne was not likely to give way much.

APPLICATION FOR AN INCREASE OF SALARY.

The attendance officer, Mr. F. Leslie, in a letter to the Board asked for an increase of salary. He was appointed at £10, and the year afterwards was risen to £15, at which figure his salary stood at the present, although the work had materially increased, by reason of the increase of population in the district and the enlargement of school accommodation.

After carefully considering the matter the Chairman proposed an increase of £2 10s, and Mr. Batt seconded; Mr. Newsome proposed £5, but found no seconder. The £2 10s advance was carried, the Chairman and Mr. Batt voting in favour, Mr. Lygo and Mr. Newsome being neutral.

The next meeting was fixed for December 18th.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE CHAPEL GENTLEMNEN'S BAZAAR EFFORT.

In support of the forthcoming bazaar funds, the gentlemen connected with the above place of worship, inaugurated a public tea and entertainment, which took place on Saturday last, and were well attended. All the necessary arrangements had been made by the gentlemen, some of whom donned the inevitable pretty apron and took the place of the ladies before the urns. After tea a varied programme of entertainment was gone through, all the items being by masculine performers. The programme was as follows:—Pianoforte solo, "Adeste Fideles," Mr. A. Adamson; song, "The fisherman and his child," Mr. Harris; song, "Grace Darling," Mr. A. Naylor; reading, "An attractive sale," Mr. T. Brook; solo, "Beautiful star," Mr. W. Lupton; recitation "Forty winks O' Woodus Moor," Mr. I. Naylor; solo, "Ehren on the Rhine," Mr. Alderson; pianoforte solo, "Killarney," Mr. Adamson; solo, "When the Robins nest again," Mr. Alderson; recitation, "Th' state 'oth poll" Mr. I. Naylor; solo, "Village Blacksmith," Mr. Littlewood; solo, Mr. Bramfoot, quartette, "On the banks of Allan Water;" solo, "Miss Hooligan's Christmas cake," Mr. Littlewood. Mr. A. Adamson was the accompanist. Mr. J. Harriman officiated as chairman, and gave a brief address during the evening. The sum realised by the effort reached £3 7s.

"OUR SOLDIER LADS."

We should be glad to have the names and other information, respecting the young men belonging to Rothwell and district, who have gone over to fight Britain's battles in South Africa. Will the friends of these gallant soldier lads communicate with the Editor of this paper. Everybody will be interested in any news about them.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Nov. 25th, 1899, is £342; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £313, thus showing increase of £29. For the 21 weeks ending Nov. 25th, the return is £6324, against £5455 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £869.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk—Sold only in packets and pound tins, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & CO., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London."

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

On Monday evening last, the above Society met in the Board Schools, to hear an essay by the Rev. G. H. Clark, on "Proverbs." The members, to the number of about 40, were glad to have their President with them again, as they know when he is present, they have at the helm one who knows how to handle the ship with its various crew as no other does. Mr. Clark said that they all knew many proverbs, and often unconsciously used them, yet no doubt many of them would have a difficulty in stating a number on the spur of the moment if asked, which fact most of them were bound to acknowledge to be true. After referring to the use of them by Aristotle, Shakespeare, Cervantes, Chaucer, Fuller, and Baker, the lecturer spoke on the difficult point of "what is a proverb?" Whilst not giving a definition, he pointed out three essentials, viz "Shortness, sense, salt," but its shortness must not lessen its salt or its sense; quoting as examples "Extremes meet," and "Forewarned, forearmed." Another great essential was that it must be popular, that is, it must have passed current on the lips of men. To illustrate he quoted several sayings which though satisfying the above essentials, were not recognised as proverbs, because they lacked this popularity:—"Burn not thy fingers to snuff another man's candle." Other definitions were that "It is a saying without an author," and "The wit of one and the wisdom of many." Mr. Clark further mentioned three aids to help form their popularity, viz: rhyme, alliteration, and exaggeration, giving as instances among many others of the first class, "Little strokes fell great oaks," and the beautiful one "East, west, home's best," also "Wide will wear, but tight will tear," adding one of his own to suit latter-day fashion, "A thin waist, makes a face of paste." As an instance of the second he quoted the well-known ones, "No cross, no crown," and "Out of debt, out of danger." Of the third class amongst others he gave, "One foe is too many, and a hundred friends too few." Referring to their birth he said that many were of unknown antiquity, foundlings, "Bereft of parents, bereft of their home, They are left, through the world to wander and roam" As instances of very old ones he quoted "A rolling stone gathers no moss," and "Evil communications corrupt good manners." A pleasing story was told with regard to the proverb, "There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip." The following were given to illustrate the proverbs of different nationalities, and to illustrate as Bacon says, that "the genius, wit, and spirt of a nation, are found in its proverbs":—Spain, "When thou seest thine house in flames, approach, and warm thyself at it;" Italy, "Friends tie their purses with a spider's thread;" England, "Prosperity makes friends, adversity proves them," "He that will eat the kernel must crack the nut," "It is a sad house where the hen crows louder than the cock;" Scotland, "A crow is no whiter for being washed," "Dinna lift me before I fall;" Eastern, "Keep the dogs near when thou suppest with the wolf," "It is easier to visit friends than to live with them." Of "tit for tat" proverbs he quoted "The raven cried to the crow, blackamoor." After comparing at some length the proverbs of different lands, embodying the same idea he gave examples of proverbs which illustrate poetry, wit, and wisdom, as the beautiful one "Grey hairs are death's blossoms," "One can go a long way after one is weary," "Fools have no need of a passport," "The cat shuts its eyes whilst it steals cream," "Praise a fair day at night," "One sword keeps another in its scabbard," "By the Street of By-and-Bye, one arrives at the House of Never" Amongst personal ones might be quoted, "Next to no wife, a good wife is best," "All are guid lassies, but where do all the ill wives come frae." Of those referring to morality two of the best known are, "Honesty is the best policy," "Our last robe is made without pockets." After the paper the following spoke for a few minutes:—Messrs. F. Ellison, R. J. Tetley, Westerman, Mrs. Dickenson, A Visitor, and the President; all testifying to their thorough enjoyment of the evening, and of the inimitable manner in which the proverbs had been classified and commented upon. After expressing a hope that Mr. Clark would again furnish them with another literary treat, the members signified their approval of the sentiment by giving the reverend gentleman a well-deserved and long round of applause. After Mr. Clark had responded, a most enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

BALL AT WOODLESFORD.

The Woodlesford Association Football Club held their second annual ball on Friday evening last, in the Woodlesford Board School, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The affair was well patronised, and a very enjoyable and popular programme of dance music was supplied by Mr. M. Fowler, the pianist. The M.C's were Mr. W. H. Campsall, and Mr. H. MacWilliams, and the stewards Mr. F. J. Ferritt, Mr. P. Lawn, Mr. J. Wilkinson, and Mr. O. Wilkinson. The refreshments were satisfactorily supplied by Mrs. Atkinson.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE A.B.C.

There was a large congregation present at the meeting of the above held in the Primitive Chapel last Sunday afternoon. Mr. E. Ward presided, the speaker being Mr. J. Shurmer who gave a very inspiring and argumentative address on "Is prayer reasonable?" Mr. S. Morton was the soloist and played on the Auto-harp "Nearer my God to thee" and "Lead, kindly Light," which were much appreciated. The chairman, at the close, on behalf of the Committee thanked the speaker and musician for their able services.

OLD FALSE TEETH BOUGHT.

Many ladies and gentlemen have by them old or disused false teeth, which might as well be turned into money. Messrs. R. D. & J. B. Fraser, of Princes Street, Ipswich, (established since 1833), buy old false teeth. If you send your teeth to them they will remit you by return of post the utmost value; or, if preferred, they will make you the best offer, and hold the teeth over for your reply. If reference necessary, apply to Messrs. Bacon & Co., Bankers, Ipswich.

ROTHWELL TIMES-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1899.

LITERARY EXTRACTS.

WITH few exceptions, most people aim at appearing, socially or morally, what they are not. And it is well that they should do so, for it is precisely this straining upward after something higher which is the motive principle of civilisation. Through ten thousand ages the negro never felt this, and therefore remained where he was when first planted in Africa.—S. BARING-GOULD.

DO EVERYTHING WELL.—If you have something to attend to, go about it coolly and thoughtfully, and do it just as well as you can. Do it as though it were the only thing you ever had to do in your life, and as if everything depended upon it. Then your work will be well done, and it will afford you genuine satisfaction. Often much more depends upon the manner in which things seemingly trivial are performed than one would suppose, or that it is possible to foresee. Do everything well. Make that the rule of your life, and live up to it, and you will find it most conducive to your own happiness, and to the happiness of those with whom you are brought into contact or communication.

HOW WE RISE.—When we ascend a hill, do we rise in spite of it, or because of it? Manifestly we do both. The hill tends to force us back, downward, and so we rise in spite of it. On the other hand, we could not rise without it. Unlimited energy on a dead level will not carry us upward. Our rising in spite of the hill, then, is to be credited to our wisdom in taking advantage of circumstances and making of them an opportunity for rising. In either case we must do—the hill does nothing. Difficulties, losses, sorrows, tend to depress and throw us backward. They are circumstances which we must regard as opportunities. We can rise in spite of them, and rise because of them.

"AN ENGLISH GENTLEMAN."—Macaulay was essentially, and in his strongest characteristics, an Englishman. His mind and heart were cast in English moulds. His strong love and unbounded admiration of England sprung from his inner being. His morality, his honesty, his hate of sham, his carelessness of metaphysics, his frank speech, his insular understanding, his positiveness, are profoundly English. And there is in him something of that tenderness, to which in public he could give no adequate expression, which grants its grace to that most honourable epithet, "an English Gentleman." The real English gentleman shows his quality in his English home. The cause of Lord Macaulay's success, of his triumphant and enduring popularity, is that he is an Englishman praising English things. This is especially true of his history.—W. D. SEDGWICK.

"SPECTACLED" ANIMALS.—Birds are furnished with a peculiar membrane, which in a state of repose lies in the inner angle of the eye, but it is movable by two distinct muscles, which draw it over the cornea. It is, to a certain extent, transparent, for, according to Cuvier, birds can look through it, as the eagle does when looking at the sun. This membrane forms a pair of spectacles, or at least answers the same purpose. This membrane is called the third eyelid. One of the most comical and grotesque animals is the "spectacled bear" (Ursus ornatus), which derives its chief attraction from the light-coloured rings around its eyes. These, the greater part of the face being, like the body, black, have exactly the appearance of a pair of common "goggles," through which the beast seems to look with an air of mingled wisdom and imbecility. The spectacled bear is only found in the mountainous regions of Chili, South America.

HISTORY OF A NAME.—A striking instance of the fall and rise of a name is that of Jezebel. For centuries it lay where it had been flung to the dogs and trodden underfoot; then, in slightly altered form, it was borne by the heroic Queen who freed Spain from the Moors, and sent Columbus forth to win the New World; and from thenceforth Isabel (the oath of Baal) was redeemed from heathen darkness. Helen, a name made up of sunshine, has assumed as many colours as the rays of light in the rainbow, and has a strangely chequered story. This sunny name has reigned in England as Ellen, Elaine, Eleanor, Elinor, Leonora, and Alianora, with the lovable abbreviations of Nelly and little Nell; in Scotland as Helen; in Wales, Ellin; in Ireland, Eileen; in France, Germany, and Italy, with slight variants; in Spain as Helena and Leon; in Hungary as Elenka; and in the far north Sweden has a twelfth-century Helene, a saint and martyr of her own.

HUGHENDEN AND DISRAELI.—The enlargement of Hughenden Manor is, no doubt, the natural, if not the inevitable, consequence of the marriage of Mr. Coningsby Diraeli. Yet one regrets that the modesty of the mansion in which the grandiose statesman spent his happiest hours is lost thereby. He himself, man of contrasts as he was, loved the littleness of the place. All the greatness was in the associations, and particularly in that visit paid to him there by the Queen—a visit to which the greatest houses in Bucks could not aspire. If you cannot rival Stowe, and if you must be proud of something, you may as well put your pride in the very narrowness of your domain. Lord Beaconsfield did this with particular success. "Excuse the vanity of a landed proprietor," he used to say when he showed his few fields to men who owned immense territories. Hughenden will become more commonplace as it becomes more prosperous.—*Academy.*

BETTING.—The Rev. J. W. Horsley, formerly Chaplain to Clerkenwell Prison, writes to the *Leisure Hour*: Betting is undoubtedly on the increase; largely so in cities, and even in country villages, where it was practically unknown twenty years ago. To prove this it is sufficient to note the number of sporting papers, and what is found to be most attractive in the contents bills of evening papers. I found in prison the character of the betting man lower than that of the burglar. He loses the desire and the power to believe in honour and honesty of other people. His creed is "Do everybody, and take care they don't do you," and his one prayer the awful parody, "Give me this day my brother's bread." Practical remedies (apart from the elevation of intellectual and moral character which would make betting regarded as an absurdity and a disgrace) are (1) the prohibition of the publication of odds in papers; (2) a progressive or cumulative system of fines for those convicted of street betting; (3) more, and more definite, teaching and preaching concerning the immorality of the desire to get money without giving value in return, and to fine a brother for his innocent ignorance.

INCREASING USES OF CORN.—Never was corn used in so many ways as it is now, when entering into industries that seem far removed from this product of the field. Corn shoes, corn hats, dolls and necties, corn oil, corn cokes and corn rubber, are among its noteworthy adaptations. The one hundred and twenty-odd recipes for using corn as an article of food, which Government experts published ten years ago for the benefit of benighted Europeans who did not appreciate the article of food, are not so important in increasing the consumptive demand as some of the recent discoveries, says *Scientific American.* Corn oil, for instance, which is extracted from the grain, has an extensive demand in various trades where vegetable oils are essential. Corn oil can be produced more cheaply than most of our vegetable oils because of the relative abundance of corn, and is largely used in the trades and factories. Corn rubber is a new article which is substituted for pure rubber in certain lines of goods. This cheap substitute is mixed with equal parts of pure Para rubber. The corn part of the substitute is taken from the refuse of the glucose factory. About five per cent. of the corn in making glucose could not formerly be utilised, and this waste seemed absolute. The new corn rubber is manufactured from this separate waste, and when mixed with pure rubber it produces an especially valuable compound. Improvements in this rubber substitute are made each year, and it has, to a certain extent, supplanted Para rubber for many purposes.

It is estimated that about 2,000,000,000 bicycles have been made in Europe and America.

ROTHWELL HOMING SOCIETY.

The sixth annual show of Pigeons of the above Society was held at the 'British Oak' on Saturday last. There were over 160 entries, and everything passed off successfully. The following was the list of prize-winners:—

Class 1—Working Homer Cock (open)—1st prize, value 7s 6d, and special (silver mounted pipe given by Mr. S. Shaw, Wakefield), Mr. H. Hammill, Rothwell; 2nd prize, 5s and special (pair of girl's shoes, given by Mr. J. E. Hampshire), Mr. G. Field, Junr., Rothwell; 3rd prize, 2s 6d, and special (muffler given by Mr. J. Butterick), Mr. S. Harrison, Rothwell. Very highly commended—Messrs. W. Ward, T. Armitage, John Field, and Wm. Butterfield, Rothwell.

Class 2—Working Homer Hen (open)—1st and special (silver mounted pipe, given by Mr. Cockshott, Hunslet), Mr. Wilfred Ward, Rothwell; 2nd and special (pair of boys' boots, given by Mr. E. Hampson), Mr. S. Harrison, Rothwell; 3rd and special (muffler given by Mr. S. Batty), Mr. H. Hammill, Rothwell. Very highly commended—Messrs. G. Blackburn, Carlton; G. Westmoreland, Morley; G. Field, Junr., Rothwell; J. Cockshott, Hunslet, and Mrs. Cox, Stanley.

Class 3—Working Homer Cock, bred 1899 (open)—1st and special (timepiece given by Messrs J. Batty & Sons), and silver medal given by Mr. Fox for best bird in classes 3, 4, 5 and 6, Mr. J. Longbottom, Bruntcliffe; 2nd and special (set of jugs, given by Messrs. C. Ward & Sons), Mr. H. Hammill, Rothwell; 3rd, Mr. Wm. Greenwood, Birdwell. Very highly commended—Messrs John Charlesworth, Rothwell, G. Westmoreland, Morley, and W. Cox, Stanley.

Class 4—Working Homer Hen, bred 1899—1st and special (splendid vase given by Mr A. Varley), Messrs Rodley and Ely, Rothwell; 2nd and special (set of jugs given by Mr W. Cawdell), Mr James Lunn, Rothwell; 3rd, Mr G. W. Smith, Thorpe. Very highly commended—Messrs Richard Ward, Charles Heaton, John Field, H. Hammill, Rothwell, and E. Bennett, Stanley.

Class 5—Working Homer Cock bred 1899 (members only)—1st and special (5s given by Mr T. Ackroyd, Birstall), Mr Walter Priestley, Rothwell; 2nd and special (pork pie given by Mr. T. Keitel), Mr. William Butterfield, Carr lane; 3rd and special (value 2s given by Mr W. Blackburn), Mr James Thurwell, Rothwell. Very highly commended—Messrs Curtis and Blackburn, John Taylor, and John Hodgkinson, Rothwell.

Class 6—Working Homer Hen bred 1899 (members only)—1st and special (case of mounted carvers given by Sunlight Soap), Mr W. Priestley, Rothwell; 2nd and special (couple of rabbits given by Mr H. Edwards) Mr Edward Dobson: 3rd, Mr. W. Butterfield, Rothwell. Very highly commended—Messrs S. Copley, Wm Taylor, and Rodley and Ely, Rothwell.

Class 7—Any other variety, cock or hen—1st and special (splendid cheese dish given by Messrs Holt and Denton), Mr S. Williams, Ilkley; 2nd and special (silk handkerchief, given by Mr S. Armitage), Mr S. Williams, Ilkley; 3rd, Mr. Williams, Ilkley

Class 8—Gilt class—1st prize, (silver mounted pipe, given by Mr T. W. Bennett,) Mr T. W. Bennett, Rothwell; 2nd prize, (melodeon, given by Mr H. Lunn), Mr S. Williams, Ilkley; 3rd prize, (walking stick, given by Mr A. Sunderland), Mr S. Williams Ilkley. Mr. J. Elstob gave a thermometer to owner of bird which realised most money in gilt class when sold, which was won by Mr. T. W. Bennett.

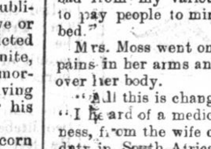
Mr. C. Mawson, of Keighley, officiated as judge.

DOCTOR SAID A CHANGE.

A LEEDS LADY'S TRIALS.

"The doctor said that I should be a deal better if I could get out more," said Mrs. Moss, proprietress of a confectionery and tobacco shop, 7, Pear Street, Green Road, Leeds, to a representative of the "Leeds Saturday Journal," "but what can I do? The shop must be looked after." The good woman then told her visitor a remarkable story.

"All my life," she began, "I have suffered from biliousness and sick headaches, ever since being a child, in fact. This last year I have been worse. As I got older and my health did not improve I consulted a doctor, and took any amount of quinine and iron tonics, besides boxes of pills and bottles of patent medicine. I have spent pounds in trying to cure myself. But it was all in vain. Some of the medicines did me a little good, but the effects were only temporary. The headaches were the worst things that I had to contend with. They were simply frightful, and sometimes my eyes were quite swollen up with pain. Attimes I have been so



bad from my various ailments that I have even had to pay people to mind the shop so that I could go to bed."

Mrs. Moss went on to say that she suffered from pains in her arms and shoulders as well; in fact, all over her body.

"All this is changed now, though," she continued. "I heard of a medicine called Bile Beans for Biliousness, from the wife of a man who was going on war duty in South Africa with the reserves, and taking some Charles Forde's Bile Beans with him. I decided to try them too, and to my great surprise almost the first dose gave me relief. I continued with them, and to-day I am an altogether different woman. I can eat anything, and I go about my work with a freshness and energy that quite astonish me The indigestion and headaches have left me altogether since I have taken Bile Beans."

To those whose occupations are sedentary, or through force of circumstances are unable to get that amount of fresh air which is necessary to good health, Charles Forde's Bile Beans for Biliousness are invaluable. They remove the waste matter from the body and keep the digestive organs in good working order. It used at this season of the year they will be found very effective for rheumatism, sciatica, and in breaking up colds and influenza and ailments such as liver chill, i.e., coldness in the morning, shivering, cold hands and feet, &c. Bile Beans are sold by all chemists, or can be obtained direct from the London Depot of the Bile Bean Manufacturing Company, 119 and 120, London Wall, on receipt of prices, 1s. 1½d. and 2s. 9d. per box.

"I'm sorry you asked me to marry you," she said. "It pains me to refuse." "Oh, don't worry!" He cheerfully replied. "Perhaps you know best what I'm escaping,"

"Is she the only one who objects to marrying you?" "Yes." "Why don't you get her parents to oppose the match?" "She's an orphan."

"Have you given Mr. Stayleigh any encouragement?" asked the impatient mother. "No, mamma," replied the confident daughter, "so far I haven't found it necessary."

FOOTBALL

NORTHERN UNION—SECOND COMPETITION—EAST DIVISION.

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

	Pl	Wn	Lt	Dn	Pts	For G	For T	For P	Against G	Against T	Against P
Normanton	10	8	1	1	17	10	9	47	1	4	14
Kinsley ..	9	6	2	1	13	12	25	99	6	8	36
York	8	6	2	0	12	14	22	94	6	2	18
Alverthorpe	8	5	3	0	10	7	9	41	7	6	32
Featherstone	7	4	2	1	9	7	10	44	7	9	41
Outwood C	9	2	5	2	6	3	4	18	7	11	47
Rothwell ..	9	3	6	0	6	4	7	29	16	23	101
Ossett	7	2	4	1	5	6	2	18	9	8	42
Eastmoor..	8	2	5	1	5	4	4	20	5	12	46
Goole	9	2	6	1	5	7	7	35	6	10	42
Pontefract	8	1	5	2	4	4	4	20	11	14	64

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REFEREES FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2.

Ossett v Normanton—Mr. R. Walker, Holbeck.
Outwood v Kinsley—Mr. F. Morton, Castleford.
Pontefract v Goole—Mr. J. Stocks. Morley.
Eastmoor v Featherstone—Mr. J. H. Pickles, Leeds

YORK v. ROTHWELL.

The following is a reprint from the York Herald—"The York team were at home this afternoon and their visitors were from Rothwell. In was a warm day for November and the ground was in good condition. York put what was practically a full team in the field, but the visitors were short of several of their regular players. There were about a thousand people present at the start. York kicked off just after three, Grace and Bellerby at once making ground, the former following up and collaring his man. Hayes tried a bit of passing but Leeming handed forward, and scrimmaging took place just inside the York half. Immediately afterwards Leeming had an opening inside the enemy's quarter, but failed to get the ball across to the wing. York again attacked, Bellerby's pass being too low for Leeming, and play settled down close to the corner flag. A score seemed probable at any moment, and five minutes from the start Thackray returned a pass to Bellerby, and the home captain got in close to the flag, dodging through three or four opponents. The place was in a difficult position and Thackray kicked wide of the goal. After the restart Robson broke through, cleverly running half the length of the field, but off-side helped the visitors, and they had a shot at goal from a penalty kick for off-side. Warters returned the ball well, and then play was taken into the visitors' half by a run by Thackray. Hayes went off down the left, but Pickard could not take the pass. The game was continued in Rothwell ground, Bellerby and Leeming passing, the latter player being grassed near the line Thackray had a shot at goal from a penalty, but kicked wide. Rothwell were principally on the defensive, Warters failed to make a catch when pressed, but Thackray stepped in and relieved, after which Bellerby and Thackray worked their way up the wing but the captain handed the ball. The game was of a rather one-sided character, and York seemed to have an easy victory in view. After a scrimmage near the quarter line Hayes did a smart bit of work and gave Leeming an easy opening, and he galloped over without troubling West on the wing. Thackray missed his third kick at goal. Play was in the York half for some time after the kick-off, Leeming at last getting away and running beyond the centre. He was nearly clear when he passed to West, who had no chance of getting any further. Rothwell attacked, Warters gathering the ball and helping the three-quarters up the field. Bellerby, Thackray, and Warters made a lot of ground before the new full-back spoilt the movement with a forward pass. With seven minutes to play West kicked across and put his men on side, and Grace snapped up the ball and ran in easily behind the posts. Thackray kicked a goal. York pressed once more, Thackray giving the forwards a chance in the centre, but although they took the ball over and Bell grounded it, a hand forward robbed them of a score. Thackray earned the next try with a tricky run, but Grace actually planted the ball behind the posts. Thackray also missed an easy kick at goal. From a scrimmage in Rothwell ground Hayes kicked up the field, and Holt just beat West to the ball and saved a possible try. York were out-playing the other side altogether. Thackray made a dodgy run to within ten yards of the line, and Plugge carried the ball on. Just before the interval Bellerby scored a try and kicked a goal Half-time score: York 2 goals 5 tries (19 points); Rothwell nil. The second half was robbed of half its interest by the big score piled up against the visitors. York quickly began to attack, Bellerby and Robson and some more of them taking the ball down the right wing. York were scrimmaging under the posts five minutes after the restart, and the only point of interest was as to which player would score next. The leaders were attacking all the time, Hayes getting over once after good work by Robson, but the whistle had gone. After six or eight attempts to bring off a scrimmage, the ball came out on the York side and Grace walked in very comfortably, behind the posts, Bellerby kicking in goal. Leeming next ran in, Bellerby missing a long shot at goal. Rothwell had a look in after this, but Plugge got away from the touch kick and Pickard and the full-back had an exciting race for the ball, the York man winning cleverly, but finding that the whistle was blowing at the other end of the field. Thackray made several clever runs, showing both pace and dodging power. Several times he darted through his opponents in surprising fashion. It was certainly his day. Rothwell were driven back to their own line again, and the next score was made by Leeming, who ran a third of the length of the field, and scored cleverly behind the posts. Hayes missed an easy kick at goal. The crowd had increased to 1,500 or more. Robson worked very hard and the forwards showed improved form altogether. Towards the close Grace, who had been trying very hard, made an opening for Hayes, and the latter took a good pass, and ran under the posts. Pickard kicked a goal. Final score:—York, 4 goals, 9 tries (35 points); Rothwell *nil.*"

The Rothweil team were seriously handicapped by the absence of B. Cromack, J. Fieldhouse, J. Morrell, J. Parkinson, and J. W. Mickerfield. The vacancies were filled by Holt, full-back; Hemsworth, Kelly and A. Nickols, three-quarter; W. Fox, and W. Nickols, forwards. Considerable indignation is expressed amongst the supporters that some of the players play 'so loose' with the Committee, and it is high time they retired, or the Committee picked other men to fill the positions. If there is no better management, there is every probability that the club will become defunct, as the loyal players have decided that unless a full team turns up on the next 'away' match, they will refuse to go. Morgan, Morrell, Williams and Godley played best for Rothwell, and worked like Trojans against such powerful opponents.

ASSOCIATION.

WEST YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts
Ossett..........	5	2	1	2	6
Featherstone....	3	3	0	0	6
Dodsworth Inst	4	2	2	0	4
Altofts	3	1	1	1	3
Rothwell W R ..	3	1	1	1	3
Oulton	5	1	4	0	2
xDewsbury......	3	1	2	0	0

x Two points deducted for Breach of Rules.

	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts
Woodlesford	5	4	1	0	8
Ferrybridge	4	3	1	0	6
Hunslet N C	3	2	1	0	4
Altofts 'A'	2	2	0	0	4
Rothwell W R 'A'	4	1	3	0	2
Dodsworth Inst A	3	1	2	0	2
Purston United..	5	0	5	0	0

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SECOND ROUND—HOSPITAL CUP.

ROTHWELL WHITE ROSE v. PONTEFRACT GARRISON.

In the second round of the Hospital Cup, the local Association club encountered a team from the Garrison at Pontefract. A nice company of spectators assembled, and witnessed a very pleasant match. Pontefract winning the toss, played downhill with the advantage of a slight breeze. On Rothwell setting the ball in motion, they at the onset assumed the offensive, but were gradually driven back from their good position and had to retire into their own territory. The soldiers lost their advantage by being ruled off-side; a fault which both teams again repeated, and consequently suffered. The homesters bombarded the visitors' citadel, and after a corner, the soldiers were successful in repulsing their efforts, and coming to close quarters, Corporal Skelton had a shot which went across the goal mouth; the same player soon after spoiled a chance by not passing. Illingworth was playing a fine game and kept the Garrison on the defensive, but met with a stubborn resistance, Barnes sent in a grand shot which both Illingworth and Berry failed to take advantage of. Rothwell were penalised for a foul 'throw in,' the place kick being of a wide range. Matters looked very serious for the homesters, as a strong cannonade of the enemy nearly took effect, Cripps saving two or three good shots danger being thereby averted. Rothwell not to be denied stuck manfully to their guns, and driving the soldiers back, Barnes put in a good shot, which Dacre successfully negociated into the net, thus drawing first blood for the whites. This reverse put Pontefract on their mettle, and they soon made tracks for the home line, and during the manouvres, Cripps was called upon to clear his post, which danger was averted at the expense of a corner. Rothwell held the advantage up to the call of half-time. After crossing over, Pontefract re-started, and the ball being returned to Barnes on the wing, he made tracks for the visitors' line and transferring nicely to Ward, that little player sent in a sweeping shot which simply beat the visitors custodian. Matters looked very rosy for the homesters, but the hope was eventually dispelled, as from a splendid passing movement, Jackson was successful in scoring a beauty for the visitors. The same player shortly after looked as if he was going to repeat the performance after making a good run on the wing, his progress being frustrated by the backs. Rothwell now had a look in, when Illingworth had a grand shot which was cleverly disposed of. Rothwell attacked strongly, and were constantly driven back, and from a tussle in close quarters, Dacre put the third goal through. Play now became very interesting, Illingworth had another good shot which failed to take effect. Jackson went up the field grandly, but finished wretchedly. Illingworth sent in a beauty right into the goal mouth, which was with difficulty kept clear, and Berry spoiled this little player a splendid opening to score. Darkness coming on, the game became very bad to follow; time was called with the scores—Rothwell 3 goals to Pontefract Garrison 1 goal. The Rothwell team are to be congratulated on their achievement and were deserving of the victory. Each player did his utmost, but there is a great fault in some, showing too much individual play and fancy work, instead of paying attention to the passing and combination game. The visitors also exhibited some nice passing movements, which efforts were spoiled at the finish by the centre keeping the ball too long, before he attempted to shoot, and was invariably robbed of the chance through this discrepancy. The team will have to show an improvement on Saturday's form if they mean to be successful against the powerful Huddersfield team in the second round of the West Yorkshire Cup on Saturday, although they have the advantage of playing at home.

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

ASSOCIATION.

At Rothwell—Rothwell W R v Huddersfield.

WHITE ROSE TEAM—Goal, A Cripps; backs, J Beckwith, R Whitehead; half-backs, E Baber, T Bridges, W Jeffries; forwards, G Barnes, C Ward, H Dacre, J Berry, H Illingworth.

At Woodlesford—Woodlesford v Featherstone.

WOODLESFORD TEAM—Goal, S O Else; backs, D Johnson, A Mirfin; half-backs, W Austerbury, H Me William (capt), A Chadwick; forwards, C Taylor, S Tranmer, H Mitchell, F J Ferrett, J Hobson; Reserves, H Nicholson, S Brown, W Haigh.

At Oulton—Oulton St. John's v. Dodsworth Institute

OULTON TEAM—Goal, G B Hartley; backs, W Inman (capt), H Butterick; half-backs, D Raybold, F Bell, E Dobson; forwards, A E Wright, J Barker, T Page, A T Murtland, S E Kershaw; Reserves, W O Inman, W Crossland.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN BAND OF HOPE.

The anniversary of the above Society, has been held this week, but owing to the epidemic of measles, the usual children's gathering could not be held, and no special hymns were sung.

On Sunday (being Temperance Sunday) appropriate sermons were preached by the Rev. W. Salisbury, excellent in matter, and delivered with fluency and effect. The morning sermon was based on the fourth commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," from which the preacher very conclusively argued in favour of the Sunday closing of Public Houses, both on physical, mental, and moral grounds. A duet was sung by Misses E. and F. Gibson, in the evening, when there was a large congregation.

A public meeting took place on Wednesday the Rev. S. Arnold presiding, but the attendance was not at all as large as it ought to have been. Mr. Arnold expressed himself as an abstainer of 35 years, and as strongly in favour of the temperance cause.

Capital addresses were delivered by Mr. J. P. Martin, of the Wesley Mission, and Mr. Jefferson, secretary of the Leeds Working Men's Temperance League. Mr. Martin's speech was rather cleverly built up on the incident related in the Apocalypse, where wormwood is dropped into the water, which at once becomes bitter, and is the cause of death to many who drank,—an apt illustration of the evil results of drinking alcoholic liquors. Mr. Jefferson's address included graphic stories from his own life and observation, proving the benefit of total abstinence to the working man especially.

A hearty vote of thanks was carried at the close, on the motion of Mr. J. R. Seanor, J.P., and Mr. Goodall.

THE ROTHWELL RAILWAY.

Having failed to obtain satisfactory terms with the Great Northern and Midland Railways, the Directors of the East and West Yorkshire Union Railway Company are applying to the Light Railway Commissioners, for powers to put down a light railway, which will complete the connection of our old town with Leeds, both for passengers and goods, in two short lines. The first line is intended to commence by a junction with the East and West Yorkshire Union Railway at a point near the railway weigh office on the Stourton sidings of Messrs J. & J. Charlesworth (Limited), and run in a north-westerly direction through Haigh Park, terminating at a point near the junction of the Wakefield Road with the Pontefract Road near Thwaite Gate.. The second line will commence at the termination of the first one, and after proceeding in a north-westerly direction behind the Crooked Billet Inn, will terminate near Forge Place, Low Road, Hunslet. At Thwaite Gate it is proposed to construct a passenger station, so that immediately on alighting travellers may join the Corporation trams which run into the centre of the adjoining city for a penny. We already possess a station that can easily be adapted for passenger traffic, while other stopping places can be arranged as required. The length of the new piece of line is only one and a half miles, and not more than five acres of land needs to be acquired to complete the scheme, the entire expenditure being estimated at £25,000. It is quite certain that if only a convenient service of passenger trains can be run, there will be a large influx of population into this district, and we would earnestly urge the directors to push on this proposal with all speed, and relieve us of the unbearable disadvantages and inconveniences we now suffer.

"Before a man is thirty he falls in love with every pretty girl he looks at." "Yes?" "And after he is thirty he falls in love with every pretty girl who looks at him."

He (cautiously): "If I should propose, would you say 'yes?'" She (still more cautiously): "If you were sure that I should say 'yes' would you propose?"

Cadging Charlie: "I 'umbly begs yer parding, young lady, but could yer spare a pore workin' man a little to eat with this 'ere nice piece of dawg biscuit I've just 'ad the luck to pick up?"

By the time a man has learned to speak with discretion, and weighed his words carefully a younger generation springs up, thrusts him in a corner, and will not let him speak at all.

"Who is Aguinaldo?" asked Maud. "Why, don't you know?" responded Mamie. "He's a Malay," "Oh, yes! How stupid of me. One of those people who come from Malaria."

"I say, Jimmie, we're going to have an awful lot of fun." "How?" "We've fed the goat with the big bath-sponge, and now we're goin' to let him drink."

She: "Perhaps Mr. Jones is in mourning for his first wife." He: "How can that be? He's married again." She: "Yes, he may have begun to feel his bereavement."

Cook (to policeman): "How neatly you carve that goose!" Then, with a sudden outburst of jealousy: "You have deceived me! I am not your first love."

Stern parent (interviewing his son during the holidays): "Why, sir, they have taught you nothing, simply nothing. Now tell me at once who drowned whom in a butt of what?"

"Is Alice worried about her broken engagement?" "No. She had some of his presents marked with the young man's name, but she says she can easily get engaged to another man named Smith."

"When you get your groceries to-day," said the butcher to his wife, "don't go to that little grocer down the street." "Why not?" she demanded. "Because he sent in yesterday and borrowed an old pair of my scales."

"You spend too much money on that girl. Remember, girls always accept everything a man gives them, and then marry the fellow that saves his money." "That's the reason I'm spending mine."

"And when we became engaged all he did was to kiss my hand." "Yes, I've heard his mother say he was the kind of a boy who would make one piece of toffy last him a week."

"Who's the scared looking little chap so completely under the influence of the big woman?" "That's Andrews. Got a brevet and special mention for daring work in the Soudan."

He: "Am I never to have my way about anything?" She: "Of course, you can have your way when your way is the same as my way, but when our ways are different, then I'll have my way."

Mamma: Ethel, what do you mean by shouting in that disgraceful fashion? Look how quiet Willie is!" Ethel: "Of course he's quiet, that's our game. He's papa coming home late, and I'm you."

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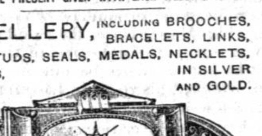

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Dec. 7 & 8—Rothwell Mechanics' Institute Second Annual Reception.
Dec. 15—Oulton St. John's F. C. Invitation Ball at Institute, Oulton.
Dec. 26—Rothwell Working Man's Club Annual Ball.
Dec. 26—Lofthouse National School's Annual Ball.
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WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.
ROTHWELL DISTRICT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a PUBLIC MEETING will be held on WEDNESDAY EVENING NEXT, at the MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, ROTHWELL, at 7-30 p.m., with the object of obtaining contributions towards one or more of the following Funds, viz:—
1.—Widows and Orphans of those lost in the War.
2.—Sick and Wounded.
3.—Disabled Soldiers and Sailors.
4.—Wives and Children left at home.
It is represented to the Council that funds are greatly needed, and it is therefore earnestly hoped that the public will attend in large numbers.
By Order of the Rothwell Urban District Council.
GEORGE ARMITAGE, Chairman.

IN MEMORIAM.

JOWITT—In loving memory of Elizabeth, the wife of Richard Jowitt, of Oulton, and our dear mother, who died December 8th, 1898.
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Friday, December 8, 1899.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MR. BULMER AND THE THWAITE GATE RAILWAY SCHEME.

WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE CHAIRMAN MOVES ON BEHALF OF THE SUFFERERS.

THE I.L.P.—"BLOODTHIRSTY MEN AND BRIGANDS OF THE DEEPEST DYE."

A monthly meeting of the above Council was held on Wednesday night, in the Council Chamber, Councillor G. Armitage presiding. There were also present Councillors J. Abbishaw (vice-chair), W. W. Harrison, J W. Bulmer, J. Hargreaves, J. Oliver, T. Pawson Whiteley, W. Hargreaves, H. Nichols, P. G. Milner, B. Taylor, with the deputy clerk (Mr. M. Barret), medical officer, (Dr. Stevenson), surveyor (Mr. J. T. Pears), nuisance inspector (Mr. R. R. Jones), and assistant clerk (Mr. Wilkinson).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

HIGHWAY MAMAGEMENT AND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

At a meeting of the Highway Committee, the Surveyor reported having seen the representative of the Midland Railway Company with regard to the extension of Bullock Lane Bridge and the alleged encroachment on the public road. The representative of the Company had pointed out what the Company intended doing, and the Surveyor expressed himself satisfied that when the work was completed the road would be very much improved. Messrs. Whittaker, contractors, applied for leave to close Royds Hall Lane during the time they are crossing it with the railway. It was agreed that the road be closed, providing arrangements are made with Mr. Elliott for a road through his farm yard, or the making of a temporary road on the spot. The Committee appointed W. Butler as roadman at Carlton, at £1, per week. It was agreed that Messrs. Charlesworth be written to with regard to their boundary wall at the Robin Hood Colliery, asking that it be made so that ashes, etc., would not fall over on to the public causeway. It was agreed that Gillett Lane and Marsh Street be swept and cleansed late on Saturday nights. The plans, etc., for the proposed extension of the East and West Yorkshire Railway Company from Messrs. Charlesworth's sidings to Thwaite Gate were submitted to the Committee and considered. The Clerk was instructed to assent to the proposed works. The County Council expressed themselves as not prepared to bear any of the cost of channelling on the highway at Lofthouse. The regulations for the control of hackney carriages were finally approved, and the Clerk instructed to have them carried out according to the Local Government orders. The Clerk was instructed to prepare the necessary agreement in connection with the carrying out of the road improvements at Robin Hood. Attention of the Railway Company was ordered to be called to the obstructions frequently left across the level crossing at Patrick Green, with a request that in future the road be left clear.

Mr. J. Hargreaves, in proposing the minutes for confirmation, referred to the Bullock Lane bridge alterations, and said that it was most unwise for the Committee's business to be made public before it had a chance of being discussed by the Council. Some particulars of the arrangements made with the Midland Railway Company had been made public by one of the local papers, whose action in publishing these particulars he disapproved. He trusted the business of the Committee would not be divulged in such a manner again. The arrangements come to with the Railway Company would result in the curve being taken out of the road, which would in that way be much improved. The Committee had assented to the proposed new railway to Thwaite Gate; none of the Council's highways would be touched, and all was in order. As to the hackney carriage regulations, steps were to be taken to put them into execution. The Council had no power to set the times for running, that was left to the people themselves, but he was satisfied that it would be to their advantage if they considered the public convenience more than they did. On Saturday night more than seven waggonettes were seen to be standing at Thwaite Gate at one time, whilst later on and late at night during the present week, not a single waggonette could be obtained. It was not a matter for the Council, but still he thought it would be better for all concerned if the proprietors arranged a time-table amongst themselves. At present there was no depending upon them; other proprietors were threatening to run vehicles in opposition, and at stated and convenient times.

Mr. Nichols asked if the Council had anything to do with the road that went down from Thwaite Gate to Thwaite Mills. In consequence of railway alterations, the road had been left in a very dangerous condition.

Mr. Hargreaves said it was a public footpath, and the Surveyor should see what was required.

Mr. Bulmer said that from the minutes he gathered that Butler had been put on as a permanent man at Carlton; he would like to know why they had not appointed Ely. With regard to the light railway to Thwaite Gate, he could not give it his support. The time had passed, in his opinion, when they should give their support to any Company, and he would oppose the minutes in respect to the Company's proposals.

The Chairman remarked in regard to Butler, that a Carlton road-man had died, and they had appointed a Carlton man in his place.

The minutes were then confirmed, Mr. Bulmer being neutral.

THE JOINT ISOLATION HOSPITAL.—A SATISFACTORY ORDER.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Committee it was reported that Messrs. Bentley's had not yet taken any steps to partly treat their sewage matter before it was sent down to Lemonroyd. The question of carrying the sewage matter from the Bell Hill district down to Stourton had been under consideration but was found to be impracticable. The proposed order for the establishment of a Joint Isolation Hospital for the Hunslet, Methley, and Rothwell Councils, had been received from the County Council, and was found satisfactory. The closing order for the schools on account of measles had been extended a week.

Mr. W. Hargreaves proposed the confirmation of the minutes and said the Committee had gone through the order for the Isolation hospital, and considered everything was practically on the lines that had been suggested at the Inquiry. The Isolation Board was to consist of ten representatives, five from Rothwell, three from Hunslet, and two from Methley. The number bore strictly on population, Rothwell being about half the entire area. As to the drainage of Bell Hill district they had done nothing definite yet; the level at the 'Old Engine' was probably about 10 feet below that where they might join at Stourton, so that that scheme was out of the question. They would have had something definite to lay before the Council with respect to separate outfall works, but the weather recently had been against the taking of levels. At next meeting, perhaps, they would be able to suggest a scheme.

Mr. Nichols seconded the confirmation of the minutes.

Mr. J. Hargreaves asked if the payment of cost in regard to the Isolation Hospital was also to be based on population.

Mr. W. Hargreaves: Yes.

Mr. J. Oliver said that if the Committee were going in for separate outfall works for the Bell Hill district, he would like them to keep in view the fact that the Pontefract Road drain was practically on a dead level, and that ultimately that drainage also might be required to run in the opposite direction. In placing their works he would like them to keep this point in view.

Mr. Bulmer: Will the representatives on the Hospital Board be chosen on democratic lines?

Mr. W. Hargreaves: I don't know whether they will be chosen on democratic or autocratic lines; I expect our representatives will be selected from and by the Council.

Mr. Bulmer: I don't consider that a democratic selection; there are men as suitable to serve on such a Committee as any of the members of the Council, who will not be eligible because they are not members of the Council.

Mr. W. Hargreaves: Then they must become members of the Council first.

The minutes were then confirmed.

THE HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT.

The Medical Officer reported that during the past four weeks there had been 32 births (18 males and 14 females), 21 in Rothwell (11 males and 10 females), and 11 in Lofthouse and Carlton (7 males and 4 females). During the same period there had been 22 deaths (12 males and 10 females), 16 in Rothwell (7 males and 9 females), and 6 in Lofthouse and Carlton (5 males and 1 female). Of the deaths 7 were due to measles, and 1 to diphtheria, reported at last meeting. One case of typhoid and one of puerperal fever had been notified from the Wood Lane district, and four of scarlet fever (3 at Stourton and one at Rothwell.) There were a few isolated cases of measles at Robin Hood, but the disease was not so bad as to need the closing of the schools.

Mr. Bulmer: Can you trace the measles to any cause?

Dr. Stevenson: Measles, like whooping cough, are difficult to trace.

With regard to the cases of typhoid fever, which had occurred in a house at Ouzlewell Green, the Medical Officer said the house had been condemned, but although the owner wanted the tenants out, as yet they remained; they were desirous of removing, but could not get another house. As considerable time had now been allowed for the tenants to get out, and the Council having got a closing order, it was decided on the motion of Messrs. W. Hargreaves and Harrison that the Clerk take the necessary steps for having the house closed.

WATER SUPPLY.

At the Waterworks Committee, the water consumption for November was reported as follows:—Rothwell, 150,000 gallons, against 145,000 gallons in November, 1898; Thorpe, 68,000, against 73,000; and Stourton 20,000 against 21,000. A complaint was made by the Aire and Calder Navigation Company, that the water supply to Dandy Row houses was unfit for use. Inquiries had been made and the water was now clear.

NEW BUILDINGS.

Plans for a new Co-operative Store, at Carlton, and for a coal place for the Rothwell Stores, and for a stable for Mr. J. R. Seanor, in Meynell Avenue, were confirmed. Plans for two houses at Ouzlewell Green, by Mrs. Knee, were approved, subject to their being put back to the building line, and the bedroom being made 9 feet high. Plans for a wooden shop in Commercial Street, Rothwell, by Mr. A. Steel, were disapproved, as they were instructed by the Clerk that the Council had no power to approve of plans for wooden erections. The plans submitted by Mr. W. Sykes, for houses in Carlton Lane, were referred back for further information. The Building Committee decided that notice be served on Mr. Squire Marshall, to put the defective roof of his property in Commercial Street into a state satisfactory to the Council. As Mr. Marshall had also let one house to two persons, and thereby practically made it into a back to back house, it was decided that he be written to and asked to conform to the Council's bye-laws in the matter.

The minutes were approved on the motion of Messrs. J. Hargreaves and Milner.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Chairman said it had been mentioned to him that something should be done in the district for the relief of the sufferers in the war now going on in South Africa, and that he was the person, as Chairman of the Council, to initiate the movement. However much they might differ as to the policy of the Government, everbody must sympathise with those who had to suffer on its account. (Hear, hear). He though the best thing to be done first was to call a public meeting to discuss the matter and decide on some definite scheme.

Mr. Harrison: The question has been asked me several times as to whether the Council was not going to do something.

Mr. J. Hargreaves expressed his sympathy with the relief scheme, and said the best thing to be done was to call a meeting at which to decide how money should be raised, and to what fund it should be given.

The Chairman said that since last meeting he had received a letter from the Earl of Scarbro, who appealed for funds on behalf of the War Office.

Mr. Taylor said he would like to know who was going to administer the fund. He understood there were millions of money that was left after the Crimean war, that had been paid out in pensions, and salaries for managers, although the money was subscribed for the sufferers in the war. If this money was going to be spent in like manner, he would have nothing to do with the scheme.

Mr. Milner said they had had a meeting on Tuesday night at Lofthouse, to see what was to be done in the matter, but on account of the bad weather, there was only a poor attendance, and the meeting was adjourned. He would like to know if the scheme would be one for the whole district.

The Chairman said he supposed it would be one for the whole area of the Council.

Mr. J. Hargreaves proposed and Mr. Harrison seconded that the Chairman call a meeting in the Mechanics' Hall, on Wednesday next, to discuss the question.

Mr. Bulmer said that although he might be thought to be idiotic he could not support the resolution. They of the I.L.P. were looked on by some as bloodthirsty men, and brigands of the deepest dye, but they did not approve of the way grievances were being settled in South Africa, and would leave it to those to fight who had caused the trouble. There were plenty of grievances and wrongs to be settled in our own country yet.

The resolution was subsequently put to the meeting and carried.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the motion of Mr. Taylor, a number of accounts were passed for payment.

The Lamps and Gas Committee, minutes of which were confirmed, recommended the purchase of four copper lanterns, for use in front of the Council Offices. It was decided that the lamps be allowed to remain lighted all night from December 23rd, to 26th.

Mr. J. Hargreaves asked that attention be given to the lamp taps on Jaw Bones Lane, some of which were allowed to remain open and thus a lot of gas was wasted.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.

The coming of St. Andrew's Day is always marked with celebrations of a festal and festive character at the Church bearing St. Andrew's name. This year's commemoration has been of a fuller and more elaborate nature than that of any former year. They who attended the evening prayers on November 29th. saw that the church had been enriched by the gift of a handsome red frontal for the altar. This is the offering of Mrs. Marshall Nicholson and Miss Maude, of Middleton, and is the work of the ladies forming the Ripon Diocesan Guild of Needlework. The anniversary services on St. Andrew's Day were:—Morning Prayer as usual at 7-55; Holy Communion at 10.30, and Choral Evensong at 7-45. The latter service consisted largely of intercession for the work of the Foreign Missions of the Church, and a sermon was preached on the work of the S.P.G., the address being a condensed yet lucid account of the great field of operations covered by the oldest of our Missionary Societies. A mighty gathering of the clans took place at the Board School on December 2nd, the occasion being the well-known anniversary tea. All the tables were filled at the time advertised for commencement, and a second sitting down was afterward necessary. The catering was in capable hands, and gave every satisfaction. Mesdames, W. Bell, Brown, Burgess, Colefax, Dobson, Duffill, Holmes, Rathmell, Sheldon, Scott, Stead, Taylor, Westerman and Miss Turner, made every effort to ensure the comfort of their visitors. The two churchwardens, Messrs. Dobson and Duffill, saw that their gratitude found a convenient outlet. The concert that followed as a complement to the tea, was of an equally pleasing nature. In the capable hands of Mr. R. Gill, who was loyally supported by the St. Andrew's choir, its artistic character was assured. The presence and the pleasing actions of twelve little maidens from the Richmond Hill Board School, under the conductorship of Mr. Crew, gave great pleasure to the audience. Mr. Roberts, the St. Andrew's organist, opened the programme and afterwards played "many parts." The choir gave the glees, "Song of the Hop Pickers," "Eldorado," "Brightly Dawns," and "Annie Laurie," with the precision and finish for which they are famous. The long-mythical hero, "The Spanish Champion," was satisfactorily settled in the person of Mr. G. Forman. The health of "Tommy Atkins" being chorally proposed by Mr. R. Gill, at once caused the re-appearance of that gentleman at the head of the whole of "The Soldiers of the Queen." The appearance of Mr Abraham Smith was greeted with applause, its warmth not being solely due to the fact of his been accompanied by "Seven merry maidens," the most appropriate reply to the unanimous encore being "Take a pair of sparkling Eyes"—advice more easily given than followed. His reply to the encore in the second part appears to have satisfactorily settled the question: for out of his "Good Company," the popular tenor selected "Gentle Mary of Argyle." The exertions of the impressario would appear to have told on Mr. Gill, for after his "Cooper's Song" had elicited an unanimous recall he was discovered sitting on a "Farm yard gate"; someone must have rescued him, however, from his perilous position, for he shortly afterward appeared with Mr. Abraham Smith in *Gabussi's* pleasing duet, "The Fishermen." Songs and dances, recitations, and very pretty Indian club drill by the little visitors from beyond the fragrant Aire, made up the complement of a very delightful programme. On the motion of Mr. Duffill and Mr. Westerman, the heartiest thanks of all present were given to the authors and dispensers of the day's enjoyment, for whom Mr R Gill suitably responded. The concluding celebration of the festival was given in the church on Sunday afternoon, when by the exceeding kindness of Mr. T. E. Parker and friends, assisted by the organist and members of the choir, an instrumental and vocal service was held at 3 o'clock. The published programme was as follows:—Quartette in *E* Flat (adagio, allegro agitato, larghetto, allegro assai) *Cherubini*; first violin, Mr. T. E. Parker; second violin, Mr. J. Vickers; viola, Mr. P. Stewart; violincello Mr. W. M C. Pollexfen; chorus, "Praise His awful Name," *Spohr*, solos by Miss M. Gibson and Mr. R. Gill; solo quartette in *C* Major (allegro spiritoso, menuetto and trio, adagio, allegro), *Spohr*; solo, "Save me O God," *Randegger*, Mr. Abraham Smith; quartette in *F*, (allegro con brio, scherzo, allegro con molto, allegro), *Beethoven*; and a hymn.

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STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

The members attending the weekly meeting of the above Society on Monday evening last, listened with great pleasure to a paper by Mr. Councillor Bulmer, of Rothwell, on "The way to remedy social evils." The essayist commenced by saying how very evident it was to everyone that there was room for much improvement in social and economic matters. The principle of "An equality of opportunity" expounded by our Lord when living in person upon earth was not yet realised. The ultimate good of man and not the lordship and authority over man was still needed as a guiding principle in the relations existing between man and man. The essayist instanced the present war as an illustration of the false means still used to gain desired ends. The relation between the great employer of labour and his workmen was, often, most one-sided. It was of common experience that the much belauded benefactor was often the hard and unjust owner or master. As a general thing, capital and vested interest held too great a place. The holding and working of railways by private companies was condemned. While rejoicing in the educational facilities now offered, a larger claim was made on behalf of those having equal ability, but not equal money or opportunity, with those in a higher rank of life. In so wealthy a country as England, some remedy ought surely to be found for the shameful over-crowding and degrading poverty in some of our large towns. Mr. Bulmer concluded a most interesting paper by urging upon all present the study of true socialism. An interesting and animated discussion followed. The president, Messrs. Clark, Chadwick, Lunn, Tetley, and Ellison took part. On the motion of Mr. Smart seconded by Mr. T. W. Crockett, the heartiest thanks of the meeting was given to the essayist. The worthy Councillor having suitably reponded, the meeting came to a close. The president announced that the subject for next Monday evening was "Electricity, past, and present," by Mr. Frank Sheldon.

NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND.

Care of Mr. W. R. Cole,
George Street, Carversham,
Dunedin, New Zealand.
October 26th., 1899.

To the Editor of the Rothwell Times,

Dear Sir,

We arrived at New Zealand all right and in good health after having a good sea trip. We had various experiences of calm and rough weather. We had a good sea boat but not very good food. We called at Teneriff, Capetown, Hobart, then direct for Wellington, where we had to wait three days for our boat to take us to Westport. We were well treated while we were at Wellington by the Rechabites; it is a nice city, but very windy. We had a nice trip down to Westport. We had the Federal Band on board, which belongs to the Salvation Army. We called at Picton, also at Nelson, which is called "The Garden of New Zealand." We were shown round by Rechabite Brothers and taken to have tea with a Brother Watson, and then we went on to Westport which is not a bad looking place, *plenty of* large lillies and camelias *of all colours, and* ferns in abundance, some of them 6 or 7 yards high, but rain falls frequently. There are good wages on the West Coast, but things are very expensive. There is not much work in Westport. The coal mines are at Deniston, and Granity Creek. To get to Deniston you have to go eight miles on the train which costs twopence a mile, on the the Government Railway. Then three and a half miles up a track, which rises 1800 feet through trees, ferns, and all kinds of shrubs, also you have to go across bridges where there are some large waterfalls. But when the top is reached a rest is needed. It is a very rough place, no soil, and nothing growing. The miners' wages run 10s a day for fillers, but after they have filled a certain number they have a bonus of 7d per ton for extra filling. Machine men get 11s a day and shot firers get 12s a day, they work three shifts, 8 hours day, the coal is 30 feet thick in some places. Granity Creek is six miles further on, the mine belongs to the same company, one tub holds 16 cwts of coal, they are like small waggons. The manager promised me work if I would wait a few weeks, but a Bro. Rechabite, who asked on my behalf, recommended me to go to Dunedin, as it would be far pleasanter for my wife and children, and there was plenty of work of various kinds. There is a dredging boom going on. They are dredging the rivers for gold, all trades are busy except coal mining. The foundries and factories are working over time. There is a good demand for mechanics and engineers, they cannot get sufficient men for the dredges. The Bulilding trade is quite busy in Dunedin. We have been in Dunedin a fortnight, and have been staying at Brother W. R. Coles, who is a Rechabite, and a steward in the Wesleyan Church, every kindness has been shown us. The other day we visited Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, of Mornington, who are quite well and were glad to see us. Mrs. Robinson is the daughter of Mrs. Nunns, in Butcher Lane, and we were the only people she has seen since leaving home, who know her mother and all her Rothwell friends, they are doing very well. Dunedin is very much like home so far as big buildings and climate go, but the sky is far clearer than at home. We have taken a four-roomed brick house two stories high, but the wood houses are better than the brick ones. Food is cheap, —bread 1d per lb., potatoes are advertised at 9d. and 1s. per bag, meat is cheap, bananas run 24 a 1s. at Dunedin, and are far cheaper at Wellington, rents in Caversham are 5s. and 6s per week. At present I am working as a brick-layer's labourer, but I have got promise of work at Milton, 30 miles further south, at a new coal mine which is being started by the Fortification Coal Company; it will be a week or two before they are ready for me. The seam is 20 feet thick and there are prospects of good work. I will write again later. We are in excellent condition and good health, hoping you will have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully,
WALTER BLACKBURN.

ROTHWELL WESLEY GUILD.

The monthly Devotional meeting in connection with the above took place last Friday; there was a good attendance and Mr. A. J. Goldthorpe (vice-president of the Devotional Section) presided, in the absence of the Rev. S. Arnold. The object of the meeting was to prepare the way for the Foreign Missionary Anniversary in connection with the Rothwell Wesleyan Church, the subject of the speeches being mission work among the heathen. The first address was admirably given by Mr. A. J. Goldthorpe, who spoke for some time on the progress that missionary enterprise was achieving. He said that some people argued that there were plenty of heathen at home, without going away and spending money to find them in foreign lands, but he pointed out that the command of the Master was, "Go ye into *all* the world and preach the Gospel to *every* creature." The Christian missionary, he proved, was carrying out this command to the best of his ability. The work in India and China was specially emphasised, a beautiful example being given of the medical missionary's work in India. China was opening up to the light of Christianity, great barriers were being removed and doors long closed were being opened. In conclusion he spoke on prayer for missions, saying that the Boers in South Africa cut the telegraph wires, but there was no such thing in the Christian telegraph, prayer would always be heard. Mr. W. Stephenson took as a base for his remarks, "A Plea for Missions," which was made a stirring and interesting theme. He took the devotional side of the question, and stated that the success of missions everywhere depended on the feeling and prayer in the home church. All were workers and should subdue everything and make room for the cross of Christ in their hearts. With Christ at the head they were all powerful, without him they felt their weakness. He urged all to do their very best in the great missionary campaign and recommended continued prayer which must finally triumph. The great sacrifices which missionaries make were vividly shown and their self-denial proved. At the close of his remarks Mr. Stephenson recited a thrilling poem on the leave-taking of a missionary, and again urged all to help in the good work. The Roll Call was then gone through, most of the members answering to their name with a text containing the roll-call keyword "Pray." The membership is now close on 100. The renewal of pledges on knees was also transacted, and an inspiring meeting closed with the benediction.

COULD NOT EAT MEAT.

TRIALS OF A MALTON LADY.

Miss Elizabeth Tyson, of 29, Scarborough-road, Norton, near Malton, from her earliest years has been a victim to a chronic form of indigestion, so acute at times as to prostrate her completely. "In fact," said Miss Tyson to a representative of the "The Leeds Daily News," who called upon her to hear her story. "I had indigestion to such a degree when I was a child going to school, that my mother had to warn people not to give me anything to eat. And since then I have been a martyr to the complaint. I

have taken dozens of bottles of medicines of every sort. For weeks and months together I have lived on nothing but milk and porridge. I dared not touch meat; pastry was a thing I would not have eaten for anything. Nearly every year I broke down two or three times, and then I should be in bed for several weeks, hardly able to get a wink of sleep, and with severe pains in my chest, back, and shoulders. My chest has been quite purple with pain. Sometimes I lost all patience with medicine, and pitched it on one side, saying that I would die before I would take any more."

"But you seem in capital health now, Miss Tyson," said the reporter, after listening closely to this distressing recital.

"Oh, yes," was the reply. "I've improved tremendously. About eight weeks ago I was recommended to try Charles Forde's Bile Beans for Billiousness, and I did so. The effect was marvellous. I had only taken a few doses when I got relief.

"I have taken altogether two and a half boxes, and I have now no pain whatever, and no indigestion. I eat well, even pastry and meat, things I never could indulge in before. To tell the truth, I am eating better now than I have done for many a month, and I am gaining weight."

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WESLEYAN FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The anniversary services on behalf of the above object, have been held this week at Rothwell. The Rev. S. Arnold preached on Sunday, the sermons on both occasions, being specially appropriate, and calculated to greatly advance the missionary cause. The evening discourse, on "We preach Christ, and Him crucified, &c." was not only a masterly exposition of the text, and an effective presentation of the necessity of spreading the knowledge of the truth in heathen lands as well as in this country, but was also deepl interesting by reason of the personal incidents and observations noted by Mr. Arnold, whilst a missionary in Bengal. A pretty sacred solo "Father of Lights," was well rendered in the evening by Mr. S. Armitage.

On Sunday afternoon, there was a large audience of children and adults, when Mr. John Nunns occupied the chair, and urged greater support from the Sunday School children for foreign missions. The Rev. S. Arnold delivered an attractive and easily understood address on "The boys and girls of India," illustrating their dress by a boy and girl in Indian attire, and exhibiting a number of curios, from that distant land. A list of amounts collected last year as Christmas offerings was also read.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. W. M. Spencer, (also lately returned from India, and a former colleague of Mr. Arnold), preached an excellent sermon from the text "Pray for us."

By the generosity and efforts of the young ladies of the congregation, a public tea had been provided, a pleasing and beautiful feature being that the urns were presided at by a large number of these bonny juvenile workers. Those giving half-crowns toward the cost deserve their names recording, and are as follows:—Misses Arnold, J. Ward, Walker, E. Copley, Hargreaves, G. Hargreaves, Denton, Moss, A. Turner, Rowley, Priestley, E. Wright, H. Idle, Sheldon, E. Sheldon, and B. Batty.

A public meeting took place afterwards in the chapel, Councillor J. Abbishaw presiding in his own native homely manner, and cordially co-operating in the effort to increase the interest and support of Rothwell Methodists in foreign mission work. Mr. W. Stephenson, the circuit secretary, read the report, which shows that last year the receipts for Rothwell were £34 6s. 9d. an increase on the previous year, of nearly £4, and indicating an expectation that the income for the present year ought to be considerably higher again.

The Rev. W. M. Spencer then addressed the meeting, and for a full hour, kept his audience in wrapt attention, as he related in a simple but graphic manner, chapters from his own life in India, shewing the subtle and deep seated difficulties standing in the path of the Hindoos who embrace Christianity, and the almost miraculous transformation through which some of them have passed. He ridiculed the idea of any man making a speech on India, with its vast extent, its many classes of people, its diverse religions, its all embracing characteristics. Referring to Bengal, which is only one of the provinces of India, he said it was twice as large as France, and included many varieties of men, of religion, of custom, and had a teeming population. An old English merchant declared to him on his first arrival in India, that the gospel of Christ was useless in that vast continent; and yet he was able to prove that it has been the greatest blessing to Englishmen out there, to high caste Brahmins and to the outcast parishs. Thrilling stories were then told of men belonging to all these classes, who had been brought to embrace Christ, and who were now splendid monuments of the gospel's wonderful effect on such men's lives. After adducing strong reasons for upholding the High Schools of India, where young natives were not only taught the ordinary subjects, but were permeated with Christian doctrine, Mr. Spencer spent some time in describing the fearfully down-trodden condition of the 40 millions of women in Bengal alone, with one Christian lady teacher amongst them, so far as the Wesleyan Missionary Society was concerned, and pleaded for help in this direction. The address was deeply interesting, and produced a great impression.

A cordial vote of thanks was afterwards passed to the chairman, speakers, the young ladies, the collectors, and all who had assisted, on the motion of Mr. J. R. Seanor J.P. and Mr. Marshall.

Collections were taken on each occasion, the total result of the effort being over £10.

ROTHWELL CRICKET CLUB TEA AND SMOKER.

In connection with the Rothwell Cricket Club a very successful gathering of members and friends took place on Monday evening last, in the Mechanics' Social Room. Very ample provision for the inner man was first of all discussed, the menu including rabbit pie, ham, and a large variety of sweets, served by Mrs. Blackburn, of Butcher Lane, in her best style. After tea a 'smoker' took place under the presidency of Mr. A. W. Seanor, one of the club's vice-presidents. The services of well-known local entertainers had been enlisted by the secretaries, Mr. Wood Higgins, Mr. L. E. Greenwood, and Mr. E. A. Higgins, of Oulton; Mr. A. Nickols, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Alfred Cripps, contributed songs; Mr. H. Wormald and the Chairman gave recitations; and Mr. Hepworth Day played violin solos; Mr Lawford Firth occupying the piano stool. During the evening, Mr. Harry Morgan was presented with a tobacco pipe in case, for securing the best bowling average during the past season, his figures also coming second in the averages in the Woodlesford League table. The proceedings lasted until nearly midnight, and were pronounced to be one of the most enjoyable gatherings promoted by the club during recent years, resolutions of thanks being passed to the artistes and the chairman for their services.

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ROTHWELL MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

GRAND RECEPTION.

The success attending the "Receptions," connected with the formal re-opening of the above institution last April, induced the Committee to arrange for a similar event last night, (and also to-night) and the invitations have been largely accepted for both occasions.

The entire premises were requisitioned for this brilliant function last night, and as eight o'clock drew near, the entrance to the building was thrown open to the incoming guests. The arrangements were very similar to the previous reception, the hall and staircase being covered with crimson cloth, plants flanking the corridors, and the several rooms tastefully decorated, and fitted with suitable furniture.

Owing to the regretted absence from home of the President, (J. S. Calverley, Esq.), the duty and honour of receiving was cheerfully undertaken by the Rev. W. B. Pierson, and Mrs. Buck. The ladies and gentlemen were mostly in full dress, and the scene, when dancing was at its height, was very pretty and animated. Games were also provided for variety, and the social room offered a cosy retiring room. The Billaird room was also patronised most of the evening, and afforded a change to gentlemen who wished to enjoy a quiet 'smoke.'

The guests numbered ninety-two, including the following:—

Mr and Mrs A. Armitage, and Mr. G. and the Misses Armitage, Oak Villa, Robin Hood
Mr and Mrs James Armitage, and Mr F. and the Misses Armitage, Iveridge Hall, Royds Green
Mr and Mrs G. Armitage, Westfield, House, Carlton, and Miss Smith, Keadby
Mr H. S. Atkinson, Springhead, Rothwell, and Miss Briggs, Wortley
The Misses Barber, Stourton, Lodge, Stourton
Mr R. Batty and Miss Batty, Rothwell
Miss Butterfield, Rothwell
Miss Braime, Hunslet
Dr and Mrs Buck, Rothwell, Dr Gay, Mrs Christie, Miss Newton, and Mr and Mrs Rowland, Leeds
Mr W. Copley, Rothwell
Mr J. Cordon, Rothwell Haigh
Mr and Mrs G. Campbell, Woodlesford
Mr T. and Miss Craven, Peckfield
Miss Craven, Haigh Farm, Rothwell Haigh
Miss Cordon, Wakefield
Mr Dymend, Leeds
Mr and Mrs A. Elliott, Royds Hall, Oulton
Mr N. Elliott and Miss Fox, Stanley
Mr and Mrs J. Farrer, and Mr Haslegrave, Oulton
Mrs Gould, and Mr G. Smith, Thorpe
Mr Harold Giddons, Leeds
Mr and Mrs Jas. Hargreaves, and Mr T. and Misses Hargreaves, Perseverance Villa, Rothwell Haigh
The Misses Hargreaves, Haigh Villa, Rothwell Haigh
Mr and Mrs Hartmann, Rothwell
Mr Hedley, Woodlesford
Mr T. Jewison, Chapeltown
Dr and Mrs James, Oulton
Mr Johnstone, Leeds
Mr and Mrs Mander, and Miss Mander, Rothwell
Mr A. Murtland, and Misses Murtland, Oulton
Mr C Martin, Wakefield
Mr DeMacedo, Swillington
Mr and Mrs H. P. Newsome, Rothwell
Mr A. Nickols, Rothwell
Mr T. Oliver, Carlton Hall, Carlton
Miss Parker, Rothwell
Mr F. Puffett, and Miss Puffett, Rothwell Haigh
Rev W. B. Pierson, Rothwell
Mr and Mrs Robinson, Batley
Mr and Mrs W. E. Richardson, Rothwell
Miss Richardson, Rothwell
Mrs Sykes, Garforth
Miss Suddaby, Rothwell
Dr Stevenson, Miss Stevenson, Rothwell, and Miss Balfour, Glasgow
Mr C. Trummel, Middleton.
Miss Throp, White House, Tong, Bradford
Mr W. Wright, Rothwell
Mr T. Whiteley, Lofthouse

The dance programme was as follows:—Circassian circle, lancers, waltz, lancers, waltz, lancers, waltz, lancers, polka, sarabands, waltz, lancers, barn dance, waltz, waltz, lancers, waltz, lancers, schottische, waltz, lancers.

Dr. Stevenson successfully carried out the secretarial duties connected with the affair. The position of M.C. was ably filled by Dr. Buck, the stewards being Mr. H. S. Atkinson, Mr. W E Richardson, Mr. R. Batty, and Mr. T. Oliver. Mr. Mark Fowler provided the music, himself taking the piano, Mr. Lewis the piccolo, and Mr. Day, violin.

As in April, the Committee generously supplied the materials for refreshments, and a committee of ladies deftly manipulated these into an endless variety of delicious 'foods,' which were laid out in the large room downstairs, coffee, etc., being supplied during the interval in the ball.

The proceedings closed about half-past two this morning, everything passing off most happily.

To-night the programme will be repeated, when the vice-presidents and their ladies will welcome the guests.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE METHODIST QUARTERLY MEETING.

The quarterly meeting was held on Saturday last at Methley Junction, under the presidency of the circuit minister, Rev. J. Arthur Alderson; Mr. William Hartley, acting as minute secretary. All necessary arrangements were made for the coming quarter. Special missions are to be held at Rothwell and Methley. Rev. J. Burkitt, from Africa, was nominated for the Missionary Deputation next year. The Chairman reported that the chapel at the Junction had been cleaned and renovated, and the whole cost raised, he having received £5 towards it from Mr. Briggs. The friends at Carlton were going to hold a two days' Bazaar at Xmas, and Mr. G. Armitage had kindly promised him £1 1s 0d towards that effort. Mrs. Hartley, of Liverpool, the good wife of the gentleman who gave Mr. Alderson £10 to the Miss Butterfield fund, had kindly sent him £5 towards establishing a circuit library for local preachers, class leaders and teachers, the Quarterly Meeting determined to augment this amount by raising another £5 on the circuit, and some 80 useful volumes are being purchased. Arrangements were made for dealing fully with the question of the proposed union of Primitive Methodism with the Bible Christian denomination. If effected, this will be the first step towards the union of all the Methodist Churches of England. There are many grave difficulties in the way, but not insurmountable. The other churches are closely watching the development of this initial movement.

The representatives entered most heartily into the business of the day and a very profitable time was spent, the meeting breaking up at 8-45 p.m.

FOOTBALL

ASSOCIATION.

SECOND ROUND WEST YORKSHIRE CUP.

ROTHWELL WHITE ROSE v. HUDDERSFIELD.

In the second round of the West Yorkshire Cup, the Huddersfield team paid a visit to Rothwell last Saturday. Considerable interest was manifested in the game, owing to the fact that Rothwell encountered their opponents at Hunslet in the same competition last year, when after a drawn game, they were defeated at Bowling, owing to half of the White Rose being sent off the field for disputing the Referee's decision. This occurrence was the cause of unsportsmanlike conduct by a certain portion of the spectators, and the language used at times was anything but becoming. There was a good attendance of spectators present on Saturday when the visitors kicked off uphill. Huddersfield were the first to attack, efforts being repulsed by Beckwith and Cripps, until the defence was broken down, but play was ruled off-side. Rothwell now assumed the aggressive, and Bridges had two or three good shots which were with difficulty disposed of; the Huddersfield men were playing a sound defence, and finding an opening made tracks for the Bothwell citadel; after two or three repulses Moore scored what was undoubtedly an off-side goal, however, the Referee ruled otherwise, and awarded the goal to Huddersfield. This decision was received by the rowdy section with disgust, and there was every appearance of a scene taking place, the threats being disgusting. Huddersfield again became dangerous, Baber saving finely. Bridges was conspicuous with some splendid kicking, and the home back division were thoroughly tested in their defensive powers. Seeing that their opposing forwards were playing a nice passing and combination game, they acquitted themselves with credit. Rothwell had a corner which was fruitless, and play being kept in the visitors' territory, Bridges scored a magnificent goal with a long raking shot, thus equalising the scores. Rothwell now brightened up and a stiff tussle took place in front of the Huddersfield citadel, which was luckily cleared. Barnes, after making a good run on the wing, shot into the goalmouth, and the custodian returning, Berry successfully sent the ball flying into the net, thereby giving the homesters the lead. Both teams now attacked in turns up to half time, the scores remaining unaltered. Rothwell re-started the game; fog now appeared and grave doubts arose as to whether full time would be allowed. Play opened in the visitors' half, and from a cross kick by Barnes, Illingworth had a nice chance to score, but failed to take the ball at the first attempt. Huddersfield took the ball down the field, Cripps saving nicely; they however kept up the bombardment, relief occurring through the ball being kicked out of play. Rothwell again got a footing in their opponents' quarters, and Barnes becoming dangerous, was correctly ruled off-side. The homesters forcing matters were having the best of the game, Barnes making some good runs on the wing, being ably assisted by Ward. Rothwell had a corner, Illingworth landing the ball just behind. The visitors again attacked, and had an unsuccessful corner, whilst Whitehead, Beckwith and Jeffries, each in turn were the means of clearing their lines finely. Not to be denied, Huddersfield maintained the pressure, but were ruled off side. Rothwell were playing very pluckily in order to secure victory. The remainder of the game was played in semi-darkness, and at the call of time Rothwell were declared victorious by 2 goals to Huddersfield 1. The Rothwell team are to be complimented on their efforts in being able to defeat such an experienced team as Huddersfield, and may safely ascribe their success to their determined doggedness and hard work throughout the game. The Huddersfield team started very well, and looked as though they would out-class the White Rose men, their passing and combination being very fine; however, during the second half, the Huddersfield combination was broken, the play being very erratic, and they were unable to combat with the strong rushes of the Rothwell lads. Every member of the team tried his utmost; there are, however, one or two places which want strengthening.

WOODLESFORD v FEATHERSTONE.

This encounter in the West Yorkshire Competition was witnessed at Hesp Lane, Woodlesford, on Saturday last, before a moderate attendance of spectators. The visitors arrived late, thus causing the match to start twenty minutes later than the specified time. Featherstone kicked off, and at once pressed, but were penalised for off-side play. Woodlesford were kept on the defence for the first ten minutes, but soon afterwards gathered themselves together, and the forwards went down the field with a combined rush, but got too eager, and of course lost the ball. The visitors outside left sent in a beautiful shot, but the goal-keeper proved himself quite safe, and fisted it out magnificently, much to the surprise of the home supporters. From a scrimmage in front of the Woodlesford goal, Holmes put the ball into the net thus drawing first blood for Featherstone. This reverse roused the homesters, who soon showed much improved form, the visitors' custodian soon being called upon to clear his post, which danger he managed to avert, thus saving his team from being equalised. The game now became very keen, and here the referee had to order Mitchell, of Woodlesford, and the visitors centre half, off the field, for fighting. This severely handicapped the homesters, and Featherstone held the advantage up to the call of half-time. After the restart, Featherstone attacked, and Smith scored the second goal. The game was now contested in semi-darkness, and the referee had to stop the play about twenty minutes off time, with the score—Featherstone 2 goals, Woodlesford *nil*. Woodlesford were only poorly represented, having two or three of their main players away, and had to get the vacancies filled up by some of the spectators. Great credit is due to the home custodian (Nicholson) for keeping the visitors' score so low; the way he kept the ball out of the net was a treat. Mirfin was a tower of strength at full-back, and repeatedly broke up the visitors' attack, whilst Hobson was the pick of the forwards. The Woodlesford committee are appealing for the match to be replayed or the remainder of the time played out.

OULTON ST. JOHN'S. V. DODSWORTH INSTITUTE.

It was quite a change to receive instructions to proceed to the ground at Oulton Green, as our friends there have answered "not at home" to all visitors and friends for the past six weeks, and I hear a considerable amount of criticism as to the advisability of giving such a generous holiday to the players; it was quite evident some loud-throated spectators had gone rusty from the enforced idleness and lack of opportunity to keep their foghorns in trim. The visitors had previously made an afternoon call at Oulton and presented the homesters with their only League success, so that opinions were divided on their ability to secure a return of the compliment. At any rate the attempt was a failure, and their estimable manager felt a decidedly "chapped man," and uttered threats to secure some "glycerine" by appealing for the match to be replayed owing to darkness causing the premature closing of the game, leaving a balance owing of eleven minutes. Both sides were at full strength, and Inman winning the toss, allowed his opponents to commence the game downhill. The result justified his selection, as the homesters held their charge intact throughout the game. The first quarter of an hour was a hot one for the visitors, the home forwards being in a very dashing mood and developed a habit of going straight for the goal. Wright and Kershaw had changed positions the latter being outside, and he put in some very brilliant work, his 'centres' being well placed every time. His partner excelled at cutting out the work, and altogether the right wing was very effective. The first point however came from the left wing, Murtland transferring to Barker on the outside, who swung the ball to Page in a good position, and the latter gentleman promptly bounced it into the net. This success gave confidence to the homesters, and the backs required; it to withstand the extra efforts made by the visitors. Their share of the responsibility was, however, disposed of in a very able manner, and when the smart and tricky play of the Normanton forwards got past the defence, they always found it extremely difficult to land a shot anywhere near the posts, in fact their shooting was very wild and aimless all through. Hoyland had a clear course and with only Hartley to beat found it impossible to get the ball through out of the reach,—a clever save when it looked a certainty. The teams turned round with the Owls leading by the odd goal, but this was evidently a winning lead, as all through the first half they more than held their own, and their shooting was far more accurate. The homesters were quickly in evidence, but found the defence very hard to beat and it was some time before anything tangible occurred. Various corners had been forced and safely removed by the visitors, and it was not until Wright got away down the wing and centreing beautifully from within a few inches of the goal line, placed the ball straight to Barker, and that gentleman had considerable satisfaction in opening his account to the credit of his new club. Very hard and strenuous were the remaining efforts of both sides, and Hartley had a teaser to get rid of from the top corner of the posts. The game was bad to follow towards the close, owing to darkness, and it is this fact that seems to have some consoling effect on the visitors for the double event falling to the Owls. They have a certain manager, I am told, who has certain influence on committee, and the certain absolute certainty with which he looks forward to the whole match being played again is worthy of such inspiring results as those over-confident burghers expected in Natal. At any rate, I think the precedent established in the match between the same teams last year, is sufficient to rely upon, and if not, my best respects are offered to Mr. Chapman *before* his combat with General Bradley as he is likely to want commiseration after. Criticising the play of the Owls as a whole, it was their best show of the present season. Hartley in goal saved excellently, if not showy. Inman and Butterick could not be improved in steadiness, yet the latter could use a little more dash with effect. Bell was an artist at centre half, whilst Dobson and Raybould were quite equal to demands, the latter starting "rocky" and shining later on. The forwards played a forward game for once in a while, and the half-backs seemed to know where to find them. Kershaw could do nothing wrong, Wright was tricky and resourceful, and Page at centre, was not found wanting, Murtland and Barker were decidedly improved on their last effort, and a quiet steadiness in the whole team was distinctly manifest.

CRITICUS.

WEST YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts
Ossett..........	5	2	1	2	6
Featherstone....	3	3	0	0	6
Dodsworth Inst	4	2	2	0	4
Altofts	3	1	1	1	3
Rothwell W R ..	3	1	1	1	3
Oulton	5	1	4	0	2
xDewsbury......	3	1	2	0	0

x Two points deducted for Breach of Rules.

	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts
Woodlesford	5	4	1	0	8
Ferrybridge	4	3	1	0	6
Hunslet N C	3	2	1	0	4
Altofts 'A'	2	2	0	0	4
Rothwell W R 'A'	4	1	3	0	2
Dodsworth Inst A	3	1	2	0	2
Purston United..	5	0	5	0	0

W. H. EASTON, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN UNION—SECOND COMPETITION—EAST DIVISION.

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2.

	Pl	Wn	Lt	Dn	Pts	For G	For T	For P	Against G	Against T	Against P
Normanton	11	9	1	1	19	12	9	51	1	4	14
Kinsley ..	10	7	2	1	15	13	26	104	6	8	36
York	8	6	2	0	12	14	22	94	6	2	18
Featherstone	8	5	2	1	11	9	13	57	8	10	49
Alverthorpe	8	5	3	0	10	7	9	41	7	6	32
Rothwell ..	9	3	6	0	6	4	7	29	16	23	101
Pontefract	9	2	5	2	6	8	8	40	11	14	64
Outwood C	10	2	7	2	6	3	4	18	8	12	52
Ossett	8	2	5	1	5	6	2	18	11	8	46
Eastmoor..	9	2	6	1	5	5	6	28	7	15	59
Goole	10	2	7	1	5	7	7	35	10	14	62

E. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

REFEREES FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Ossett v Eastmoor—Mr. A. Fieldhouse, Holbeck.
Normanton v Outwood—Mr. S. Mortimer, Dewsbury
York Kinsley—Mr. T. F. Wilkinson, Leeds
Goole v Rothwell—Mr. W. W. Taylor, Leeds
Pontefract v Alverthorpe—Mr. W. Bloor, Normanton

COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

RUGBY.

At Goole—Rothwell v Goole.

ROTHWELL TEAM—Full back, J Hoult (capt); three-quarter backs, O Taylor, J Newton, J Morrell, H Morgan, B Kelly; half-backs, F Robinson, B Morrell; forwards, H Hemsworth, E Williams, E Godley, W Shaw, J W Micklefield, D Ward, A Pape, J Parkinson, A Horsfall.

ASSOCIATION.

At Rothwell—Rothwell W R v Wakefield City.

WHITE ROSE TEAM—Goal, A Cripps; backs, J Beckwith, R Whitehead; half-backs, J Berry, T Bridges, W Jeffries; forwards, G Barnes, C Ward, H Dacre, J Fieldhouse, H Illingworth.

At Oulton—Oulton St. John's v. Ossett.

OULTON TEAM—Goal, G B Hartley; backs, W Inman (capt), H Butterick; half-backs, D Raybold, F Bell, E Dobson; forwards, S E Kershaw, A E Wright, T Page, A T Murtland, J Barker; Reserves, O Inman.

At Normanton—Oulton 'A' v. Dodsworth Inst. 'A.'

OULTON 'A' TEAM—Goal, C Higgins; backs, E Haslegrave, A Higgins; half-backs, O Inman, P C Higgins, S Lockwood; forwards, C F Hullah, H Bedford, F Arundel, P Inman, T Smailes; Reserve, L Lockwood.

At Woodlesford—Woodlesford v Altofts 'A.'

WOODLESFORD TEAM—Goal, H Nicholson; backs, D Johnson, A Mirfin; half-backs, W Austerbury, H McWilliam (capt), A Chadwick; forwards, J Hobson, F J Ferrett, H Mitchell, S Tranmer, C Taylor; Reserves, W Haigh, S Hoyle.

At Stourton—Woodlesford 'A' v Stourton St A.

WOODLESFORD 'A' TEAM—Goal, G Lawn; backs, J B Bouch, F Johnson; half-backs, W Tuler, A Crosby, A Benson; forwards, S Hoyle, P Lawn, J Hughes, J Wilkinson, T Ellis.

Will the Secretaries of Football Clubs kindly forward List of Fixtures, Reports of Matches (both first and second teams), and List of players chosen as early as possible.

"THE DANCERS' REVEL."

A very successful dance, designated as above, took place in the Old Band Room, on Saturday night last. The affair was promoted by several members of the band, whose efforts were well appreciated and much enjoyed. A popular programme of dances was gone through, the music being supplied by Mr. A. Fowler, whilst Mr. W. Fowler and Mr. J. Lunn, discharged the duties of M.C's. During the evening Mr. W. Taylor rendered songs "The Village Blacksmith" and "Mary"; Mr. J. Lunn also contributing to the programme by the singing of "The Irish Jubilee." The proceedings terminated just before midnight.

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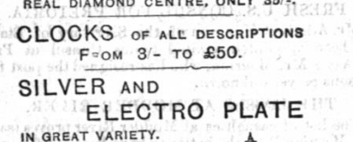

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In response to our invitation we hav received the following information respecting young men belonging to this district, who are now bravely serving their country in South Africa. It is our purpose, as far as possible, to keep up their history, as the war goes on, and we trust any news received by their relatives, will be communicated to us, week by week.

There must be several others, who have left for the front, and we trust their friends will see our Mr. Marshall, and enable us to publish any items of interest, concerning our own young fellows:—

SAPPER J. H. BROWN, son of Mr. Charles Brown, of Woodlesford, has been with the 26th. Company of Royal Engineers for three years, previous to which he was a cooper at Messrs. Bentley's, and served as a volunteer in the Leeds Artillery. He sailed for South Africa a short time ago, and took part in the affair at Estcourt, and is now with the Relief Army on its way to Ladysmith.

CORPORAL F. WILKINSON, is in the 62nd Battery of Royal Artillery, having been in the Army for eight years. He used to work with his grandfather in Oulton, as a shoemaker, and his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkinson, are now living at Woodlesford. This young fellow, as will be noted, has already gained advancement, and will doubtless be further promoted, as he was present at the recent big battle at Modder River, under Lord Methuen. When next we hear from him, let us hope he and his comrades will have cleared a road to Kimberley, and have joined in the hurrahs that will celebrate the relief of our heroic countrymen in that city.

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The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Dec. 2nd, 1899, is £366; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £302, thus showing increase of £64. For the 22 weeks ending Dec. 2nd, the return is £6690, against £5757 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £933.

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Dec. 15—Oulton, St. John's F. C. Invitation Ball at Institute, Oulton.
Dec. 26—Rothwell Working Man's Club Annual Ball
Dec. 26—Lofthouse National Schools Annual Ball.
Jan. 5, 1900—Rothwell Subscription Dance.
Jan. 30, 1900—Rev. J. Arthur Alderson's Second Grand Evening Concert.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

ROTHWELL FUND.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Rothwell held on Wednesday, the 13th day of December, 1899, it was decided to make an earnest appeal in favour of one or other of the following funds:—
(1) Widows and Orphans of those lost in the War.
(2) Sick and Wounded.
(3) Disabled Soldiers and Sailors.
(4) Wives and Children left at home.
Contributions may be sent to Mr. Geo. Armitage, the chairman of the Council, at Westfield House, Rothwell, who has kindly consented to act as Treasurer, or to the Rothwell Branch of the London City and Midland Bank, Ltd., to the account of "The War in South Africa Fund."
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MAUDE BARRET,
Clerk to the Rothwell Urban District Council.

ROTHWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH.

On SUNDAY NEXT,
MR. A. BLAKELEY, of Normanton,
Will preach; Morning 10-30; and Evening 6 o'clock.
Mr. A. VARLEY will sing 'Nazareth.'
Collection for Circuit Fund.
Hymn Books Provided. All Invited.

CHRIST CHURCH, LOFTHOUSE.

THE ANNUAL BALL
Will be held in the NATIONAL SCHOOL,
On TUESDAY, December 26th, 1899,
Dancing to commence at 8-0; Supper at 10-30.
TICKETS:—Double, 3/6 each; Single, Ladies, 2/- each, Gentlemen, 2/6 each.
Mr. MARGERISON'S QUADRILLE BAND
will provide Music.

CARLTON TEMPERANCE BRASS BAND DRAWING.

GRAND DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

Prize	Ticket	Prize	Ticket	Prize	Ticket	Prize	Ticket
1	2553	19	2621	37	2601	54	1312
2	2992	20	2988	38	1619	55	3497
3	226	21	2589	39	2115	56	484
4	1915	22	2470	40	2288	57	1511
5	664	23	338	41	1916	58	1820
6	2263	24	237	42	481	59	2751
7	236	25	44	43	1257	60	1839
8	67	26	587	44	2454	61	337
9	2005	27	1591	45	218	62	3047
10	958	28	2645	46	584	63	3000
11	2469	29	1538	47	713	64	2377
12	2673	30	2067	48	1299	65	333
13	632	31	2028	49	2764	66	2082
14	1021	32	2386	50	597	67	2800
15	157	33	74	51	850	68	2290
16	3485	34	770	52	1703	69	609
17	2984	35	1103	53	283	70	1872
18	465	36	827				

All Prizes not claimed within 14 days will be forfeited

IN MEMORIAM.

BROWN—In affectionate remembrance of my dear daughter, Florence Brown, who departed this life December 16th, 1890, in her 21st year.
"For so he giveth his beloved sleep."

DEATHS.

ADAMS—Dec. 13th, aged 61 years, William Adams, Carlton Lane, Rothwell.
CLARKE—Dec. 10th, aged 54 years, Mary Phyllis, wife of Christopher Clarke, John O'Gaunts.
PHILLIPS—Dec. 14th, aged 52 years, Hannah, wife of William Phillips, Stourton.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley

Friday, December 15, 1899.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A fortnightly meeting of the above Board, was held at the temporary Board room, Whitehouse Street, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon, Dr. Hawkyard (chairman) presiding. The other members present were Mr. Fryer (vice-chairman), Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Woodcock, Rev. A. J. Irvin, Messrs. Edwards, Hargreaves, Banks, Bamforth, Tomlinson, Seddon, with the clerk (Mr. Mee), and assistant clerk (Mr. Ward).

The number of vagrants relieved during the past fortnight were reported at 205, against 284 during the corresponding period last year.

The master reported a gift of illustrated papers from Mrs. Sheard, and that an entertainment had been given in the house by a party from Beeston Hill.

At a meeting of the Visiting Committee the Ladies' Committee reported that everything was clean, and that there was a decided improvement in the Infirmary.

CHILDREN'S HOMES.

At a meeting of the Children's Homes Committee the application of Dr. Buck, as medical officer, was considered. Mr. Hargreaves proposed and Mrs. Woodcock seconded, that his salary be advanced from £20 to £35 per annum. As an amendment Mr. Butterick (the chairman), proposed and Mr. Edwards seconded, that the salary be advanced to £30. On the motions being put to the meeting there was a tie, and the chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment, which was declared carried.

Mr. Elstob and Mr. A. Batty had kindly consented to give an entertainment at the Homes on the 26th inst, and Messrs. Clayton, of the Nurseries, Rothwell, a quantity of holly for decorations

The offer of the West Hunslet Liberal Club to provide a quantity of toys for Christmas, was accepted with thanks.

The minutes were confirmed, and a motion of the Board carried, proposed by Mr. Hargreaves, that Dr. Buck's salary be advanced to £30, Mr. Hargreaves remarking that the matter had been thoroughly thrashed out in Committee. He proposed the advance to £30 because he wanted it to be a unanimous resolution. Dr. Buck had taken great interest in the children, and had made 140 visits during the year.

MODE OF OBTAINING MEDICAL RELIEF.

The Clerk, in making a report on the above, as requested at last meeting, said he did not think it would be fair to give every person in receipt of relief a ticket for medical relief, and suggested that instead of issuing these tickets the medical officers be furnished each year with a list of persons receiving relief, the list to be added to as required from time to time.

The Chairman thought that at any rate persons having children should be supplied with these tickets. There might be hardships on the part of the medical officers, but there were infinitely more hardships on the part of the sufferers, who had to get an order from the relieving officers before they could obtain medical assistance.

Mr. Hargreaves thought the ticket system might be abused; so far as the out townships were concerned the medical officers attended without having the order from the Relieving Officer.

It was this practice the chairman said that had set some of the medical officers' backs up, as they had attended in some cases, and then been refused their fee. On the motion of Messrs. Hargreaves and Fryer, it was agreed that the suggestions of the Clerk be acted upon.

CHRISTMAS BEER.

A letter was read from Mr. Charlesworth, (Guardian), offering to give to the inmates at Christmas one pint of beer to adult males and half-pint to the women, who are desirous of taking it, and at the master's discretion.

Mr. Balmforth: I think a pint of beer would upset some of their brains.

The Chairman (Dr. Hawkyard) said if one inmate had beer, all would want it, whether they required it or not, and some of them would treat away their pints for other things, with the result that some would get several pints. There would be no equal distribution of it, and—at least so he was told—the consequence would probably be that some would get too much. This would throw discredit on the whole thing.

The Rev. A. J. Irvin (Vicar of Woodlesford) thought the offer a very kind one, but if that was the result he should not be disposed to vote for it.

Mrs Woodcock thought the Master should be able to see that the inmates did not get more than their share.

In answer to Mr. Seddon, the Chairman said the inmates traded the beer for coppers and tobacco. When they were out, the day after Christmas Day, too many of them got drunk.

Mr. Irvin suggested that the money which was usually given to the inmates be stopped, if it resulted in their getting drunk.

The Chairman said that if they went out without a farthing they would come home drunk just the same. They were dealing with a difficult type. What was a pint of beer to a man who had been accustomed to take it by the bucket? (Laughter).

Mr. Seddon proposed, and Mr. Fryer seconded, that the offer be accepted. Seven voted for, and three (the Chairman, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Balmforth), against.

Mr. Irvin suggested that the Master should take every precaution to guard against those "little tricks" which it was said were done.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A letter from Nurse Lownds was read, complaining of the altered times for meals, and stating that if such could not be fixed more conveniently she must tender her resignation. The matter was referred to Committee.

The Local Government Board asked to be informed when the new sanatorium for consumptives, proposed to be erected at Asquith, and to which the Board had promised an annual subscription of £75, would be ready for occupancy.

The Finance Committee approved of the payment of accounts amounting to £936 17s 3d.

The Leeds City Council have acceded to the request of the Guardians that wood paving be put down opposite the new offices in Glasshouse Street.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT BAND OF HOPE UNION.

The annual meeting of the above Union was held on Wednesday night week, in the Temperance Hall, Rothwell. In the absence of the President (Mr. E. Ward), the chair was occupied by Mr. S. Lawton. A vote of thanks was accorded the officers for their services during the past year. The financial report was read by the treasurer (Mr. C. Ineson), showing a balance in hand of 1s 0½d. The officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:—President, Mr. Samuel Lawton, of Oulton; vice-presidents, Rev. S. Arnold, Rev. J. A. Alderson, J. R. Seanor, Esq., J.P., Messrs. E. Hampson, J. Butterick, J. Goodall, and E. Ward; treasurer, Mr. Charles Ineson; secretary, Mr. Arthur Chambers; plan committee, Messrs. C. Ineson and A. Chambers; and auditors, Messrs. S. Sidebottom and J. M. Smith. The reports from the societies, showed some to be in a good flourishing condition, although there is a general lack of workers throughout the Union.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Dec. 9th, 1899, is £353; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £324, thus showing increase of £29. For the 23 weeks ending Dec. 9th, the return is £7043, against £6081 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £962.

EPPS'S COCOA ESSENCE.—A THIN COCOA.—The choicest roasted nibs of the natural Cocoa, on being subjected to powerful hydraulic pressure, give forth their excess of oil, leaving for use a finely flavoured powder—a product, which, when prepared with boiling water, has the consistence of tea, of which it is now with many, beneficially taking the place. Its active principle being a gentle nerve stimulant, supplies the needed energy without unduly exciting the system. Sold only in labelled tins. If unable to obtain it of your tradesman, a tin will be sent post free for 9 stamps.—James Epps and Co., Ltd., Homoeopathic Chemists, London

ROTHWELL WESLEY GUILD.

REV. J. A. ALDERSON ON "THE PRESENT POSITION OF ENGLISH NONCONFORMITY."

Under the auspices of the Wesley Guild, and the presidency of the Rev. S. Arnold, the Rev. J. A. Alderson gave a short lecture on the above subject, last Friday evening, in the Rothwell Guildroom, before a large attendance of members.

Like all Mr. Alderson's works, the paper was full of "fight," and while shewing up the many disabilities under which Nonconformists still suffer, he also spoke freely on the small advantage taken by members of the Free Churches, of the rights that have been won for them, through the blood and treasure of their fathers.

After briefly relating the origin of the old Puritans, and referring to the noble self-denial of the 50,000 men and women, who, in 1620, were driven across the sea, rather than accept the doctrines then issued, he spoke of the two thousand clergy, who, rather than sign the cruel Act of Uniformity, gave up their livings and homes, suffering untold miseries, persecutions, and deaths. Then followed the great Methodist revival, the foreign missionary enterprises, the vast Sunday School movement and all the other philanthropic programmes of the day. These were largely the out-growth and influence of the struggles for religious and political freedom and extension, and which eventually gave us the privileges we now enjoy. Coming to the present position of English Nonconformity, the lecturer said there are 20,500,000 English speaking communicants in the Free Churches of the world, and 3,100,000 communicants in the Anglican communities, or less than one sixth. Such a fact ought to make every Nonconformist proud of his position, and yet "Why am I a Nonconformist," or "What is a Nonconformist," are questions that many a one can hardly answer. The need for more definite teaching on this subject was strongly urged, in order to stop the "kidnapping" which was adroitly practiced in many towns and villages by the curate or the vicar.

Referring to the value of the Free Churches he said, "It has always been our contention that Nonconformity is the backbone of English Protestantism. Such a proposition used to be scouted with indignation by Anglican dignitaries, but the English Church has now almost officially discarded Protestantism. Many of her authorities are now declaring that she is not Protestant. That, of course, has been our opinion for years, and now it seems that we have been right all the time. You are all probably aware of the little comedy enacted on behalf of our English Establishment some time ago, how a pitiful appeal was made to the Pope to reconsider the question of Anglican orders, or in other words to acknowledge them and stamp them with his fatherly benediction. This however his holiness declined to do. Then came a glorious fizzle. Smarting, we suppose, under the lash of defeat, brave Church defenders sprang to arms, and declared that they cared no more for the Papal declaration that if it had been the opinion of an old washerwoman. Of course we are not to suspect the sincerity of this indignation, but we think it would have come with better grace before the Pope's verdict was delivered. As it was, it looked very much like sitting astride the fence to see which was the best side to climb down again. Anyhow, we imagine it will be a long time before Nonconformity submits her orders for Papal inspection; my only object in alluding to the incident is to emphasize the fact that English Protestantism must look to Nonconformity as its stronghold in any struggles which may lie ahead."

The political value of Nonconformity has often been manifested, as in the suppression of Sunday Newspapers, the denunciation of the Armenian Atrocities, etc. But her strength in gaining her positions, is too little used in keeping them; as, for instance, the Education Acts, the full advantage of which, Nonconformists are allowing to slip, or failing to use properly.

As to the Burial Laws, he said "Everybody knows that the Burial Laws of our country represent a stupendous muddle. Even the lawyers have given up trying to understand them. We do know, however, that Nonconformity, after severe and protracted struggles in Parliament, and out of it, got one or two crumbs of comfort, but the present position of affairs is a burning scandal; that we should have to give a written 48 hours' notice to the vicar of the public burial ground; and then a written certificate that we have "well and truly" deposited the deceased person, is an unnecessary piece of humbug."

As to the Marriage Laws, he said "Look at the trouble Mr. Perks and others went to, in order to banish that obnoxious intruder, the Registrar, from our licensed Chapels, and what is the result? I question if one half of the Circuits in Methodism have availed themselves of the slight advantages of the Marriages Act, 1899. On the principle that half a loaf is better than none at all, I believe in Nonconformity taking all she can get; and the interested party will see that they part with no more than they are obliged."

Touching on the way in which young people are led to renounce the faith of their fathers, and to accept the social patronage offered by the Clergy, he related more than one instance of such 'perversions,' and strongly denounced the threats of curates who tell young men "that unless they go to Church (the Anglican, of course,) and take the sacrament there, they will go to hell," and that "it is a deadly sin to go to a Dissenting Chapel." Only the other day the Bishop of Rochester (Dr. Talbot, of Leeds), told his Clergy that "Speaking practically he did not think they could in any but very few instances rightly co-operate with orthodox Nonconformists on strictly religious grounds. Whether it was desirable to join in a common prayer meeting was to some extent a question of opinion. His own was that it was generally undesirable."

While this is going on in the State Church, the Lecturer mourned that so little was being done to strengthen and enlighten young men and women in true evangelical knowledge, and in the history of the Free Churches. "Is it not a lamentable fact that in some of our Nonconformist homes, the young men and maidens attend the Established Church, and their parents are good Methodists. These young people are willing to inherit their father's reputation and social position, but they consider themselves so much wiser than the old people, that they can afford to cast aside as of little worth the principles which gave a grandeur and dignity to their parent's character; and so for the sake of social prestige they are willing to break the line of a noble succession. For the privilege of membership of a Lawn Tennis Club, or Dramatic Society, or an invitation to a subscription dance, or some other organisation of which the Clergy is the promoter, and to which the members of the Establishment are only admitted, they will leave the Church of their fathers, turn their back upon principles in which they were bred and born, and ally themselves to the State Church. Shame on such."

The Lecturer closed with an eloquent appeal for firmer and stronger principles amongst Nonconformists, to maintain the glorious traditions of the past, and push forward with renewed zeal in the gaining of perfect equality and the spread of genuine evangelical Christianity.

Hearty thanks were accorded to the reverend gentleman for his splendid paper, Mr. Shurmer, Mr. Batty, Mr. Marshall and the Chairman, speaking on the subject of the lecture and in support of the resolution.

It was agreed to continue the conversation at to-night's meeting.

LECTURE ON SOUTH AFRICA.

Not often have we listened to such an interesting and inspiring lecture as that which the Rev. J. T. Maude, the vicar of Chapel Allerton, gave in the Harold Hall, on Monday evening last. The title of his lecture "South Africa," was enough to draw a full house from Woodlesford and Oulton and the neighbourhood, and Mr. Maude's handling of his subject, and his clear way of putting things, kept the whole audience in a state of the keenest interest and enthusiasm. The whole history of the British and the Boers in South Africa was related, from their very first settlements, when British and Dutch both about the same time found the Cape a convenient place to call at and get supplies from on their way to India and the East; the way in which both settlements grew, the native Kaffirs were gradually turned out: then the Dutch farmers moved North to get more room and settled in Natal and began to drive all the natives from there back to the Cape to be a menace to the British: hence there arose friction, and the history of the British and the Boers in South Africa is one long history of this friction. The object of Mr. Maude's lecture was an appeal for more missionary interest in Zululand. The future of Zululand with its millions of blacks is, until this war is settled, in the balance. What Dutch supremacy in South Africa means is fairly familiar: the question is what is England to do with the millions of blacks in Zululand as soon as she has settled this war and painted the map red throughout? The responsibility is an infinite one, and the first work that must be done in the work of raising them and civilising them, is to give them christianity. It is not a question of charity, but simply one of bounden duty. The Lecturer closed with some strong remarks on our slackness to see these responsibilities, and to do our duty by Foreign missions. He believed the time is soon coming when we shall begin to wake up, and see what missionaries have been doing and enduring for us, and how we have been treating them; the end of this war and the fresh responsibilities of millions of blacks in Zululand thrown upon our hands, may have something to do with bringing that time nearer. The Rev. E. H. Dykes, who was in the chair, in the absence of J. S. Calverley, Esq., proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, the Rev. A. J. Irvin seconding the proposal. During the singing of a hymn, the collection was taken for the Zululand mission, which realised £4 9s 8d.

A DANGEROUS EPIDEMIC.

An epidemic of influenza is at present raging in most parts of England, and scarcely anyone is without at least a slight attack. This dreadful malady is one of the most tiresome and inconvenient diseases imaginable, and few seem to realise that an absolute cure for it is to be found in Bile Beans for Biliousness. Influenza totally incapacitates the sufferer from doing any sort of work, and life itself becomes a burden. There is, in the first place, a violent cold, generally in the head, and a constant and violent headache is one of the most trying symptoms. Pains, too, in all parts of the body and limbs are also prominent, and a general collapse of the entire system follows. The appetite is impaired, and a sensation of weariness and total disability to even think in a connected manner, is noticeable. Of course, as this malady gains a hold on the system the symptoms become more strongly marked, until the patient is not only in an extremely delicate, but an absolutely dangerous condition.

To perform the double office of preventative and cure there is no remedy equal to Bile Beans for Billiousness. Acting as a preventative, they cleanse the system of all waste matter, purify the blood, build up the nervous organism, and thoroughly prepare all parts of the body to withstand the severest winter weather. As a cure, they act in the same manner, only, of course, the time consumed is necessarily longer. They break up a cold in a few doses, and will be found in all cases a thoroughly first-class remedy for influenza, even in the severest cases. Besides curing influenza they are an undoubted specific for biliousness, indigestion, influenza, rheumatism, debility, piles, tired feeling, palpitation, liver complaints, costiveness, headache, insomnia, liver chill, eczema, scrofula, and female ailments. Bile Beans are obtainable from chemists generally; or the Bile Bean Manufacturing Company will forward direct from their London Depot, 119 and 120, London Wall, one box for 1s. 1½d. or 2s. 9d. large box (holds 3 small). Please mention this paper if you are writing.

TO MOTHERS.—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is pleasant to taste; it produces natural quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." Of all Chemists, 1s. 1½d. per bottle

HELP FOR THE SOLDIERS' FAMILIES.

A meeting was held on Wednesday evening in the Rothwell Mechanics' Hall, for the purpose of inaugurating a fund for providing for our disabled soldiers in South Africa, and for the families of such as fall on the field of battle. The attendance was nothing like so large as it should have been, but those present were fairly representative of the various classes of society in the district of which Rothwell is the centre.

Mr. George Armitage, chairman of the District Council presided, and called upon Mr. M. Barret, clerk to the Council, to read the notice calling the meeting. The following members of the Council were present:—Messrs. J. Hargreaves, B. Taylor, P. G. Milner, J. Armitage, J. Abbishaw, also Mr. W. Hargreaves, C.C. for the Division, Rev. W. B. Pierson, Dr. Stevenson, Mr. J. Butterick, Mr. H. P. Newsome, and others.

Letters of apology and sympathy were read from J. S. Calverley, Esq., who had a previous engagement; from Councillor John Oliver, who promised £5; from Rev. S. Arnold, who expressed his willingness and that of his church to co-operate; also Dr. Buck and Councillor Walter Hargreaves intimated their readiness to assist in the movement.

The Chairman then said all would regret that the country was at war, and what they at home had to do was to see that those in distant lands fighting our battles did not suffer from any want of home support. There might be different opinions as to the right or wrong of the war, but no one would dispute that where help was needed Yorkshiremen and Rothwell men were not slack to render aid. He trusted that as a result of the meeting a fund would be started for the relief of those who had to suffer on account of war, and that a substantial sum would eventually be raised. As chairman of the meeting he would give a fair hearing to all legitimate discussion and trusted that speakers would not wander from the point at issue. The Lord Lieutenant of the County had sent out an appeal for funds under the arrangements of which the money would not be capitalised, but would go for direct benefit of those in need. It was for the meeting to decide, however, as to how the money should be raised in the neighbourhood, and as to how it should be disbursed.

Mr. W. Hargreaves, C.C., said he didn't care what fund the money went to so long as it benefitted the widows and orphans of those out in the field. He was glad to learn that at some of our surrounding collieries, the workmen had already organised schemes to help some of their fellows who had gone to the front, various levies having been decided upon to help meet the requirements of wives and children. The number present at the meeting spoke somewhat of apathy, but he trusted Rothwell people would respond loyally to the call and keep up its best traditions. He proposed that the meeting decide to make an earnest appeal to the inhabitants in behalf of the Widows and Orphans of those lost in the War, Sick and Wounded, Disabled Soldiers and Sailors, Wives and Children left at home, and that contributions be asked to be forwarded to Mr. G. Armitage, who had consented to act as Treasurer, or to the Fund's account at the London and Midland Bank.

Mr. B. Taylor seconded, and in a short speech emphasised the desire that the money should go to those for whom it was subscribed and not be capitalised and mis-appropriated. He was of opinion that the country was rich enough to make provision for the sufferers, and thought that it should not be necessary for the cap to go round or the sufferers to be relieved by charity.

The Rev. W. B Pierson, who came in late, felt as a minister of the gospel, that it was their bounden duty to do what they could to help the sufferers. He believed it to be a just and righteous war, and in the words of the Prayer Book they prayed for their soldiers' success. The question was how best to help the sufferers and to which of the many funds their money should go.

Mr. W. Lunn, jun., urged that the Rothwell fund be exclusively for the relief of those in the Council's area who were sufferers, and proposed an amendment to that effect, but it was not seconded.

After discussion in which Mr. Butterick, Mr. Whitehead, Mr. R. Ellis, and others took part, the motion was unanimously carried.

The members of the District Council were then appointed a committee, with power to add, for organising and carrying out the scheme.

A number of subscriptions were then promised, particulars of which will be found in another column.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, concluded the proceedings.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

There was a very good muster of members to hear Mr. Sheldon give a paper on "Magnetism and Electricity," on Monday evening last. The paper, after treating of electrification produced by friction, next dealt with magnetism. The principal properties of magnets were clearly explained by some carefully prepared diagrams. The listeners were particularly interested with the description of the working of electric bells and the batteries needed to serve them. Dynamos and motors were clearly explained. The description of the manufacture of the incandescent lamp with its filaments proved very interesting. After the paper a long list of most entertaining questions were ably answered by Mr. Sheldon; in fact, this portion of the evening was most bright, as it enabled many to have hazy notions cleared, and some who had travelled on electric cars, only daring to do so inside, were assured that they were not in danger of sudden death by taking an outside berth. A real good hearty clapping showed the lecturer how much he had been appreciated.

ALL COUNTRY PEOPLE should read *The Rural World*, 1d. weekly, which contains articles on Horses, Cattle, the Dairy, Poultry, Bees, Rabbits, Pigs, Gardening, Natural History, Botany of the Farm and Garden, the Home, Foreign and Colonial Intelligence, Answers to Correspondents, etc. It is profusely illustrated, and is, altogether, a most *interesting and instructive farming and country paper*. A good medium for servants requiring situations. The Manager offers to send a specimen copy free. The address is 110 and 111 Strand, London, W.C.

OULTON WESLEYAN FOREIGN MISSIONS.

On Sunday morning and evening two appropriate sermons were preached in the Oulton Wesleyan Church, by Rev. W. Salisbury. In the afternoon a musical service was much enjoyed by a large congregation, when the following friends assisted:—Miss Williamson sang "The heavenly song," and "There is a green hill" and "Abide with me," (at night); Mr. D. Tilley, "Thou art passing hence" and "The Children's home," Mr. Thompson, "The Flight of Ages" and "The Star of Bethlehem;" Miss Batty recited "The changed cross;" Mr. C. Ward, 'cello solo, "I know that my Redeemer liveth;" Mr. S. Morton, auto-harp solos, "Lead kindly light" and "Sweet bye and by." Mr. T. Hampson accompanied.

On Wednesday, the Rev. S. Arnold preached in the afternoon, after which a cup of tea was enjoyed by a nice number of friends, in the school room.

The public meeting was held at half-past six o'clock, when Mr. A. W. Seanor (in place of his father) ably presided, and spoke encouragingly of mission work. Mr. Stephenson, the circuit missionary secretary, gave the report, £9 18s 10d having been sent by Oulton last year. He also made a stirring speech on behalf of missions.

The Rev. S. Arnold (who is himself a returned missionary from India) delivered a most interesting speech on some of the ups and downs of a missionary's life, and amongst other things shewed that mission work was advancing quickly, the membership having increased during the last ten years, in the proportion of 100 to 245, all over India. Mr. Marshall also gave some interesting facts, shewing the marvellous growth of Methodism in Twillingate, Newfoundland, where his father planted the gospel over fifty years ago.

In the afternoon, Mrs. W. Stephenson kindly sang the sacred song "The Holy Night," and in the evening Miss Tinney gave "Dream of Paradise" and "Daddy," very nicely.

Cordial thanks were passed to all friends who had assisted in the services, and especially to Miss C. Craise, through whose efforts over £6 had been collected; the total sum for this year so far is over £11.

LOFTHOUSE AND CARLTON SCHOOL BOARD.

A meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday evening last, at Robin Hood Board Schools, Mr. G. Armitage (chairman), presiding. The other members present were the Rev. G. H. Scott, Messrs. J. Dobson, J. Horner, and Ridyard, with the clerk (Mr. Chambers).

The minutes of last meeting having been read were confirmed.

The school cleaners' duties were discussed in detail and revised, but final decision was held over, until the head-teachers had been consulted.

It was agreed on the motion of the Chairman and Mr. Horner, that the School cleaner at Carlton have her wages raised to 11s per week, all the year round, and the Robin Hood cleaner's to 10s, to commence January 1st., 1900.

A case of bad attendance was brought before the Board and dealt with.

Mr. Grimshaw, head-master at Robin Hood, reported that on Tuesday there were over 100 (nearly half) children away from school and the attendance was getting worse owing to the prevalence of measles. It was agreed on the motion of Messrs. Dobson and Horner that steps be taken to have the schools closed. (The schools are now closed by the Medical Officer's orders, until January 8th., 1900.)

On the motion of Messrs. Horner and Ridyard, it was passed that the Carlton school cleaner have £1 for extra cleaning up to the end of December.

The following salaries were passed for payment:—

	£	s.	d.
Robin Hood school teachers	30	11	0
Carlton " "	34	10	0
Mr. Bell, attendance officer	2	1	8
Clerk (two months' salary)	2	15	4

Mr. Scott proposed and Mr. Dobson seconded, that the Christmas holidays at Carlton be as usual and break up on Thursday night.

Messrs. Ridyard and Dobson were appointed representatives to the West Riding Federation of School Boards.

The Robin Hood committee were instructed to see to sundry repairs during the Christmas holidays.

Messrs. Dobson and Horner were appointed to purchase a second-hand safe for the Clerk's books.

'OUR SOLDIER LADS.'

CORPORAL T. LAWRENCE, of Haigh Park Stourton, has this week rejoined his old regiment, the 'West Riding,' and is about to enter on active service. Last Saturday, a pleasing display of patriotism took place at the little colony at Haigh Park, when the workpeople of Messrs. Brotherton and Co., gave him a hearty send off, and not forgetting his creature comforts, provided him with a silver mounted pipe, tobacco pouch, and a quantity of tobacco and cigarettes, and a sum of money. This also was augmented by a further sum subscribed by the City Office staff of Messrs. Brotherton and Co. Mr. Brotherton, with his usual generosity, has consented to allow Lawrences' wife and family, half his weekly wages, and house rent and coals free during his absence, and to find him employment when he returns.

PRIVATE JOHN A. CROMACK, son of Mr. Albert Cromack, of the Working Man's Club, Rothwell, is now with General Clery's Division, on the way to Ladysmith. He enlisted some three years ago, in the Royal Scots Fusiliers, and left for South Africa on October 22nd. News came from him on his way out, posted at St. Vincent, on the 30th October, and a letter has been anxiously looked for some time. As our readers are aware, this division has not yet been in action, and we hope when news does come, it will be that he is one of the victorious army that relieves Ladysmith.

We shall be pleased to have any information respecting young soldiers from this district.

CONCERT AT STOURTON.

A concert, promoted by Mr. Harry White, and in connection with the Stourton Board Schools evening classes, was held in the Stourton Board Schools, on Wednesday night, there being a very appreciative audience. Mr. Park, member of the Board, presided. The programme was an excellent one including the following; songs:—"Dolly's Revenge," and "Sweet Isle of Ulva," by Miss Backhouse; a sketch song by Master Nash; and favourites from the repertoire of Mr. G. W. Nicholson, the popular Yorkshire comic, including "Laughing Song," "The hungry musical page," "Mary, do you love me?" "Silver spoon in his mouth," etc. Master G. Ramsden gave a recitation of welcome, and Mr. W. G. Cromack recited "T'Battle o' talk," "Bite Bigger," and "Christmas Day in the Workhouse." Masters Nash, Reed, and Henderson appeared in the character song, "Urchins We," and Masters Brown, Burgess, Chadwick, and Westerman in the nigger sketch, "Old fat Jos." The Rothwell Glee Society contributed the glees, "Here's life and health," "Comrades in Arms," "The breeze is gently blowing," and "Gently sighs the Evening breeze." Mr. F. Clayton ably presided at the piano during the evening.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE CHAPEL.

The choir connected with this place of worship, rendered a new service of song last Sunday afternoon, entitled "The Boy Martyr." The Rev. J. A. Alderson gave the connective readings, and the entire service was very interesting.

BENTLEY'S YORKSHIRE BREWERIES.

The directors, in their report for the year ending September 30th, state that after deducting charges for repairs and depreciation of properties and plant amounting to £15,666 and after making provision for bad and doubtful debts, the profit for the year is £51,195, which, together with the balance brought forward of £2,174, makes a total balance of £53,369. Debenture and loan interest will absorb £24,588. Interim dividends on the Preference and Ordinary Shares have been paid, and final dividends at the rate of 6 per cent. on the Preference, and 7 per cent. on the Ordinary Shares (making 6 per cent. for the year) are recommended, carrying forward a balance of £1,631. The directors say the trade of the year shows a satisfactory increase. The purchase of the businesses of Messrs. J. R. Bottomley & Co. (Limited), and Messrs. E. Roberts & Sons, referred to in last year's report, has been completed, and Mr. G. T. Bottomley has joined the Board in accordance with the arrangements made with his company. Since the last meeting, the Company has lost the services of Mr. I. W. H. White, who has been compelled to resign his seat on the board in consequence of ill-health. Mr. F. W. Bentley, of Huddersfield, has been appointed a director in his place. The retiring directors are Messrs. T. G. Hawdon and J. Bury, who offer themselves for re-election. The auditors, Messrs. Beevers & Adgie, also seek re-election.

"Before a man is thirty he falls in love with every pretty girl he looks at." "Yes?" "And after he is thirty he falls in love with every pretty girl who looks at him."

He (cautiously): "If I should propose, would you say 'yes?'" She (still more cautiously): "If you were sure that I should say 'yes' would you propose?"

Cadging Charlie: "I 'umbly begs yer parding, young lady, but could yer spare a pore workin' man a little to eat with this 'ere nice piece of dawg biscuit I've just 'ad the luck to pick up?"

By the time a man has learned to speak with discretion, and weighed his words carefully a younger generation springs up, thrusts him in a corner, and will not let him speak at all.

"Who is Aguinaldo?" asked Maud. "Why, don't you know?" responded Mamie. "He's a Malay," "Oh, yes! How stupid of me. One of those people who come from Malaria."

"I say, Jimmie, we're going to have an awful lot of fun." "How?" "We've fed the goat with the big bath-sponge, and now we're goin' to let him drink."

She: "Perhaps Mr. Jones is in mourning for his first wife." He: "How can that be? He's married again." She: "Yes, he may have begun to feel his bereavement."

Cook (to policeman): "How neatly you carve that goose!" Then, with a sudden outburst of jealousy: "You have deceived me! I am not your first love."

Stern parent (interviewing his son during the holidays): "Why, sir, they have taught you nothing, simply nothing. Now tell me at once who drowned whom in a butt of what?"

"Is Alice worried about her broken engagement?" "No. She had some of his presents marked with the young man's name, but she says she can easily get engaged to another man named Smith."

"When you get your groceries to-day," said the butcher to his wife, "don't go to that little grocer down the street." "Why not?" she demanded. "Because he sent in yesterday and borrowed an old pair of my scales."

"You spend too much money on that girl. Remember, girls always accept everything a man gives them, and then marry the fellow that saves his money." "That's the reason I'm spending mine."

"And when we became engaged all he did was to kiss my hand." "Yes, I've heard his mother say he was the kind of a boy who would make one piece of toffy last him a week."

"Who's the scared looking little chap so completely under the influence of the big woman?" "That's Andrews. Got a brevet and special mention for daring work in the Soudan."

He: "Am I never to have my way about anything?" She: "Of course, you can have your way when your way is the same as my way, but when our ways are different, then I'll have my way."

Mamma: "Ethel, what do you mean by shouting in that disgraceful fashion? Look how quiet Willie is!" Ethel: "Of course he's quiet, that's our game. He's papa coming home late, and I'm you."

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FOOTBALL

NORTHERN UNION—SECOND COMPETITION—EAST DIVISION.

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9.

	Pl	Wn	Lt	Dn	Pts	For G	For T	For P	Against G	Against T	Against P
Normanton	12	10	1	1	21	12	13	63	1	4	14
Kinsley ..	10	7	2	1	15	13	26	104	6	8	36
York ..	8	6	2	0	12	14	22	94	6	2	18
Featherstone	8	5	2	1	11	9	13	57	8	10	49
Alverthorpe	9	5	4	0	10	7	9	41	8	8	40
Pontefract	10	3	5	2	8	9	10	48	11	14	64
Ossett	9	3	5	1	7	8	3	25	11	8	46
Goole	11	3	7	1	7	7	10	44	10	14	62
Rothwell ..	10	3	7	0	6	4	7	29	16	26	110
Outwood C	12	2	8	2	6	3	4	18	8	16	64
Eastmoor..	10	2	7	1	5	5	6	28	9	16	66

E. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

GOOLE v. ROTHWELL.

The encounter between the above teams was played at the Victoria Pleasure Grounds on Saturday afternoon in clear, though frosty weather, before a poor attendance of spectators. Alcock started the game, and following a return from a mark by Morgan, Bradley was tackled in possession. Good play by the visiting three-quarters caused the ball to go into the home territory. A. Jackson intercepted a pass trickily and sprinted down the field, and then put in a neat punt, the finishing touch being put on by his tackling his opponent before the latter could get rid of the ball. Bryars lost a tremendous amount of ground to his side by mulling the ball, the result being that the contest was waged in close vicinity to the home-quarter line. Dobson, the Rothwell full-back, saved well, but put in a mis-kick, which went in the direction of his own goal line, and E. Jackson being well up, caught the leather as it descended and grounded it over the line, a performance which was well applauded; A. Jackson failed in his attempt to land a goal. After a free kick, well taken by Wood, mulling among the Rothwell backs almost let their side down, but the homesters were too eager, and for an infringement of the off-side rule were penalised, and as a consequence the game opened out a little. A series of "scrums" were formed near the centre, and from one of these the home halves got possession, and from them the ball went in turn to A. Jackson, Wood and E. Jackson, a pretty piece of play which ended in the last named scoring a good try, which was unconverted. Half-time was immediately afterwards called—Goole leading by 2 tries. Immediately after the interval a bevy of the Goole forwards went away with the oval at their toes, and this proved irresistible until within a few yards of the Rothwell line, when it was stopped. After a neat sprint by E. Jackson, that player passed to Leggott, who put his side further ahead by crossing the line and grounding the ball, A. Jackson's kick failing. Snowdon was called upon, but was not found wanting, and a long punt by one of the visitors led to the invasion of Goole territory. The incursion was only momentary, however, for Bryar transferred operations. Morgan made things look serious for the homesters, E. Jackson saving. Just before the close, one of the visitors had to be carried off the field, as a consequence of which A. Jackson was requested by the referee to leave. The game ended in a win for Goole by 3 tries (9 points) to Rothwell *nil*.

ASSOCIATION.

WEST YORKSHIRE LEAGUE.

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9.

	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts
Featherstone....	3	3	0	0	6
Ossett........	5	2	1	2	6
Altofts	4	2	1	1	5
Dodsworth Inst	4	2	2	0	4
Rothwell W R ..	3	1	1	1	3
Oulton	5	1	4	0	2
xDewsbury......	4	1	3	0	0

x Two points deducted for Breach of Rules.

	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts
Woodlesford	6	5	1	0	10
Ferrybridge	5	3	1	1	7
Hunslet N C	4	2	1	1	5
Altofts 'A'	3	2	1	0	4
Rothwell W R 'A'	4	1	3	0	2
Dodsworth Inst A	4	1	3	0	2
Purston United..	6	1	5	0	2

W. H. EASTON, Hon. Sec.

ROTHWELL WHITE ROSE v. WAKEFIELD CITY.

A friendly encounter between the above teams was played at Rothwell, on Saturday afternoon last, before a fair attendance of spectators. Wakefield arrived late. It was after three o'clock before Rothwell set the ball in motion, and the game had not been long in progress before Whitehead had to retire owing to a sprained ankle. Illingworth had a sprint down the field and sent in a powerful low shot, which Ward happened to touch as it was travelling through the goal; hard lines Harry. Rothwell still attacking, Ward was not long before he negotiated the second goal. The homesters again went down the field, this time Berry doing the needful. The visitors now appeared disheartened, seeing that Rothwell were having all their own way, and were simply outclassed. Ward again doing the needful, with the fourth goal for the Roses. The game became very uninteresting for the spectators, it being too much of a one-sided character. Just before half-time, Berry added another goal to the list. After the restart, the visitors goal was kept continually bombarded by the Roseites; the custodian keeping out some splendid shots. From a pass by Jim Fieldhouse, Ward scored his fourth goal, which was quickly followed with another by the same player from a scrimmage in front of the goal. Time was called with the score—Rothwell White Rose 7 goals to Wakefield City *nil*.

STOURTON UNITED v. HUNSLET TEMPERANCE.

This match was played at Horsfield's enclosure, Stourton, on Saturday last. The homesters started and rushed away, dribbling in fine fashion, and the home captain soon netted. A penalty accrued just after, and Horsfield again landed the goal. Half-time now arrived, with the home team leading by 2 goals to *nil*. Resuming, Hunslet rallied but could not score, and the visitors' back headed through his own goal. Three more goals were added for Stourton before the whistle blew, the result being—Stourton 6 goals to Hunslet Temperance *nil*.

OULTON ST. JOHN'S. v. OSSETT.

It is with some feeling of disgust that I sit down to describe the incidents of a game played under the rules of what should be, in the interest of the sport in this district, a management of careful and business-like methods, instead of which we have examples of inconsistency, bungling, and general inability to cope with the growing requirements of our winter game. I understand my friends at Oulton have been ordered to replay their cup tie with Normanton, but on what authority of reasonableness and consistency with precedents of the highest body in the country, this decision has been arrived at, is beyond my power of discernment. To turn to my next complaint—who is responsible for the Referee being reported "missing" in the above important fixture for last Saturday at Oulton Green? And the match set apart for a charitable object in addition! I have not heard any reason vouchsafed in vindication, but would point out to those responsible, that the fact points heavily towards incompetency, and was deserving of the unfavourable and searching opinions bestowed on the offender. The teams played an "ordinary" under Mr. E. Higgins, who no doubt found considerable effort necessary to keep the tone of the game somewhere near a "friendly" encounter. Oulton commenced the first half down the slope, and an interval of nine minutes elapsed before Raybould obtained undisputed possession, and cleverly placed the ball under the crossbar. The kick off again found the homesters a footing in front, and this time Wright engineered the point with a splendid shot. Yet more was to follow the wake of another assault, for O. Inman, I think it was, kicked hard down the field, and the Ossett right half swung out his left and brilliantly beat his own team's custodian. After such a start by the Owls, it seemed only fair to expect retaliation, and they were not disappointed, for the visitors quickly had a goal to their credit, although Butterick made a present of the same, obtaining the ball from a melée on the line some 12 yards from the goal, and placing it beautifully at the feet of the outside left, who promptly steered it past Hartley. This was rapid work, and no mistake. However, a little the best of the argument was being credited to the Owls, and Wright tricking his men, shot hard and true, beating the Ossett custodian without giving him a chance to look round. Another shot from the same player shortly afterwards gave that goalman some slight exercise of his mental abilities, and deciding in favour of meeting that same "drive" with the extremity of his right limb, kicked the air, when the ball had kissed the net. This ended the first half, and after playing some few minutes in the second, during which Ossett were allowed a goal through the nimbleness of one of their light fingered brethren in the front rank, who I am told carried the ball through with his hand, the referee wisely stopped further hostilities on account of darkness, and the evident fact that some of the players could not play the "friendly" any longer. Comment on the play of the Owls is almost unnecessary, beyond saying that they were far the cleverer team, excelling tremendously in their shooting abilities. Ossett were by no means a team of gentlemen in play or language, and a long life to a team of "scraps" is not very possible, considering the meagre talent shown. The proceeds for the War Fund, amounted to £1 12s 0d.

CRITICUS.

WEST YORKSHIRE CUP.

A QUESTION OF UNFINISHED CUP TIES.

A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, at the Green Dragon Hotel, Leeds, of the Executive of the West Yorkshire Association, for the purpose of dealing with matters connected with the West Yorkshire Cup Ties, Mr. R. Fenwick, Leeds, occupied the chair.

The principal business was the consideration of what course to adopt in regard to three matches in the second round of the West Yorkshire Cup Ties, played on December 2, all of which had to be abandoned before "time" owing to darkness. The question was as to whether the games should be replayed or whether they should simply be finished. The matches were Dodsworth Institute v. Oulton, Altofts v. Ossett, and Featherstone v. Woodlesford.

The case of Dodsworth and Oulton was taken first, and on behalf of the latter Mr. Bradley pointed out that when the game was abandoned only a quarter of an hour was left for play, and Oulton was then leading by two goals to nil. He argued that it would be hard lines on his club to have to replay. On the other hand, Mr. J. Chapman, of Dodsworth Institute, contended that it was a recognised rule by the English Association that a cup tie must be played to a finish on the day fixed.

In connection with the Altofts and Ossett match it was stated that when play was stopped for darkness the time was nearly half an hour short. Altofts had then scored two goals to none. It appeared that the Ossett team and the referee (Mr. S. H. Knowles) were late, but the official wrote that had the game started at the proper time darkness would have set in before it could have been finished. The Ossett representative threw the onus of the late start on the referee, and asked for the game to be replayed on their ground.

A letter was read from the Featherstone Club, stating that when playing their match with Woodlesford, on the latter's ground, was stopped, 27 minutes before time owing to darkness, Featherstone were leading by two goals to none.

After the Committee had considered the matter the Chairman announced that the matches must be replayed on or before January 1, the kick-off in each instance not to be later than 2.30. In giving this decision Mr Fenwick said it went against the grain of some of the members to do this, but Mr. Wall, secretary of the English Association, had written that it was expected that on such questions affiliated associations should follow the practice of the English Association. The West Yorkshire Association had, however, full powers to deal with the matter as they thought fit, and there was no right of appeal.

It was further decided that the Dodsworth Institute and Oulton and Featherstone and Woodlesford matches should be played on the Oulton and Woodlesford grounds respectively, as before. On the Ossett and Altofts game, however, there was some discussion. It appeared that the game was originally arranged to be played at Ossett, but that club, not having their ground at liberty, decided to go to Altofts. Eventually it was decided that Ossett should have choice of ground, the match to be played on or before January 1, kick-off not later than 2.30,

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COMING EVENTS.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

RUGBY.

At Rothwell—Rothwell v Pontefract.

ROTHWELL TEAM—Full back, J Hoult (capt); three-quarter backs, O Taylor, B Kelly, H Morgan, H Hemsworth, J Newton; half-backs, F Robinson, B Morrell; forwards, E Williams, D Ward, A Pape, W Shaw, E Godley, A Gillings, G Bulmer, A Horsfall, W Speake.

ASSOCIATION.

At Otley—Rothwell W R v Otley (Hospital Cup).

WHITE ROSE TEAM—Goal, A Cripps; backs, J Beckwith, R Whitehead; half-backs, J Smith, T Bridges, W Jeffries; forwards, G Barnes, C Ward, H Dacre, J Berry, H Illingworth; Reserve, E Baber.

At Oulton—Oulton St. John's v. Ferrybridge.

OULTON TEAM—Goal, G B Hartley; backs, W Inman (capt), H Butterick; half-backs, D Raybold, F Bell, E Dobson; forwards, S E Kershaw, A E Wright, T Page, A T Murtland, J Barker; Reserves, O Inman.

Will the Secretaries of Football Clubs kindly forward List of Fixtures, Reports of Matches (both first and second teams), and List of players chosen as early as possible.

ROTHWELL MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

GRAND RECEPTION.

The second night of the reception promoted for the benefit of the Rothwell Mechanics' Institute funds, took place on Friday night last, and although there were not so many present as last year, the function was a most enjoyable and successful one. The guests were received by Mr. J. R. Seanor, J.P., and Dr. Buck, vice-presidents of the Institute. Dancing was the principal feature of the evening, although billiards and other games attracted a few. The music was again supplied by Mr. M. Fowler (piano), Mr. H. Day (violin), and Mr. R. H. Lewis (picolo). The ball and approaches were tastefully decorated, prominent in which were plants generously lent by Messrs. Clayton, of the Rothwell Nurseries. The proceedings closed shortly after two a.m.

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COMING EVENTS REGISTER.

The proprietors of this journal have now opened a register at their office under the above head in which to record coming events in the district. The plan is as follows:—As soon as a date for any event is decided upon, the fact should be notified to this office, when it will at once be entered in the Register Diary and will also be advertised in a single line under above head, in the current issue of this paper. For this registration, a fee of 6d will be charged, and any such person desirous of ascertaining what dates are open, and of making a fixture will have the privilege of inspecting this register free.

Dec. 24—Special Musical Service at Rothwell Wesleyan Church
Dec. 26—A Christmas Social and Sale of Work at the Rothwell Wesleyan School-room.
Dec. 26—Rothwell Working Man's Club Annual Ball
Dec. 26—Lofthouse National Schools Annual Ball.
Jan. 5, 1900—Rothwell Subscription Dance.
Jan. 26, 1900—Rothwell Tennis Ball at the Mechanics' Institute.
Jan. 30, 1900—Rev. J. Arthur Alderson's Second Grand Evening Concert.

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AND
NEW YEAR CARDS,
Pay a Visit to
'Times' Office, Rothwell.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL'S WAR FUND.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Rothwell held on Wednesday, the 13th day of December, 1899, it was decided to make an earnest appeal in favour of one or other of the following funds:—
(1) Widows and Orphans of those lost in the War.
(2) Sick and Wounded.
(3) Disabled Soldiers and Sailors.
(4) Wives and Children left at home.
Contributions may be sent to Mr. Geo. Armitage, the chairman of the Council, at Westfield House, Rothwell, who has kindly consented to act as Treasurer, or to the Rothwell Branch of the London City and Midland Bank, Ltd., to the account of "The War in South Africa Fund."
Any one can signify to which of the funds they wish their contributions to be appropriated.

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. G. Armitage & Sons ..	20	0	0
Mr. John Oliver ..	5	0	0
Mr. J. Shurmer ..	1	1	0
Mr. Henry Nichols ..	1	0	0
Mr Thomas Stainer	1	0	0
Mr. John Hirst ..	1	1	0
Rothwell Homing Society ..		10	0
Mr. T. W. Bennett ..		10	0
Mr. Walter E. Richardson	1	1	0
Mr. John Abbishaw ..	1	1	0
Mr. Oliver Vinton ..		2	6
Mr John Frobisher ..		2	6
Mr. Eli Milner ..		2	6
Mr. John Priestley ..		2	6
Mr. William Abbishaw ..	1	1	0
Mr. W. Stephenson ..	1	1	0
Mrs. T. Oliver ..	1	1	0
Rev. W. B. Pierson ..	3	3	0
Mr. Thos. P. Whiteley ..	1	1	0
Mr. & Mrs. Drew ..		5	0

MAUDE BARRET,
Clerk to the Rothwell Urban District Council.

FOR THE LEEDS INFIRMARY.
On Sunday Evening Next (Christmas Eve),
A Special
MUSICAL SERVICE
Will be held at 6 o'clock in the
WESLEYAN CHURCH, ROTHWELL.

PROGRAMME:—
Christmas Carol "Bethlehem's Star" The Choir
Sacred Song "The people that walked" Mr. Tilley
" "Angels are watching" Miss E. Batley
" "The Flight of Ages" Mr. Thompson
" "He will Forgive" Miss B. A. Batley
Christmas Carol "Happy Christmas" The Choir
Sacred Duet "Battle Prayer" Misses Batley
Sacred Song "The trumpet shall sound" Mr. Tilley

Preacher:—**REV. WILLIAM SALISBURY.**
Collection for the Funds of the Leeds Infirmary.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, ROTHWELL.
A Christmas Social and Sale of Work
Will be held in the SCHOOL-ROOM,
On TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26th.
The Sale will be opened at 3 o'clock, by
Mrs. JAMES HARGREAVES.
TEA at 5 o'clock; Tickets 6d.
Numerous Entertainments will be provided, including
TABLEAUX,
SHOOTING RANGE,
VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.
The CELEBRATED PHRENOLOGIST
MR. HUDDERSHAW, will be in attendance,
and there will be various other Attractions.
Admission (all day) Threepence.

ROTHWELL SCHOOL BOARD.

TENDERS invited for Conveyance of Pupil Teachers, and Cookery Teacher, to and from Thwaite Gate. Particulars can be seen at the Council Office, (Rates Department), during business hours. Replies endorsed "Tender" to reach me by January 4th next.
A. MARSHALL,
Clerk to the Board.

DEATHS.

HUDSON—Dec. 16th, aged 57 years, Elizabeth, wife of William Hudson, of Lower Goslem, Rothwell Haigh.
MILNER—Dec. 21st, aged 76 years, Lucy Milner, widow of the late Peter Milner, of Robin Hood.
GIBSON—Dec. 21st, aged 15 months, Florence Sarah daughter of William and Hannah Gibson, of Royds Green.

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley

Friday, December 22, 1899.

ROTHWELL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

A meeting of the above Board was held at Rothwell, on Friday last; present:—Messrs. A. Batty (chairman), J. Elstob, T. Park, J. Butterick, B. Richardson, W. Lunn, and Rev. J. A. Alderson, with the Clerk (Mr. Marshall), and attendance officer (Mr. Denton).

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and confirmed.

As regards the alteration proposed to be carried out at Rothwell Haigh, a resolution was passed on the motion of Messrs. Butterick and Elstob, modifying the original idea. It was agreed that the galleries be taken out of the two old class-rooms, and that the Management Committee carry out the work. Mr. Park explained that at present these class-rooms are inconvenient and almost useless for teaching the older children, and that, acting on the Inspector's suggestion, they were wishful to remove the galleries, and thereby provide suitable accommodation.

In reading over the minutes of this Committee's meeting, Mr. Lunn took objection to the purchase of toy 'guns,' used by the lads in military drill.

A letter was read from the Department notifying that the Bye-laws already approved, will not be issued, until after the 1st. of January, when sundry new regulations will be incorporated; including the law that no child shall leave school on any account until he is 12 years of age, and also a byelaw dealing with children engaged in agriculture.

SWIMMING LESSONS.

In reply to the Board's enquiry as to the terms on which the Baths' Committee of the Leeds Corporation, will allow the Stourton school children to use the Hunslet Baths, a letter was read from W. J. Jeeves, Esq., the Town Clerk, assenting to their attendance at 1d each, and that they must be accompanied by a teacher.

Mr. Lunn's proposition that the offer be accepted, the Board to pay half, was not seconded.

Mr. Richardson moved that the offer of the Corporation be accepted, the children to pay 1d. each as stated, and suggested Friday afternoon as the most convenient time; seconded by Mr. Lunn, and carried.

An amendment deferring the matter for three months, was only supported by Messrs. Butterick and Elstob.

TEACHERS.

It was proposed by Mr. Park that Miss Sugden's resignation be accepted with regret, and that she be allowed to close her engagement on December 31st. This was seconded by the Rev. J. A. Alderson, and carried.

On the motion of Mr. Lunn and Mr. Richardson, the Clerk was instructed to advertise in the *Leeds Mercury* and *Yorkshire Post* for a female assistant, Article 50, candidates to state salary.

According to notice previously given, Mr. Park proposed that Miss Batty's salary be advanced to £50 a year, on and from January 1st., 1900; seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried.

It was also moved by Mr. Butterick, as per written notice, that the salary of the following teachers be increased:—Wilfred Denton to £40 a year; Louisa Hobson, Wilhelmina M. Marshall, and J. B. J. Bryant, to £30 a year; on and from December 1st., 1899; seconded by Rev. J. A. Alderson, and carried. Mr. Lunn did not vote, his feeling being that a female doing the same work as the male, should have the same salary.

On the motion of Mr. Butterick and the Rev. J. A. Alderson, it was resolved that Mr. Lunn and the Clerk repesent the Board on the Federation of School Boards for 1900.

HOLIDAYS.

A letter was read from the Rev. W. B. Pierson, on behalf of the Church School managers, coinciding with the desire to secure better attendance, and suggesting that the holidays should be, as far as possible, simultaneous.

On the motion of Mr. Butterick, seconded by Mr. Richardson, it was resolved that the Schools close for Christmas at 4 o'clock, on Thursday (yesterday). The Rothwell Haigh Schools to re-open on January 8th., and Rothwell on January 2nd., as a week's holiday later on, will be necessitated by the building alterations now proceeding. This resolution was ordered to be conveyed to Mr. Pierson.

FINANCE.

As a piano will be required for the Rothwell Infants' School, and another is also urgently needed for Rothwell Haigh Infants' School, the Rev. J. A. Alderson gave notice that at next meeting he will move the purchase of two instruments.

The Stourton Managers having failed to get payment for the use of the rooms by Mr. Percy Percil, it was proposed by Mr. Butterick and the Chairman, that the Clerk take legal proceedings for its recovery.

A letter had been received from the Education Department, intimating that the Public Works Loan Board, on and after November 2nd., 1899, will charge as follows on any Loans applied for subsequent to that date:—

Repayment within 30 years 3 per cent. interest
" " 40 " $3\frac{1}{4}$ " "
" " 50 " $3\frac{1}{2}$ " "

The Treasurer reported having received the following amounts:—Public Works Loan Board, £2000; Rothwell Overseers, £250.

On the motion of the Rev. J. A. Alderson and Mr. Butterick, it was agreed that the following accounts and salaries be passed for payment:—

	£	s.	d.
L. M. Hunt	5	0	0
Public Works Loan Board	127	17	6
Royal Liver Friendly Society	75	18	9
" " Surveyor Taxes	3	0	5
Rothwell District Council	14	4	11
Rothwell Overseers ..	3	12	7
Association of School Boards	1	1	0
West Riding Federation of School Boards	0	10	0
W. Denton, court expenses	0	11	0
A. Marshall, salary ..	12	10	0
W. Denton, " ..	7	10	0
C. A. Rickard " ..	2	10	0
J. W. Bray	2	4	6
H. J. Martin, night school	16	16	0
E. J. Nunns, "	3	8	0
H. White, "	12	12	0
W. Blacker, "	3	0	0
John Chapman ..	300	0	0
W. E. Richardson ..	50	0	0
Public Works Loan Board	23	12	6
Rothwell Haigh School salaries	77	6	8
Rothwell School salaries ..	84	12	6

MISCELLANEOUS.

It was proposed by Mr Richardson, seconded by Mr. Lunn, and carried, that a concert or entertainment be got up at Stourton, as at Rothwell.

On the motion of Mr. Butterick, seconded by the Rev. J. A. Alderson, it was resolved that the two P.T's, Ada Denton and Elizabeth Ward, be allowed to attend the Centre Scholarship Class.

The Clerk was further instructed to make arrangements, and also to advertise for tenders for conveyance of P.T's, and also of Cookery Teacher.

STOURTON WESLEYAN P.S.A.

Mr. Isaac Smith presided over the above gathering on Sunday afternoon last, when Mr. Jackson, of Thwaite Gate, gave an interesting address on "Temperance." The drink traffic, he said, was slaying more lives than was the War in South Africa. The land in Great Britain utilised for growing barley for the manufacture of drink, was as large as the area of Shropshire, Surrey, Kent, Sussex and Middlesex, and would if devoted to the production of corn, produce seventy-five million bushels of wheat for the manufacture of the staff of life. Miss Clara Backhouse was the soloist, and gave good renderings of the solos "Somebody's Pride" and "Abiding Rest." Mr. T. Ashworth accompanied.

ALL COUNTRY PEOPLE should read *The Rural World*, 1d. weekly, which contains articles on Horses, Cattle, the Dairy, Poultry, Bees, Rabbits, Pigs, Gardening, Natural History, Botany of the Farm and Garden, the Home, Foreign and Colonial Intelligence, Answers to Correspondents, etc. It is profusely illustrated, and is, altogether, a *most interesting and instructive farming and country paper*. A good medium for servants requiring situations. The Manager offers to send a specimen copy free. The address is 110 and 111 Strand, London, W.C.

BRITISH ENTHUSIASM.

Everybody knows how splendidly Britons all over the world have rushed to the help of Old England in our unlooked-for reverses in South Africa. Thousands upon thousands of Volunteers have at once given in their names for active service all over the country, as well as in our vast colonies. In this marvellous enthusiasm, Leeds is not behind, and we understand every man in the Leeds Volunteer Engineers has applied for service. Amongst the first we are proud to notice that our genial townsman, Captain C. F. Hoyle, of Woodlesford, came forward, and is now awaiting appointment. All honour to such men. Old England will never die, so long as she is true to God and honour.

A further list of subscriptions towards the War Fund has been received, and will be found in our advertising columns, which will appear each week, with additions.

May we suggest that now is the time to arrange for a Patriotic Concert in Rothwell. We should be glad to co-operate with any who may be prepared to take the matter up.

EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. Ed.]

I am glad to think that the Committee of the Oulton Institute have resolved to postpone their annual dance till brighter times. It is well for people to learn even by such simple means that if you belong to a great nation, you must be willing to suffer with it as well as to rejoice. Our killed and wounded soldiers claim our reverent sympathy. The lives that have been and will be lost, are not merely the lives of people whom we do not know, they are the lives of our brothers, sons, and fathers; to let the flood tide of gaiety run on as though nothing were happening, does not seem decent, and I am therefore all the more glad for the line taken by the Oulton Institute.

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It will be welcome news to gas consumers that at last the Directors of the Rothwell Gas Light Company have passed a resolution that in future no meter rent shall be charged. This applies to all meters without exception. A minor detail as to the date when the resolution should take effect, was settled in favour of October 1st, 1899. The next move on the part of the Directors, I hope, will be in the direction of a reduction in the price of gas. It is true that the pit charge for gas coal has gone up in a most alarming degree of late, and this factor may have some influence in preventing a further reduction in the price of gas, at least for the present.

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The delay in completing the re-painting of the finger posts of the district, is leading to the inconvenience of pedestrians anxious to ascertain their whereabouts, and is not without its humourous side. A stranger on the road, arriving at the Rothwell end of Leadwell Lane, enquired of a local rustic which was the way to Wakefield. The man addressed said, "Wha lad, I hardly knaw, but there's a finger-post there." "Aye, replied the fellow, but I can't read." "Wha then," said the rustic, "It'll just suit thee, for there's now't on it." "But paint," said the inquirer.

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If any reader of this column happens to possess a book entitled "Boer and Uitlander," I would recommend him to take it down from the book-shelf and by the side of a cosy winter fire read its pages. It is a book that will repay reading now, although it was written so far back as 1894, 1895 and published 1896. The author is William Frederick Regan, a man well acquainted with the Transvaal and the Boer character. The publisher of the book is Digby Long, 18, Bouverie Street, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Mr. Regan tells us that the South African Republic possesses no standing army excepting a small corps of mounted artillery. On the other hand every full-grown Boer is to all intents and purposes a soldier, and the President has the right, with the concurrence of the executive, to call out the burghers, at any time in defence of the Republic; the whole force being then under the orders of the commandant-general. By law of the Republic all its inhabitants between sixteen and sixty are liable to be called upon for active service, the first levy being those of men from eighteen to thirty four, the second of men from thirty-four to fifty, and the third of boys between sixteen and eighteen and men over fifty. The commandeered, as they are usually termed, are required to provide themselves with a gun, clothing, and thirty rounds of ammunition. As regards loot taken during a period of hostilities, one fourth goes to the Government, the remaining three-fourths being equally divided among the men called out. The Dutch Boers of South Africa dislike the activity of the British colonist. Amongst the purely Dutch element has also gradually sprung up a mixed race, known as Africanders, the majority of whom are of partial Dutch descent, and are more in sympathy with the purely Creole Boers than with the conquering and dominant race, the chief ideal of the Boers being a sort of humdrum routine of pastoral life, varied, if varied at all by an equally methodical pursuit of the chase, rifle in hand. What they cherish most is to be masters of as large an area as they can of what we should call little better than waste land, for the pasture of their fat-tailed sheep, and their oxen, chiefly used for draught purposes. They are, with very few exceptions, if any, expert bullock drivers and unerring riflemen. They are extremely simple as well as primitive in their habits; and, except, as against African natives, such as Kaffirs, they are anything but aggressive as neighbours, for the very good reason that they are of extremely stay-at-home habits and predelections, stolidly wrapped in their ordinary pursuits. The Boers are hardy, enduring, capable of great physical exertion, indomitably courageous, and endowed with a spirit of independence, the gratification of which is ingrained in and entwined with their very existence. Some other evening, I will again refer to the book "Boer and Uitlander," if the Editor thinks the matter will prove interesting to the readers of the *Rothwell Times.*

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The appointment to the command in South Africa could not have been more popular than that of the energetic and experienced Lord Roberts, a Field-Marshal that the nation holds in affectionate regard. The sympathy with him on account of his beloved and only son's death, is deep and widespread. He is a true soldier though, letting no private grief, however poignant, interfere with his country's work.

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Of the younger war-lords, none is more esteemed than Sirdar Kitchener, who has just accomplished the pacification of Nileland. He is a great organiser and a tireless toiler. As Chief of Lord Roberts' staff, he will be invaluable in South Africa.

Sir Redvers Buller will find plenty to do, as things promise in Natal; and it is well to relieve him forthwith from the larger responsibility for the conduct of the whole campaign. It is well to have a soldier of the highest rank in control, and tried and trusty men at the sectional work.

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General Buller was repeatedly under fire at the Tugela fight, and two of his staff were slain. The Victoria Cross man is not likely to spare himself. You may be sure he will not ask his men to do ought he does not take full share in himself.

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Major-General Trotter was a true interpreter of the public temper when he said, at a Volunteer gathering the other day, the nation's old bull-dog intelligence had been aroused. We raised no cry at receiving rebuff, we shed no tears; but redoubled our determination. This is the way sure victory comes.

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We are raising, roughly, a citizen army of some 7000 men for the front. A company of 110 men, with a captain and three subalterns, will be chosen from each volunteer battalion to serve with each of the regular battalions of the territorial regiments, so that, apparently, some districts will provide two or more companies.

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"Toll for the brave, the brave that are no more." The memorial service for those gloriously fallen in South Africa, held at St. Paul's Cathedral in London the other day, was most impressive. The altar and altar steps of the great metropolitan minster were draped in sombre black, and the devout and sorrowing distinguished congregation was almost without exception in mourning attire. The Duke of Connaught, the Secretary of State for War, and the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London attended, and the band of the Coldstream Guards played Chopin's Funeral March and other voluntaries.

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There has just been completed in the Midland metropolis, to the order of the admirable Red Cross Society, a very interesting hospital train, intended to be used at the rear of the British lines in South Africa. The train, which has been completed in ten weeks, consists of seven carriages, and will be known as the Princess Christian Hospital train. Her Royal Highness, accompanied by Lord Wantage and a large party, have paid a private visit to Birmingham to inspect the train, in the construction of which the Princess has taken the greatest interest. Humanitarian concerns are having naturally more attention in the present campaign than at any anterior date in war's annals, which is something to say.

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The money, fortunately, rolls in to the Exchequer according to the great requirement. Between April 1 and the 16th inst. the total receipts amounted to £71,995,819, compared with £67,726,241 in the corresponding period of the last financial year; and the expenditure to £79,443,894, as against £72,341,001. Necessarily we are spending heavily, in the warlike circumstances.

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General Gatacre is waking up the disloyal Dutch around Sterkstroom, and giving them stern warning of what will be their ultimate fate if they show any sneaking fondness for the Boer. The way to deal with these gentry is to amerce them later on proportionately for the cost of the war which their treasonable action has lengthened. If you hit them in the pocket they will feel the blow.

THE NATION AND THE WAR.

Royal Sailors' Rest, Portsmouth,
20th December, 1899.
To the Editor of the Rothwell Times.

Sir,

The concentrated attention of this vast Empire is focussed upon South Africa. The gallantry of our Sailors and Soldiers has been beyond all praise, but we have not carried all before us, and our reverses, not to say defeats, have been numerous. We are a brave and a great nation, but first and foremost, we are a Christian nation. While our Generals are planning and our forces are fighting and suffering, are we placing God first, and do we remember that He alone gives the victory? It is a painful fact, that as yet, no day has been set apart for national humiliation and prayer; our national sins call for repentance, and at this critical juncture in the history of the Empire, surely our right position would be to recognise and honour that God, who alone has made us what we are, and who alone sustains us in our high position. We have shown our active and sympathetic help on behalf of the families of the killed and wounded, but we have forgotten that our old battle cry was, "For God, and merrie England." I know of many, whose hearts would be rejoiced to hear that our clergy and ministers were taking some definite action in this matter, and were combining together, to ask God to guide and direct our Generals, to nerve our forces, and to give victory to our arms, and I should rejoice still more, if by a day of national humiliation and prayer, we showed the world, that it was still "God First."

Yours very truly,
AGNES E. WESTON.

CHRISTMAS FEEDING AND BILE BEANS.

Bile Beans are one of the safest and surest purgative medicines on the market. They are unlike most laxative remedies because they act direct on the bile ducts, causing the liver to secrete and cast increased quantities of this fluid into the bowels, thus flushing the same out as a stream of water would a drain. Defective bile secretion causes various ailments, such as headache, biliousness, costiveness, piles, liver trouble, bad breath, rheumatism, indigestion, dizziness, buzzing in the head, fulness after eating, etc., etc. A Bile Bean taken now and then will keep one free from these digestive troubles, their attendant evils, and dangerous after effects.

CARLTON CRICKET CLUB CONCERT.

In connection with the Carlton Cricket Club, a capital tea and concert took place in the Board Schools on Saturday last. About 120 persons sat down at the tables, which were presided over by—Mrs. Ellis Ward, Miss S. J. Ward, Miss C. Ward, and Miss M. Nunns, who were ably assisted by Mrs. S. Nunns, and Mrs. B. Brown. A good company also assembled for the concert at half-past seven. The progamme opened with the pianoforte solo "The Robin's Return," played in a pleasing manner by Mr. H. C. Hammill, who also accompanied most of the items. A double quartette party, consisting of Messrs. W. Hammill, A. Peace B. Holroyd, S. Gouldthorpe G. W. Hollings, W. Batty, W. Peace and C. Margison, contributed the Glees "Gently sighs the evening breeze," and "Queen of the Valley." Miss Smales, of Castleford, who possesses a nice sweet voice, sang "Tit for Tat," and in response to an encore gave "A Dream of Paradise," her later selection being "Grandma's advice." Mr. W. C. Hartley, of Outwood, who is becoming well-known in the district, was the star of the evening, and opened with "The Flight of Ages" in fine trim; his second item "Mona" was encored, and he responded by request with "Alice where art Thou." Mr. Hartley and Mr. Lodge, also of Outwood, joined in the duet "Flow gently Deva," the tenor's voice being heard to special advantage, whilst the baritone was fairly good in the low range, but he was decidedly weak in the upper reaches. Mr. Margison, of Outwood, contributed as violin solos "5th Air Varie," in which he did not seem quite at home, being a little out of tune, and at times very scratchy; the piece was evidently too classical. He however, seemed more at home in "William Tell"; in both items he was nicely accompanied by Miss Ada Green. The comic element was fully sustained by Mr. G. W. Nicholson, who made his first appearance in Carlton, and sang "How we laugh," "A poor married man," "I'm not a glutton," "Oh diddi di dear," "A silver spoon in his mouth," and the funny "Go to bed Tom." Although his selections were all old, he took immensely, and provoked continued amusement and laughter; he was ably accompanied by Mr. E. G. Bingham. Praise is due to Mr. Walter Hammill, who secured the artistes (with the exception of Mr. Nicholson) and to Mr. Ellis Ward, the secretary, for carrying the affair out so successfully.

CONCERT AT ROTHWELL.

On Monday evening last, a concert promoted by the Leeds Co-operative Prize Choir consisting of selections from "The Messiah," took place in the Mechanics' Hall. The night was unpropitious, and in consequence the room was only just over half full, which fact was to be regretted considering that the funds were for the benefit of the Rothwell Infirmary Demonstration Committee, and not for the Leeds Medical Charities as announced on the bills. Had it been announced for the local fund there would undoubtedly have been more people present. The whole proceeds are to be handed over to the Local Committee, the Co-operative Educational Committee defraying all expenses. Unfortunately, the choir did not arrive until after eight o'clock, having been considerably delayed by the fog; this caused several items to be left out of the programme. The programme was as follows:—recit and air "Comfort ye, my people" and "Every valley shall be exalted," Mr. Thomas Chadwick; chorus, "And the glory of the Lord," recit and air, "Behold! a virgin shall conceive" and "Oh Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion," Miss Alice Hirst; chorus "O Thou that tellest"; recit and air "For behold! darkness shall cover the earth," and "The people that walked in darkness," Mr. Smith; chorus "For unto you a child is born"; air, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion," Miss S. French; recit and air, "Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened" and "He shall feed His flock," Miss Brown; air, "He was despised and rejected," Miss L. Hall; chorus, "All we like sheep have gone astray"; chorus, "Lift up your heads"; chorus, "Their sound is gone out"; air, "Thou shalt break them," Mr. Brooks; chorus, "Hallelujah"; and recit and air, "Behold! I tell you a mystery" and "The trumpet shall sound," Mr. Smith. Each item went splendidly, the soloists did themselves credit, but as a rule they took their items rather too slow. All the choruses were rendered in true Yorkshire fashion, with a determination of attack and brilliancy of tone throughout. Mr. Stephen Hirst, the conductor, is to be complimented in getting his forces up to such a high pitch, and the talent at his disposal is likely to secure higher honours. Miss F. Neesham, the pianist, got through the difficult accompaniments in a masterly fashion, and greatly enhanced the beauties of the songs. Mr. E Chadwick occupied the chair, and a vote of thanks was passed to the choir on the motion of Mr. W. Lunn, junr., seconded by Mr. James Ellis. There is no doubt that if the choir could be prevailed upon at some future time to give the "Messiah" in full, for some local charitable object, the musical people of the district would be provided with a treat, and the attendance far bigger than it was on Monday night. The amount handed over to the Infirmary funds is £1 9s. 0d.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Dec. 16th, 1899, is £332; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £355, thus showing a decrease of £23. For the 24 weeks ending Dec. 16th, the return is £7375, against £6436 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £939

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OULTON ST. JOHN'S FOOTBALL CLUB.

The match at Oulton versus Ferrybridge having been postponed owing to the frost, our correspondent has given us the following account of the annual ball promoted under the auspices of the Oulton Football Club, and some of the impressions created thereby. It was the first ball of the Oulton season, and a large attendance welcomed the opportunity. The music was supplied in a very able manner by Messrs. J. Young (piano), and Hepworth Day (violin), and the excellent refreshments provided by Mrs. Inman and family. Mr. W. Inman gave his experience and valuable services as M.C., along with Mr. E. Haslegrave, with Messrs. P. Higgins, C. Hullah, and T. Hurdus as stewards. The programme was carefully selected, and the management and general conduct of the proceedings resulted in a very enjoyable and successful function. The decorations were appropriate, but might easily have been on a more lavish scale, which points to a certain want of willing help from a large proportion of the members of the Club and Committee. The introduction of a football—for a banner, was an ingenious, if not artistic, effort. It was refreshing to hear of the improvement in dancing by its devotees, and the general style and elegance prevailing was no doubt due to the excellent class promoted last season by the dance Committee of the Institute. The effect has been to improve considerably the rather vulgar style in which some dances have of late years been performed, besides giving uniformity to the square dances and cultivating the graceful manner, so highly necessary in a ball-room. Members of the Institute committee remind me that 'Their Worships' have decided to postpone the annual Ball already announced and looked forward to with so much pleasure by the members, the reason vouchsafed being "on account of the war." Now we all deplore the existence of the struggle but how its present stage can affect the Oulton people to any greater extent now than when the anouncement of the dance was made, I fail to see, though I may be dense. Also it is remarkable that so many prominent members of the committee took the opportunity of attending the ball last week. "I' faith, it must be the claims of fashion!" The abandonment of so many Hunt Balls in the country is influenced very considerably—if not altogether—by the fact of so many of their members being plunged into sadness and anxiety for the welfare of some relation or dear friend "ordered south." This fortunately cannot be said of Oulton, so far as I am aware, and if the decision is to exhibit sympathy, why not take the practical view and give the proceeds of the ball to the War Distress Funds, making thereby a start worthy of the village, which has already been delayed too long. At any rate the members of the dance sub-committee will no doubt get a wigging unless it transpires that they have been disregarded as voicing the sentiments of the majority of members.

CRITICUS.

THE BIG PRIZE TURKEY.

"A Merry Christmas, Bob," said Scrooge, with an earnestness that could not be mistaken, as he clapped him on the back. "A merrier Christmas, my good fellow, than I have given you for many a year. I'll raise your salary, and we will discuss your affairs this afternoon over a bowl of smoking bishop. Make up the fires and buy another coal-scuttle, Bob Cratchit."

And as to the big prize turkey which the regenerated Scrooge sent to Camden Town, do we not all know what sort of bird it was? That turkey never could have stood upon its legs, Mr. Dickens says. They must have snapped short off like sticks of sealing wax. How they managed to cook and eat that phenomenon the author doesn't say, as it was twice the size of Tiny Tim. Yet they did it somehow; and it was a mercy if the family (previously half starved) didn't all fall ill of the unwonted gorging of that wonderful Christmas day.

Even assuming (as we easily may) that the transmutation of an old skinflint like Scrooge into a high priest of charity was quite beyond the common run of modern miracles, and that dinners from such sources are as rare as they are welcome, it still remains true that human nature is apt to be at its best at Christmas, especially in England, where, of all countries in Christendom, most is made of that gentle and kindly holiday.

Yet, sad to tell, the very jollity and generosity of Christmas leads to regretable excesses. People eat and drink too much, and suffer accordingly. The roast and the boiled, the mince pies, the plum puddings, the tremendous flushings of wine, beer, and other beverages, these things overload the stomach and give the digestion more work than it can do, and punishment follows. For Nature has no favourites; she treats those who violate her laws on the 25th December exactly as though they had committed the offence on the first Monday in August.

And as to the chronic dyspeptics, of whom there are enough in this old island to cram all the parks in London, *they* catch it fearfully about Christmas-time. For, in spite of all warnings, they *will* go in for heavy meals and take the chances. Often the penalty is an acute attack which may threaten life, and nearly always weeks of pain and digestive disorders, whereof there are as many kinds as the body has organs and functions.

To them Christmas may be "merry" for an hour or two; then their merriment turns into misery, as October fogs and rains succeed a hot summer.

Now the writer is far from advising a free indulgence in the gustatory and bibulous festivities of the country's most popular holiday, but there is no use protesting against the fixed resolution of the people to enjoy themselves on that occasion. The customs and traditions of centuries are behind it, and you might as well whistle in the teeth of a north-east gale.

As a prophylactic and a cure for the evils alluded to, I can only recommend the universal use of Mother Seigel's Syrup, known to all as the best stimulant and digestant in the world.

In a letter dated January 10, 1899, a gentleman of Birmingham, who loves the pleasures of the table, and has money enough to buy whatever he wants, writes thus:—"It is only fair that I should thank you, as I do with all my heart, for the good done me by Mother Seigel's Syrup. For years I have been vexed with indigestion, and always had a tormenting spell of it after any public banquet or uncommon intake of rich food. Still, I was seldom able to resist temptation, although I understood perfectly well what yielding to it was sure to cost me. I have sought a preventive or a cure in vain at the hands of the best physicians, all of whom assured me that there was but one way, namely, to live on a low diet, and let luxuries alone.

"But this did not suit me, and I broke through the regulations frequently, with the inevitable results. However, when I began to use Mother Seigel's Syrup I had (almost) a license to do as I pleased. After an inviting but most risky dinner last Christmas I took a double dose of 'Mother Seigel,' and scarcely suffered at all. I told my experience, and a dozen friends adopted this amazing remedy right off. I am convinced that, with a little caution, and a dose of Mother Seigel's Syrup now and then, *one may bid defiance to dyspepsia* and the abominable ailments it sets up. Thanking you a thousand times, I am, yours truly, JOHN MACFARLANE."

With these facts we wish a merry (and a healthy) Christmas to the British people.

SCHOOL CONCERT AT OULTON.

Of all the many first-class entertainments that are given during the winter season in the much appreciated village Institute buildings, at Oulton, none are perhaps so popular, or anticipated with keener interest than that given by the scholars attending the National Schools. That this should be so is only natural, for not only have most of the village families representatives on the platform in the form of a little infant dot, a member of the nigger troupe, or taking part in one or other of the various drills or action songs, but the entertainment, on purely meritorious lines, is, in our opinion, the best of any given for miles around. Mr. Boothroyd, the head master, in this respect, as in many others, is a capital organiser, and in these annual entertainments is not slow to strike out on new lines, or introduce items of novelty rarely undertaken by such juvenile performers. Miss Bell, too, the infants' mistress, devotes great care to the training of her intelligent artistes, who year by year make their acquaintance with the entertainment platform.

The seventeenth of these annual entertainments took place last night, the Harold Hall being filled with a very appreciative audience. To-night, also, the programme is to be repeated, when there will no doubt again be a crowded house. The infants under Miss Bell, first held sway, and with their innocent prattle and winning actions, soon won unanimous appreciation.

The programme opened with an introductory speech of welcome by A. Nunns and E. Parkinson; followed by a pretty "fan drill" by the girls. The recitation, "Babies' troubles," was full of the experiences and trials of infant life, which were described by E. Boyes and N. Gosney. An action song with balloons by boys and girls, was succeeded by a well rendered recitation, "Dolly's outing," by I. Stead. Then the "Merry Milkmaids" came on the platform with their pails and stools, and baskets of eggs and butter, which were utilised in describing the song. F. Rhodes gave a recitation entitled, "Nursery news," which was followed by a change in the shape of the kindergarten game, "The lost doll," in which one of the children complains of having lost her doll; she is assisted in the search by a number of others, and having found it, discovers there is a leg and an arm missing, which necessitates the services of a doctor; the finale being a song and dance, "Little Dolly Dimples." The concluding items for the infants were a very effective hoop drill and a dance.

The Senior scholars commenced their programme with a patriotic song, "Victoria—Our Queen," the next being songs entitled, "Christmas Eve," and "Laughing song." A very descriptive piece followed, "Our flag," in which England was represented by A. Armitage; Scotland, Florence Hairsine; Ireland, Beatrice Hutchinson; their manœuvres finishing with a design of the Union Jack as a centre piece; after this, there appeared Walter Poole as a sailor, Fred Nettleton as a soldier, (who sang "Soldiers of the Queen"), and Havey Atack with the emblem of 'Peace'; the final chorus was "Rule Brittannia"; this loyal effort was warmly acknowledged by the audience. Twelve girls took part in a clever song and dance "Chapeaux Bas"; E Hullah gave a capital imitation of "The Pedlar"; and eight boys and girls sang "A monkey on a stick" whilst E. Abbey in "So shy," was seen to advantage, and was supported in the chorus by 16 girls. The last item on the programme was by the "Oulton Juvenile Minstrels," and was heartily welcomed, the interlocutor, A. Nettleton, was supported by W. Poole, A. Liley, G. Cheesebro', E. Warwick, J. Cockerham, R. Hullah, O. Fisher, E. Hullah, W. Hunt, T. Umpleby, the bones, F. Nettleton, and Sambo, R. Higgins, the two latter performing the lion's share. The local conundrums dealing with the Parish Council, the local doctor, the Chess Club, telephone, ambulance class, Pooles and Dykes, Wilkes and Arnetts, Fleet, and the Transvaal, were very clever hits. The following was their programme:—song, "Darkies' Revels," troupe; song, "Who's got de little nigger's shoe?" F. Nettleton; song, "Kilkenny cats," troupe; song, "My own dear home," A. Nettleton; song, "The four Sarahs," R. Higgins; song, "Alabama blossoms," troupe. Both teachers and scholars are to be complimented for their clever performances. The accompanists were Miss Snell and the Rev. R. Garrad.

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HOW TOMMY ATKINS SPENDS CHRISTMAS.

[BY AN ARMY CHAPLAIN.]

The day before last Christmas I visited a large fort in the garrison where I am stationed. The first gunner I saw had a black eye, another several cuts on his face, and the bridge of the nose of a third was so bruised that it must have been to the man's lady admirers a veritable Bridge of Sighs. In honour of the festival of peace, the surgery door was wide open, so that all could see where to get their wounds dressed. "Ah," said I to myself, "this looks like the season of good will." At the present time, however, this sort of thing amongst soldiers is exceptional. There was a time when it was the rule. Then a soldier used to speak of "getting over Christmas" as if it were a campaign he had gone through. He considered himself fortunate if he had only one or two black eyes, and had not got into any serious trouble. Indeed, I have known respectable men to walk a long distance from barracks on Christmas afternoon lest they should have any "disagreeableness" with comrades at this season of drinking and, therefore, of quarrelling. As I have intimated, the majority of soldiers do not take their "enjoyment" so pugnaciously now, though there still are a few who are "nasty" in their cups, and who seem to think it wrong not to drink all they can get when cups, or rather pots, are going round freely. The first Christmas entertainment at which I assisted last year was at a tea and tree given to the families of a company of submarine miners, a branch of the Royal Engineers. A large barrack-room was transformed into a fairy scene by means of flags, flowers, and electric light. During the consumption of the tea, glees and solos were sung, and a few recitations given. Then a conjuror mystified us, but we were soon in greater darkness, for suddenly all lights were put out. This was done in order that the many electric lamps on the tree, which hitherto had been curtained off, might shew up in grand style. Similar entertainments are given immediately before or soon after Christmas to the wives and children of each corps. They are arranged by the officers and their wives, and are paid for, as is much of the other feasting of the festive season, out of the much-enduring canteen fund, *i.e.*, the profits made by the canteen. At these entertainments there are Punch and Judy shows, magic lanterns, and other things calculated to promote the merriment of the little ones. An officer, dressed as Father Christmas, distributes toys taken from the tree. Each woman on the strength of one regiment known to me gets materials for a new dress. Soldiers who are obliged to remain

AT THEIR DUTY

celebrate the day, in some corps at least, almost as decorously as respectable householders. They attend Divine Service at 11 o'clock, and after this begin to interest themselves in the Christmas dinner, some helping to lay the tables and the rest criticising the operation. A company of an Irish regiment being asked what they would like for a Christmas dinner, replied, through their colour-sergeant: "Sure, we'll have bacon and cabbage; nothing can come up to that!" The dinners of English regiments are more *recherché*. They have plenty of ham, certainly, but they have, in addition, pork, mutton, geese, and turkeys, plum pudding, dessert, and quite as much beer as is good for them, and sometimes more. Indeed, Tommy Atkins is getting stylish in his Christmas eating, for I noticed at one of the well-filled tables in a barrack-room last Christmas a brace or two of pheasants. But, no matter of what the dinner consists, it is always accompanied by many large bottles of pickles. I hope that they are not eaten with the plum puddings. Talking of plum pudding reminds me of an old soldier who had become a perfect machine by years of discipline. One Christmas, as he was carrying a plum pudding out of the cook house, someone in joke called out from behind "Attention!" Down went the soldier's arms by his side, and down went the pudding. In one regiment it is the custom for the men to be summoned to their Christmas dinner by the band or the fifes and drums playing

"THE ROAST BEEF OF OLD ENGLAND."

A more appropriate "attack" could not be sounded. In other corps the bugle sounds the well-known dinner call: "Pick 'em up, pick 'em up, hot potatoes," though we have seen that there is much more to be picked up in barracks at Christmas time than hot potatoes. After dinner the rooms are prepared for the dance or smoking concert which generally follows it. The dance music is sometimes curious. I have seen men gravely performing reels to the accompaniment of a bugle blown in Christmas fashion. The decoration of the rooms for these festivities goes on for days before. Frequently a prize is given by the officers for the best looking room. Good wishes for the colonel, the captains, the adjutant, the sergeant-major, and their "ladies" are everywhere to be seen expressed in gilt or coloured paper letters. In a band-room last Christmas there was a musical notation hoping that a *chord* might bind them all in unison. On the same wall was a well done painting, representing three white helmets, such as are worn abroad, and alongside as many black ones. Over the former was printed in gilt letters "To our comrades abroad—God prosper them." Soldiers, whether at home or abroad, seem to be on very good terms with themselves, if we may judge from another mural legend:

"THREE CHEERS FOR TOMMY ATKINS."

But, indeed, the charity of this room seems to have been world-wide, for a third inscription wished "A health to everyone." We may mention two of the many appropriate military mottoes which were put up. One was "At peace, but still on guard," the other "At rest, but ready." An indication of the better educated men who now enlist was furnished by a Latin motto, very cleverly printed. We were much flattered by seeing in one corner "Three cheers for the Chaplain." At the entrance of another room there was a life-size dummy sentry, very correctly dressed, and with a rifle in its hand. On a board over his head were the following: "Orders for the sentry.—He is to take charge of all eatables, allow nothing to be taken from the room, but as much as possible to be brought in. He is to keep his eyes on everyone, especially officers. He is not to mash the servant girls on or near his post. Ching Wop, Adjutant, by order of Chow Chow, Colonel." Christmas is the only day, too, that Mr. Thomas Atkins drinks anything, even water, with his dinner. In some regiments it is the custom for married officers and their wives to dine at the mess. This arrangement gives to the unmarried officers a taste of domestic life under favourable circumstances, and it saves the married people from possible *tête-à-tête* boredom. On Boxing Day a football match is generally played between married and unmarried Sergeants. Looking at this keeps the men out of mischief, and helps to counteract the extra eating of the season. For this latter reason a long route march is usual on the second day after Christmas. When I knew the fourth battalion of the Rifle Brigade, the men were kept out of harm on Boxing Day by the amusements supplied in barracks. There were

REGIMENTAL SPORTS DURING THE DAY,

and in the evening a boxing competition and variety entertainment. A dinner was given by the sergeants, to which their wives and sweethearts were invited. At the different soldiers' institutes there is generally a tea meeting for those who like to get away from the noisy barrack-rooms. It is wonderful how quickly soldiers in hospital recover before Christmas Day. They persuade the doctors to allow them to return to barracks, as they want to exchange milk diet for the luxuries of the season. There is no official recognition of plum pudding in the hospital dinner, but the men outside generally send some to their sick comrades. Once, at Netley Hospital, when it was proposed to give the patients plum pudding, the principal medical officer said that if the men were able to eat that they were able to leave the hospital, and he would not allow it to be given. Now a compromise is generally effected. The patients get a big tea, with cake, fruit, long pipes and tobacco. After tea there is a sing-song or a magic lantern. I have been Chaplain at two of the largest of our military prisons, and greatly disliked the task of preaching to the inmates on Christmas morning. Could one wish them a happy day and many returns of it? After describing the message of forgiveness and hope proclaimed by Christmas, I generally concluded in some such words as these: "You, dear brethren, whose liberty is restricted, may pity yourselves to-day, but to-morrow you will wake up with clear, cool heads, with eyes the usual colour, and the satisfaction of feeling that you have not to take up any of the time of police-courts, which is all too short for the work to be done in them at this 'happy' season." Scotch regiments keep New Year's Day much as other regiments keep Christmas. The King's Own Scottish Borderers, which is half English and half Scotch, try to get all the festivity they can out of both days. At five minutes to twelve the band and pipers of the Seaforth Highlanders,

PRECEDED BY "FATHER TIME,"

the oldest soldier in the ranks, in costume, with hour glass and scythe, played across the square and out of the barrack gate, which was closed behind them. The strains of "Auld Lang Syne" bade farewell to the old year. As the clock struck the hour of midnight a knock was heard at the barrack-gate. To the sentry's challenge, "Who goes there?" came the answer: "The New Year." "Advance, New Year, all's well," was the sentry's reply. The gates were thrown open, the guard turned out, and the "New Year," represented by the youngest drummer-boy in full Highland costume, was carried on shoulders, preceded by the pipers of the regiment. After making a round of the barracks he finished at the officers' mess. The evening was spent in concerts and Highland dancing.

The eldest boy, a child of three years old, was sitting up in bed, shrieking; but the cook was nowhere to be seen.

In vain the mother tried to pacify the child. "Freddy," she asked, "did not cook come up to you?"

But the child only sobbed the more convulsively; so much so, that his mother refrained from asking any further questions. Softly singing to him, he was soon asleep again, and she stole quickly from the room. It was almost dark, yet she distinctly saw, walking a few steps before her, the figure of the woman who she yet believed to be the cook.

"Why, cook, I thought you had gone out with nurse."

The figure had just reached the bottom of the flight of stairs; it turned slowly round, revealing the face of an old woman with a white cap-border closely crimped around her puckered-up, leering face. A gruesome, weird light seemed to surround her, so that Mrs. Brunton distinctly saw the shrivelled lips move, the bleared eyes gleam, and the shaky, skinny hand, which was raised and shaken menacingly at her. The figure then turned and ran swiftly down the stairs.

For a moment only, Mrs. Brunton was frightened; but girding up all her courage, she blamed herself for giving way to nervous fancies,—persuading herself eventually that it must be some person employed by the cook. She went slowly down the stairs, her heart, nevertheless, beating violently, and said courageously—

"My good woman, who are you, and what is your business in this part of the house?"

For reply, a chuckling laugh resounded through the echoing old house. The clatter of many feet seemed to be heard upon the stairs, yet the brave little woman hardly quailed. But what was she to do? She was too terrified to venture after the figure. Just then there was a ring at the hall door, and she hastened down to anwer it with a sense of relief. The two women servants entered.

"Cook," she asked, "did you leave any woman in the house during your absence?"

"No, ma'am."

"Well, you had better go and look in the kitchen, for some woman went down the stairs just now."

Lights were speedily procured, and every inch of the basement storey was unavailingly searched. The doors were then secured, and as Mrs. Brunton saw her servants were rather frightened at these precautions, she wisely refrained from entering into any particulars concerning either the manner of the figure or of the strange noises which she had heard.

The next day she related the circumstances to her husband, who, man-like, only laughed at her nervous fancies, and practically suggested that a close eye be kept upon the area gate.

The weeks flew by, and the affair seemed to be forgotten. Forgotten — until one evening, as Colonel and Mrs. Brunton sat alone in the dining room, the sound of many footsteps was heard in the drawing-room overhead, and a plaintive air was played upon the old spinet. They listened, amazed, for a minute, and at length Mrs. Brunton said—

"Henry, I am sure it is that—that thing!"

"You little goose!" he exclaimed, laughing. "Stay where you are, and I'll go and see!"

He bounded up the stairs; there was a hurried shuffling of feet; the music ceased, and he soon returned. The scene he had witnessed he could not repeat to his nervous, delicate wife. Therefore, to avoid being questioned, he said, with an assumption of gaiety—

"Mabel, congratulate me! I have at last seen your mythical old woman."

She shivered, and nestled into her husband's sheltering arms, as she whispered faintly, "Yes, I know you have seen her, for I saw her go before you out of the room."

They could not account for the phenomenon, and, naturally, were diffident about mentioning it to anyone. Thus, the time passed until Christmas.

With the Christmas-time there arrived a nephew of Colonel Brunton's; clever, handsome, merry Stephen Fenton, a young medical man, who had just taken his diploma. He had passed a brilliant examination, and before again resuming work had come to spend some time in Dublin, for the purpose of resting his rather overtaxed brain. It had been agreed that he was not to be told anything about the mysterious old woman.

On Christmas Day a number of friends were expected to dine. There was also to be an evening party. Therefore, in order to save time, Mrs. Brunton had had the dining-table arranged early in the afternoon and had then locked the door. She was very proud of her daintily-arranged dinner-table. She had tastefully disposed the quaint-coloured and gilt Venetian glass, and the rare old china belonging to the mansion. Groups of shepherds and shepherdesses holding cornucopiæ, filled with glistening holly, interspersed with its own bright red berries and the snowy white ones of the mistletoe, were placed at intervals along the table.

About five in the afternoon, as Colonel Brunton and his nephew were sauntering home leisurely, a sudden and heavy shower came on. They walked fast, but by the time they arrived at the hall door they were thoroughly drenched. Colonel Brunton immediately went into his dressing-room, on the first landing, inviting his nephew to follow; but that free-and-easy young gentleman preferred taking off his boots in the back hall.

"Here Bridget! Mary! whoever you are, take these boots like a good girl," he said, addressing a woman standing in the shade at the top of the kitchen stairs.

An aged woman, habited in an old-fashioned black gown, with a white handkerchief pinned across her bosom, approached him. He threw the boots, when—and to his horror—*they went through her!*

Stephen's first practical thought was—being a doctor—"By Jove! my brains must be in an awfully queer state!"

He walked slowly up the stairs, and on the first landing there was the figure again! It preceded him step by step, but yet he did not feel frightened—he, as before, ascribing the appearance to purely physical causes acting upon a brain which he felt was overtaxed. The figure entered the drawing-room. Stephen mechanically followed it; and there, what a scene met his eye!

On the polished floor near the fireplace lay the body of a young and beautiful foreign-looking woman richly dressed. There were wounds about her neck, half concealed by her long raven-black hair. A tall, dark-complexioned man stood near, holding a long, thin Venetian stiletto, whilst beside him stood the woman, who gave vent to a fearful laugh as she seemed to spurn the body with her foot!

As she laughed the vision faded, and Stephen Fenton left the room, more than ever uneasy for his brain. At the door he was met by Mrs. Brunton, who insisted upon his coming down and having a sight of her prettily-arranged dinner-table. Her husband was also one of the privileged, and the proud young housekeeper triumphantly unlocked the door.

But lo! what a sight met their eyes! The exquisite old China and glass lay in fragments upon the floor. The table-cloth was dragged away, and all the pretty decorations had been ruthlessly destroyed! In a recess near the fire place stood a dark, foreign-looking man, also the old woman, both of whom laughed devilishly and then vanished! The scene was witnessed by all three at the same time. Mrs. Brunton fainted in her husband's arms. A serious nervous illness was the result; and, as soon as practicable, she was removed from the house. Stephen Fenton recounted his experiences, as did also his uncle.

The mystery is yet unsolved, but such is the legend connected with the house.

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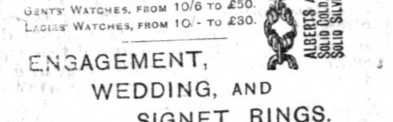
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'OUR SOLDIER LADS.'

PRIVATE CHARLES BLACKBURN, of Rothwell, who has served his four years in the Militia, was called up last week to join his regiment, the 4th. West Yorks., and left home last week intending to take garrison duty. Owing, however, to the need for more men in South Africa, Blackburn was sent to Aldershot, where he received the necessary khaki outfit, etc., and from letters received this week, sails from Liverpool to-day, with the new Commander-in-Chief, General Lord Roberts.

SAPPER BROWN.—We have received the following communication from Mr. G. H. Whiteley, of Woodlesford:—"The sum of £2 13s has been subscribed at the Woodlesford Brewery by the old friends of Sapper J. H. Brown, R.E., one of the 'Absent-Minded Beggars' at the front in South Africa. The money has been spent in a parcel consisting of vests, socks, pocket-handkerchiefs, soap, towels, pipes, tobacco and cigarettes, and sent out for the benefit of Sapper Brown, and his comrades."

PRIVATE JOHN CROMACK, of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, whose last letter came from St. Vincent, has just written again, and the following will be read with interest. The letter is dated November 18th. and was posted at Durban on the 26th. He says "After being on the water two days one of the stokers died, and was buried, and another was very ill. One of the men out of the regiment jumped overboard. We have had a nice voyage all through, but the food we have is something awful; I am nothing but a walking lamp-post. We had a very nice time at St. Vincent; it would make you laugh to see the natives bow to you as you pass along the street, but they gave us plenty of fruit and loaded us with oranges. Every man on board is eager to have a smack at Old Kruger as well as the Boers. I am in the best of health if only we had something better to eat, but we are looking forward to a change when we get off the boat. Remember me to all my friends at home and wish them 'a merry Xmas and a prosperous new year' for me, but I dont think we shall have such a nice time of it out here on the 25th; it might be jolly if we get near the Boers with the bayonet. I dont know when I shall get another letter away, but at my first chance I will do so. You may write to me as often as you like, as it will be very nice to have a letter from anybody. We are now ready for disembarkation, and then I suppose we shall be moving up country." From Durban they proceeded to Pietermaritzburg, where they rested 10 days, and then went forward towards Colenso, and two days after he received his "baptism of fire," poor fellow. Our young countryman was with General Barton's brilliant bayonet charge before Colenso, under General Clery, and we are glad to know, so far as the official reports go, he has escaped the fate of so many of his comrades.

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Jan. 5, 1900—Rothwell Subscription Dance.
Jan. 26, 1900—Rothwell Tennis Ball at the Mechanics' Institute.
Jan. 30, 1900—Rev. J. Arthur Alderson's Second Grand Evening Concert.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

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At a meeting of the inhabitants of Rothwell held on Wednesday, the 13th day of December, 1899, it was decided to make an earnest appeal in favour of one or other of the following funds:—
(1) Widows and Orphans of those lost in the War.
(2) Sick and Wounded.
(3) Disabled Soldiers and Sailors.
(4) Wives and Children left at home.
Contributions may be sent to Mr. Geo. Armitage, the chairman of the Council, at Westfield House, Rothwell, who has kindly consented to act as Treasurer, or to the Rothwell Branch of the London City and Midland Bank, Ltd., to the account of "The War in South Africa Fund."
Any one can signify to which of the funds they wish their contributions to be appropriated.

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Mr. Thomas Stainer ..	1	0	0
Mr. John Hirst	1	1	0
Rothwell Homing Society ..		10	0
Mr. T. W. Bennett		10	0
Mr. Walter E. Richardson ..	1	1	0
Mr. John Abbishaw	1	1	0
Mr. Oliver Vinton		2	6
Mr John Frobisher ..		2	6
Mr. Eli Milner		2	6
Mr. John Priestley		2	6
Mr. William Abbishaw ..	1	1	0
Mr. W. Stephenson	1	1	0
Mrs. T. Oliver	1	1	0
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Mr. Thos. P. Whiteley ..	1	1	0
Mr. & Mrs. Drew		5	0

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Clerk to the Rothwell Urban District Council.

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MR. J. BLACKBURN, of Rothwell.
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 1st,
The PROFESSOR will Lecture on
"QUEER FOLK," (Illustrated with Diagrams)
and will also examine well-known towns-people chosen from the audience.
Chair to be taken at 7 p.m.
A Collection will be taken at the door on entrance
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COLES—Dec. 25th, aged 72 years, James Coles, Stourton.
HARTLEY—Dec 25th, aged 2 years, David, son of Thomas and Sarah Hartley, of Rothwell.
STEAD—Dec. 25th, aged 68 years, Frances Stead, (widow of the late John Stead), of Rothwell.
WESTMORELAND—Dec. 23rd, aged 65 years, John Westmoreland, of Rothwell Haigh.

IN MEMORIAM.

CHADWICK—In memory of our dear mother, Elizabeth Chadwick, of Croft House, Oulton, who passed away December 29th, 1898.
"Her end was Peace."

Rothwell Times,
Circulating in Rothwell, Woodlesford Oulton, Carlton, Lofthouse, Middleton Leeds, Hunslet, Stourton and Methley
Friday, December 29, 1899.

CHRISTMAS.

Of all the festivals and high holidays of the year none are perhaps so gladsome, so welcomed by young and old, or so full of good cheer for the poor and needy, as is Christmas. This season, with its happy associations, its bright religious services, and its many deeds of charity, has once more come and gone, and will leave in the minds of many, happy memories and grateful thoughts. The mind of British citizens with the faintiest spark of patriotism or loyalty in it cannot but have experienced some sadness during the holiday at the thought of the many brave lives sacrificed at duty's call in our South African colonies, by reason of the recent bloody battles, and of the many bereaved English homes which must have missed some stalwart forms and cheery faces. Happily our district has only few men at the front, but our sympathy has nevertheless been manifestly extended to those who have given up their sons in the country's cause. The good trade experienced by our local industries has given to many an abundance of good cheer, unfortunately carried to excess by many whose appetite appears insatiable, and whose self-control when good things abound, appears a very minor quality. To the deserving poor, the widow in her loneliness and the orphan of unfortunate circumstances, the festival has been a season of thankfulness and joy, the household store and means of sustenance having been considerably augmented by many deeds of charity and Christian benevolence, the exercise of which is one of the fundamental axioms of the Christian brotherhood. Many local husbandless women will have blessed the memory of the founder of Crabtree's dole, which was distributed on the 21st inst, 60 widows at 7s 3d each, and 2 orphans at 7s 6d each being this year benefitted by the fore-thought of our kind-hearted fore-elder. Nor does the genial wife of the popular 'Mr Joe,' of Lofthouse, forget the needs of the deserving poor of the neighbourhood, although she now enjoys a palatial residence in Scotland, for we hear that through the agency of Mrs Hargreaves, of Rothwell Haigh, she has again caused to be distributed blankets, sheets and underwear, to many in the district whose means are slender, and to whom the severely cold, inclement weather is a formidable foe. At our Union Workhouse special fare has been provided, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Cooke have again distributed their gifts of 1s. to adults and 6d to the juveniles, this generosity also extending to the children at the Homes, at Rothwell Haigh and also to the outside poor of all the townships. At the Homes on Boxing day, Mr. Elstob and Mr. Batty had promised to give an entertainment, but the latter gentleman was unfortunately prevented by illness from attending. Mr. Elstob, and a few friends however, gave a capital programme, the proceedings being ably presided over by Mr. Butterick, guardian. Special services at all the places of worship have been held, that at the Wesleyan chapel on Sunday evening being followed by a musical service, collections being taken on behalf of the Leeds Infirmary Committee's funds. The Wesleyans, Primitives, Temperance Society and Primitive Methodists at Carlton, have promoted bazaars or sales of work, and as a means of raising the necessary finance have been very successful. Christmas balls have been held at Rothwell and Lofthouse, that at the former place being promoted by the Working Man's Club and that at the latter by some of the workers in connection with Christ's Church. The local bands, and Christmas singers have visited their patrons, and have met with ready and willing support. Of the weather the latter days of the holidays, were perhaps the best, Christmas day being somewhat soft and open. The rattle of skates, however, could be heard on Tuesday and Wednesday, in some districts good ice being obtainable. The weather has been anything but ideal for the footballer, few matches having been played; reports of other Christmas news will be found in the following columns

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AND SALE OF WORK.

The Wesleyans at Rothwell held a small sale of work on Tuesday, in the schoolroom., which was well attended. The room was decorated with bannerettes, art muslin, holly, etc., and presented a very seasonable appearance.

After devotional exercises, Mr. Shurmer, with a few appropriate remarks, called on Mrs. James Hargreaves to open the sale. This lady was applauded on rising, and in a brief speech expressed the pleasure she had in helping in this effort; the object of the sale, she said, was to get an amount of money to help in a bigger Bazaar later, in aid of the new Sunday School, which was sorely needed to accommodate the children. She wished the effort success and declared the sale open. A hearty vote of thanks was cordially passed to Mrs. Hargreaves on the motion of Messrs. J. Morton and W. Cawdell. Dr. Arthur Hargreaves in replying, said that his mother had forgotten part of her speech, namely that she would contribute £2 to the funds. This was received with applause.

The stalls were well filled with saleable goods and the ladies in attendance were kept busy most of the time. The following were the stall-holders:—

Ladies' Work Stall:—Mrs. Armitage, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. A. Ward, Mrs. T. Young, Mr. Walter Hargreaves, Mrs. A. W. Seanor, Mrs. Butterick, and Mrs. Batty.

Young Ladies' Work Stall:—Miss Stephenson, Miss Minnie Walker, and Miss B. Batty.

Refreshment Stall:—Mrs. Idle, Mrs. Tilley, Mrs. Seanor, Mrs. I. Gibson, Mrs. S. Morton

A tea was provided, a goodly number partaking of the viands provided, the attendants were Mrs. Tuley, Mrs. J. Ellis, and Mrs. J. Turner.

The shooting range did good service and was under the direction of Messrs. H. and S. Armitage.

Miss Ellen Copley and Miss Dorothy Shurmer had charge of the fishing pond.

Mr. Huddershaw, the phrenologist, gave delineations of character, the proceeds being divided between Mr. Huddershaw and the funds. Mr. J. Blackburn assisted.

Music was supplied in the schoolroom by Mr. L. Firth and Mr. T. Idle, a pretty recitation "Mamma's errand Girl," was given by little Miss Nellie Wilson. This department was managed by Mr. D. Tilley.

The tableaux entertainments were well patronised. The following were among the subjects represented:—"The Girl Queen," "Rock of Ages," "The Quarrel," "Boer Treachery," "Adamless Eden," "An Opportunity for Flattery," "Fortune Teller," "Ne'er-do-well's Return," "Three Graces," etc. The performers included Miss May Walker, Miss Jessie Ward, Miss Ada Denton, Miss Annie Copley, and Miss W. M. Marshall, Messrs. Percy Gibson, B. Hargreaves, Hedley G. Goldthorpe, and Percy H. Marshall. "Three Little Maids" and "Tit Willow," were sung by Misses Jessie Ward, Ada Denton, and W. M. Marshall. Mr. Louis Ward and Miss Clara Ward, filled in the intervals between the tableaux with selections on the piano and violin. The stage was very effectively arranged, thanks to the assistance of Mr. S. Armitage.

The details of the results as announced by Mr. J. R. Seanor at the close, are as follows:—Work stalls and fishing pond, £8 10s; entrance money, £2 8s 4d; tableaux, 17s 8½d; Shooting range, 11s 9½d; Refreshment stall and tea, £5 18s 0½d; phrenologist, 7s 9d; extras, 2s 3d; total, £20 15s 10½d.

ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE BAZAAR.

The members of the Rothwell Temperance Society are now working and soliciting aid in behalf of a new Temperance Hall, the present premises in Holmes Square having for some time now been inadequate. The workers have for some time passed been engaged preparing for a big bazaar, for the holding of which they took advantage of the Christmas holidays; the proceedings being held in the Board Schools, Carlton Lane, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday last. The red white and blue of the English flag entered prominently into the decorations, of what was called "Ye Olde English Bazaar," the blend of these colours being noticeable, not only in ties for the gentlemen stall-holders, as aprons of the ladies-in-waiting, and the draping of the stalls, but also in the bills advertising the many novel attractions. There was a capital attendance on Christmas day, when the proceedings were opened by Dr. Buck, just before three o'clock. The opening ceremony was genially presided over by Mr. A. Drew, who was supported by Messrs. C. Ineson, W. Lunn, Junr, W. Stead, J. W. Bray, J. Fielding, T. Shearman, F. Hartley, W. Blackburn, and H. Crowther. Dr. Buck, in declaring the bazaar open expressed his pleasure at being present, and his sympathy with the work of the local temperance workers. He admired their pluck in trying to secure the needful wherewith to erect better and more suitable premises, and trusted that their present undertaking would prove a decided success in every respect. He contributed £1 1s 0d towards the funds. On the motion of Messrs. W. Lunn Junr, and T. Shearman, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Buck for his services and support. The stall-holders were as follows:—Refreshment Stall:—Mesdames C. Ineson, J. Savage. W. Beckwith, W. Sidebottom.

No. 1 Drapery:—Mrs. G. Sidebottom, Mrs. S. Sidebottom.

No. 2 Drapery:—Mrs. T. W. Lunn, Mrs. S. Nunns.

Toy Stall:—Mr. C. Sidebottom, Miss Ward.

Variety Stall:—Mrs. M. Ward, Miss S. Beckwith, Mr. S. Sidebottom.

Sweet and Flower Stall:—Miss Gertrude Ineson, Miss E. Sidebottom.

Shooting Gallery:—Messrs R. Beckwith, J. Savage, G. Sidebottom.

Ice Cream:—Messrs. Joe Nunns, Herbert Lunn.

Smoking Lounge:—Mr. Edward White, Mr. F. White.

Weighing Chair:—Mr. G. H. Parker.

Galvanic Battery, Fortune-telling, Blowing & Lifting Machine:—Mr. T. Holdham, & Miss Holdham (of Leeds).

Under the management of Mr. T. Blackburn and Mr. Wright Stead, short, varied, and enjoyable entertainments were given in one of the side rooms, the following artistes lending their aid:—Miss Jennie Smith, Mrs. Stones, Mrs. Hilley, Mr. McBurney, Mr. W Blackburn, and the following members of The Blackburn's Little Wonder's troupe,—Misses Maud Parker, Tillie Bulmer, Bertha Stead, Mary Smith, Enid Stead, Violet Palfrey, Abigail Hirst, J. Palfreyman, and Master Albert Sidebottom. Miss Annie Sunderland was the accompanist, and Miss C. Bray solo pianist.

Amongst the side-shows were a fretwork exhibition, and an almanack show, which were well patronised. A Washing Competition also took place, the first prize being won by Mr J Fielding, and the second, by Miss M Ward.

On the second day the bazaar was opened by Mr. S. Sidebottom, under the presidency of Mr. W. Lunn Junr. The supporters were Mesdames C. Ineson, G. Sidebottom, S. Sidebottom, W. Beckwith, J. Savage, J. Goddard, S. Nunns, M. Ward, W. Sidebottom, and T. W. Lunn. Mr. Sidebottom contributed 10s and also handed over other items he had personally collected. A vote of thands to Mr. Sidebottom was carried on the motion of Mrs. Ineson and Mrs. Savage.

On Wednesday the bazaar was reopened by Councillor J. Bulmer, under the presidency of Mr. S. Nunns, and supported by Messrs. T. Beckwith, C. Sidebottom and Elliott. Mr. Bulmer, who, along with his supporters, gave £1 5s., was thanked for his services, on the motion of Mr. W Blackburn and Mr W Ely, supported by Mr. Bray

Public teas were provided each day and were well attended, the number present on the Wednesday being particularly satisfactory.

The proceeds for the three days reach £90 a very creditable figure, and one with which the promoters are very well satisfied.

Mr J. W. Bray and Mr Wright Stead acted as secretaries to the Bazaar Committee, and as usual, have been most assiduous in their endeavours to bring the affair to a successful issue.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE SALE OF WORK.

In support of the Easter Bazaar fund, a two days' sale of work was opened in the Rothwell Primitive school-room on Christmas day, by the Rev. J. A. Alderson, resident minister. The room had been tastefully decorated, and a good supply of saleable articles was displayed on the well-arranged stalls. Those taking active part in the enterprise were:—

Drapery stall—Mrs G. Adamson, Mrs J. Harrison, Mrs Hartley, and Mrs Lunn.

Christian Endeavour stall—Messrs R. Crossley, T. Brook and Miss Bramley.

Fancy stall—Mrs Clayborough.

Japanese stall—Messrs H. Milner, A. Taylor, and D. Smith.

Refreshment stall—Mrs Sam Harrison, Mrs Thurwell, Mrs Branfoot, Mrs Taylor, Mrs R Bulmer, Mrs Rawson, and Mrs J Ward.

Apron stall—Mrs Eli Ward.

Toy stall—Messrs W Hartley and W. Branfoot.

During the evening, Professor Huddershaw, phrenologist, delineated the character of those willing to pay the fee, and made no mistake about some of the traits of those he publicly examined. On Tuesday, the sale was continued, when there was a good attendance and large sales were realised. The net result of the sale, together with the proceeds of the Christmas singing, will be about £30.

CARLTON PRIMITIVE BAZAAR.

The annual two days' Bazaar was opened on Xmas Day, at 2 p.m., by Mr. John Dobson, who was accompanied by Mrs. Dobson. There was a good company present, and Mr. Dobson's reminiscences and kindly expressions of interest in Methodism found great favour. Hearty thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Dobson were moved by Mr. Hiram Ward and Mr. G. Wilson. The Board School was beautifully decorated with long box-chain coloured paper, flowers and banners, the whole presented a very imposing appearance; Mr. Simon Priestley superintended the decorations. A magic lantern entertainment by Mr. H. Ward, and miscellaneous concerts by Mr. Tom Ward were given in the new school. A public ham tea was well patronised in the large class-room. The stall-holders were as follows:—

Drapery (No. 1)—Mrs. Wilson.
" (No. 2)—Mrs. M Brown.
Fancy—Miss Ward.
Toy—Mr. T. E. Ward and Mr. T. Brown.
Refreshments—The Misses B. Brown, E. Thornton, H. Taylor, and M. Ward.
Sweets—Mrs. and Miss Butler.

Ten minutes after the opening ceremony, the place was filled with sundry music from the trumpets and squeakers purchased by the children, and throughout the day, the lively strains were kept up. Everybody seemed anxious to make everybody else at home, and two very pleasant days were spent, and a nice sum of money realised for the Trust Fund.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A fortnightly meeting of this body was held at the New Connexion School-room on Wednesday afternoon, when there were present—Dr Hawkyard (chairman), Mrs Woodcock, Mrs Dickenson, Rev Father Dillon, Messrs J Hargreaves, Fryer, Charlesworth, Banks, Butterick, Edwards, Robb, Tomlinson, Seddon, Bamforth, Houghton; with the clerk (Mr F. W. Mee), and the assistant (Mr Ward).

THE NURSES AGAIN.

At a meeting of the Workhouse Visiting Committee, the letter from Nurse Lownds objecting to the hour for night nurses dinner, and unless it was altered, tendering her resignation, was considered. It was resolved that the committee do not see their way to recommend the Guardians to make any further alterations in the regulations.

The Medical Officer attended and stated that the superintendent nurse is of opinion she should be relieved of certain of the work of a charge nurse, and would like to know what arrangement is to be made for night duty when the present charge nurse goes off. It was resolved that the Guardians be recommended to advertise for two charge nurses on the same terms as before. It was also resolved that the Guardians be recommended to advertise for a probationer nurse on the usual conditions.

The Ladies Committee reported that the rooms and inmates looked nice and clean.

Father Dillon proposed the adoption of the minutes, and this was seconded by Mrs Woodcock, and carried.

FINANCE.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, cheques were signed for a total of £2,069 5s 5d.

In answer to Mr Hargreaves, the Clerk said the amount contributed by the Board to the Leeds General Infirmary was £10 10s.

NEW WORKHOUSE.

The Local Government Board wrote intimating their approval of the plans relating to the proposed new workhouse with the exception of the block for imbeciles and epileptics. The Board stated they considered that of the total cost (£61,000) £49,500 might be defrayed by means of loan to be repaid in 30 years, and the remaining £11,500 by means of a loan repayable in 15 years.

CHILDREN'S HOMES.

The St. Olave's Union wrote asking if the Board would receive 10 children into their Homes at Rothwell Haigh. From the particulars supplied, however, it appeared that the children were suffering from somewhat serious ailments, and on the motion of Mr Butterick, seconded by Mr Seddon, it was resolved that the proposal be not entertained.

TOO LATE!

The Chairman remarked that he had received a letter from Southport in reference to the resolution passed at the last meeting accepting Mr Charlesworth's offer to supply beer for the inmates' Christmas dinner. He (the Chairman) thought however that there was nothing to gain by reading the letter (laughter). On the motion of Mr Robb, seconded by Mr Charlesworth, it was resolved that the letter lie on the table.

KINDLY GIFTS.

The Clerk reported that Mr and Mrs Alf Cooke had attended at the Workhouse and the Homes, and distributed their gifts, and had also made an equal allowance to the outdoor poor through the relieving officers.

On the motion of Mr Banks, seconded by Mr Hargreaves, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr and Mrs Cooke for their generosity.

The Master reported the receipt of the following gifts—Mr W H Maude, Middleton, holly; Mr M Nicholson, Middleton, Christmas tree and £1; Mr A Charlesworth, Victoria Inn, 36 gallon cask of beer, and papers; Mr Farrer, holly; Mr Shaw, 29, Low Road, three bound volumes "London Illustrated News" and other papers; Mr and Mrs Gould, books; Mr Hargreaves, 7, Mann Street, papers; Mrs Marsh, the Oaklands, Christmas letters. A concert was given on the evening of Christmas Day by Mr Smith and a party of friends. The Misses Seanor, of Stourton, also sang. The concert was very warmly appreciated by the inmates. A vote of thanks was passed to the donors on the motion of Mr Banks, seconded by Mr Balmforth. The Superintendent of the Children's Homes reported the receipt of toys from the West Hunslet Liberal Club, through Mr Houghton. Mr Butterick proposed a vote of thanks to the Club and other donors, of which he said there were several, this was seconded by Mr Edwards, and carried.

VAGRANTS.

The following return of vagrants relieved during the last fortnight was presented:—men 185, women 13, children 8, total 206; against 225, 18, 1, total 244, in the corresponding period last year.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected COCOA, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—Civil Service Gazette.—Made simply with boiling water or milk—Sold only in packets and pound tins, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & CO., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London."

ROTHWELL TIMES—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1899.

THE YEAR 1899.

Although our readers will still have a couple of days before the bells 'ring out the old, ring in the new,' we already feel that the year '99 is fast disappearing, and the fresh warm breath of the young 1900 quickens our hopes, and strengthens our purposes for the future.

The fast closing year will leave such a mark on our national history as has not been known for 100 years, the strange and utterly unimagined troubles that have befallen our Army in South Africa will cause us and our children's children, to fix on the last year of the 18 hundreds as the darkest we have known. We mourn our brave warriors fallen in a distant land; we mourn with the thousands of families who have lost a dear one; we mourn are own failure and unpreparedness in face of a small but resolute and clever band of burghers; and we look for help, where we have not perhaps looked before, to the God of battles, to Him "Who holdeth the winds in his fists," who 'ruleth in the earth' as well as 'over the hosts above.'

Again we have to rejoice in a continuance of prosperity in trade and commerce, and our harvests have been good, while there has been an unusual diminution of severe disease.

Our Parliamentary representatives, Mr. B Pickard (for Normanton Division) and Mr. A. E Hutton, (for Morley), still continue, wisely and sedulously attending to their constituents in any local wants, though more especially, supporting the political action now and again put forth by the party with whom they are in union, which for some years, has dwelt in the cool shade of the Opposition benches. Mr. Wm. Hargreaves, also, who has now sat for some years as our member on the County Council, retains the seat, and assists in the transaction of the business brought before that Authority.

Mr. J. Selwin Calverley and Mr. J. R. Seanor, as the Magistrates living in our district, are always willing to perform those duties which are now and again demanded, and are found (Mr. Seanor especially) taking their share of work on the Bench of Justices. The recent changes which have taken place, in moving the parishes of Rothwell, Oulton-with-Woodlesford, and Middleton, from the Wakefield Division to Leeds, is bound to prove a great convenience to all who have business in the Courts, although we regret to find, it is likely to cost the ratepayers rather more.

The annual election of Disirict Councillors for our District, took place on March 25th., resulting in the re-election (without a contest) of Mr. P. G. Milner, Mr. G. Armitage, and Mr. J. Abbishaw, whilst Mr. Bulmer retained his seat in a fight with Mr. Abraham Barraclough, and Mr. Henry Nichols beat the former member for Stourton, Mr. Tom Chapman. Mr. C. Sykes, who was only elected last year, has found it necessary to resign owing to absence from home, and at a bye-election for Lofthouse, held October 7th, Mr. T. P. Whiteley secured a majority of votes over Mr. W. Armitage, of Thorpe. Mr. G. Armitage was elected Chairman of the Council, and Mr. J. Abbishaw, was re-elected vice-chairman. The new street from Commercial Street to Churchfield is still untouched; there is little further done as regards the proposed Joint Isolation Hospital; but the lighting of the district is being extended; most of the Lofthouse and Carlton property is connected with the main sewer; the remainder of the Stourton Private Streets, and the principal private streets of Rothwell have been properly paved, flagged, etc.; and a large number of plans have been passed for the erection of private and public property. A series of bye-laws for waggonettes, etc., were passed by Council early in the year, but they are not yet in operation; this remark also applies to a new list of charges for water. The vexed question of wooden buildings was tested at a trial on June 16th, when the defendant lost his case, but still such buildings are being put up here and there. The first death in the roll of present or past members of the Council, since its formation in 1894, occurred last September when Mr. Thomas Oliver, the most prominent man in Carlton, died, after a short illness. We much regret that the temporary illness of Mr. Wimbush, clerk to the Council, has proved more serious than was expected, and as he has not been able to attend to business all the year, Mr. Barret, his partner, is acting on his behalf. All the other officials continue as last year. The rates for the year, are still 3s in the £ for district purposes.

The Rothwell School Board is again building, a new Infants' School being nearly completed, up Winmill Lane, while the Carlton Lane premises are being extended and altered so as to accommodate a larger number of older scholars. An attempt to obtain sanction for a school in Wood Lane district was made, but failed. The reports for 1898 in all departments were excellent, and the financial results are the largest yet attained. The head-teachers remain as before, except in the case of Mrs. Martin, who resigned the Rothwell Infants' and is succeeded by Miss Pound. The Infants' school has been held in the Wesleyan School-room all the year, but it is hoped, the new premises will be ready in two or three months. The standard of exemption is now raised to the sixth.

The Overseers remain as before, and the Poor Rate stands at 3s in the £.

The annual election to the Oulton-with-Woodlesford Parish Council took place on April 18th., Mr. W. H. Newsome being placed in the chair.

On the Hunslet Rural District Council, the members are the same, except that Mr. Tomlinson has replaced Mr. Grimshaw; Mr. Farrer is again in the chair. Mr. Goulson has resigned his appointment as turncock, and Mr. Harry Peel has been elected. It has at last been agreed to light up the road on Holmsleigh.

The Board of Guardians has suffered very little change, Dr. Hawkyard is the chairman, and Mr. Fryer vice-chairman. The new workhouse is still in the future, but it seems likely that next spring will see a beginning made on Rothwell Haigh for the erection of this large undertaking. Meanwhile the offices in Glasshouse Street are undergoing extensive alterations and enlargement, at a cost of some £2000.

At the triennial election of a School Board for Oulton and Woodlesford on February 20th., four of the old members were returned with Mr. Lygo in place of Mr. Downes The schools continue in the highest state of efficiency.

The School Board for Lofthouse and Carlton has recently been deprived of its clerk (Mr. Lee) who resigned, after 25 years service, and Mr. J. Chambers was appointed. A new classroom has been added to the Carlton School.

The Gas Light Company have made an important, but righteous concession this quarter in striking off all meter rents; the price at present is 3s 5d nett.

Turning to the Churches, the clergy and members of the Church of England have been more than usually in evidence. On the 7th of June, Oulton Church was presented with a very fine organ, by J. S. Calverley, Esq., in memory of his father. At Stourton Church there have been several special events, including the rendering of *Stainer's* "Crucifixion" on March 19th, and of "Ruth" on September 24th. The Parish Church of Rothwell is still under the care of the Rev W B Pierson, (and the Rev F G Witt, his curate), and has put forth several efforts of one kind or another, notably, the "Japanese" Bazaar on November 22nd and 23rd, when £120 was taken, mainly towards the cost of maintaining the day schools, which are in excellent condition, by the Government reports. The Bishop, of Richmond, held a confirmation for the district at Oulton, on March 13th. On the 7th of October, the Rev A J Irvin saw the fulfilment of a long cherished wish in the laying of a memorial stone of the Woodlesford Parish Room, and a "Daffodil" Bazaar was held in aid of this object on May 24th. Of course there have been the usual Parish Teas in all the places, followed by some sort of concert or entertainment.

This is the year when, under ordinary circumstances, the ministers of the Rothwell Wesleyan Circuit change, after a three years' stay, and so, on the first Sunday in September, the pulpits were occupied by the Rev. S. Arnold, of Loughborough, and the Rev. W. Salisbury of Grantham, in place of the Revs. J. B. Maltby and J. T. Tyreman who have gone to Pendleton (Manchester) and Holmfirth respectively. The great Twentieth Century Scheme has been well taken up, Rothwell alone promising 238 guineas. On the 25th of October a most successful function took place, on the occasion of the memorial stonelaying of a new Sunday school, costing £1500, and which realised the noble sum of £366. The Rothwell Primitives are progressing nicely under the leadership of the Rev J A Alderson, who, by means of a bazaar on April 3rd raised £130, and have also aided the funds by concerts, &c, especially on February 20th. The smaller chapels at Carlton, Robin Hood, Stourton, Oulton and Woodlesford are all centres of usefulness and effort, carrying on good work. P.S.A's are still held at Rothwell Primitives, Stourton Wesleyans and Robin Hood Free Church. A bazaar realising £80 was also held on April 3rd at Robin Hood.

The successful completion of the alterations in the Mechanics' Institute premises was celebrated on April 13th and 14th by grand Receptions, while the Billiard Tournaments on March 30th and April 20th, the Amateur Theatricals on April 19th and November 1st, Mr Firth's concert on October 23rd, and Dr Buck's on Nov 10th, all helped to swell the income necessary to meet the expenses; also the recent receptions on December 7th and 8th. The membership is largely increased, a second billiard table has been purchased, and a successful dress-making class is in operation. At Oulton also the Harold Hall is doing a splendid service, providing opportunities for bazaars, recitals by Mr Denny (January 11th), Amateur Theatricals (November 15th), and concerts such as Mr Higgins' (February 9th).

Successful Infirmary Demonstrations were held at Rothwell on August 31st, September 1st and 2nd; at Oulton and Woodlesford on June 25th; and at Stourton on July 8th to 10th.

Stourton St Andrew's Mutual Improvement Association has been most successful this year, and the recently-formed Wesley Guild at Rothwell has supplied a long felt want.

In the athletic world, cricketers have had their usual matches, that of Dr Buck's team (with Albert Ward) against the district, being the only special item. The Cricket League which has been in existence some years, and done a lot of good, is now dissolved. Of football and tennis nothing very particular has occurred.

We have already noticed most of the concert items, except some smaller efforts by the three Bands for their own funds, and two Co-operative concerts on February 11th and December 16th; also the Woodlesford Cricket Club concert on April 3rd. A Choral Society for the district has also been formed, which well deserves support. The Temperance Band contest took place on May 19th, and the Old Band bazaar on October 4th.

In the matrimonial market the most prominent wedding is that of Miss Bergheim who was married at Swillington with much *eclat* on July 26th. The first wedding under the new Act took place at Rothwell Wesleyan Chapel on May 31st.

There has been practically no political gathering in the district during the year.

There have unfortunately been at least three accidents which have proved fatal; we refer to Alfred Parker, at Beeston Pit on January 10th; to W Mitchell, bandspinner, of Carlton, on September 15th; and Ralph Brown, at Robin Hood Pit, on September 20th.

Of those whose death has left a felt void, are Mr Joseph Hammill (August 26th), and Councillor Thomas Oliver, both of Carlton, and worthy men; the well-known forms of Stephen Wilkinson, butcher, (May 20th), Jabez Taylor, publican, (October 16th), and Tom Sykes, carrier, (April 22nd), will be seen in Rothwell streets no more; and although he has left Rothwell some years, we cannot but include the name of Mr Samuel Hargreaves, who was so faithful a public servant, and died January 30th.

A short railway has been completed at Stourton, and is connected with the Great Northern, while another is proposed, which will join our present line at Cinder Ovens, and put us down at Thwaite Gate. Whether this will be completed, and whether it will be of much service, we know not.

However we must make the best of the present, and start the year 1900, with the sincere wish for everybody, that it may be to them,

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

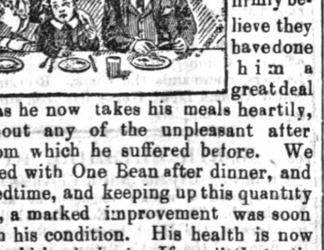
EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

[We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. ED.]

Continuing my notes on the book by Mr. W. F. Regan, entitled "Boer and Uitlander," we are told that the Republic under the sway of President Kruger has an area of about 120,000 square miles, and is rather larger than that of Great Britain and Ireland combined. The nearest point of the Transvaal is about 698 miles from Cape Town, and 200 miles from Port Natal, while the Eastern boundary of the Republic is only about 40 miles from the Portuguese possession of Delagoa Bay. The climate of the Transvaal is one of the finest in the world. Properly speaking, there are only two seasons, summer and winter. The summers are warm and rainy; the winters, dry and cold. The dry season sets in at the end of May and often continues till the end of September without even a single shower of rain. The heat is seldom oppressive on account of the altitude of the country. The air is always clear, the mornings and evenings are delightful. Extreme cold is practically unknown, and taken altogether, the climate of the Transvaal may unhesitatingly be pronounced one of the finest in the world. The Boers of the Orange River State and those of the Transvaal are really one and the same people, having a perfectly identical origin, extraction, descent and characteristic. The two States are naturally allied in all their sympathies of blood, habits and sentiments, and it was not at all unlikely that they would combine and become consolidated for the purpose of defence or attack. A consummation which would enable the united Boers to wield forces which could not lightly be reckoned with. It is further to be observed that looking at the event of a combination of forces, our diamond mining settlement in Griqualand West would be seriously exposed to invasion. Kimberley is close upon the Western frontier of the Orange River State, and within convenient striking distance of the South Western angle of the Transvaal, whilst a hostile occupation of Griqualand West, would isolate Bechuanaland from Cape Colony and would seriously menace the line of communication by road between Cape Town and Matabeleland. The Orange River State is coterminous with our Colony of Natal. Many grave possible contingencies exist, of which successive Government in England have been ill-informed. It has all along been seen it would be no very easy strategy, in the event of open conflict between the British Government and the combined Boers, to isolate them effectually. In a rugged country like South Africa, where roads and railways are still but few and imperfect at the best, and military movements like all other occasions of transport, must be conducted over more or less difficult ground with peculiarities and means of conveyance over which all the Boers are familiar. They have a great advantage in manœuvring as well as in mobilisation, marching and fighting. To this might be added also that their common base would be a compact, united and central position. The Boers can produce all absolutely indispensable supplies, excepting, possibly, arms and ammunition, within their own borders.—*Regan, Boer and Uitlander, 1896.*

BILE BEANS FOR CHILDREN.
LOSS OF APPETITE CURED.
A LEEDS FATHER'S LETTER.

15, Ward-street, Hunslet, Leeds,
October 7th, 1899.
To the Bile Bean Manufacturing Company.
Gentlemen,—I have lately been trying your Bile Beans for my little boy, who was 10 years old last birthday. He has for some time been suffering from loss of appetite, retching and sickness, particularly after dinner. I firmly believe they have done him a great deal



of good, as he now takes his meals heartily, and without any of the unpleasant after effects from which he suffered before. We commenced with One Bean after dinner, and half at bedtime, and keeping up this quantity regularly, a marked improvement was soon evident in his condition. His health is now all that could be desired. If my little testimony will do you any good, you are quite welcome to use it.
I am, yours truly,
(Signed) W. E. BEST.

Charles Forde's Bile Beans are specially adapted for children, as they are purely vegetable, and their action is very gentle. If your children live in town or city, or through force of circumstances are unable to get that amount of fresh air which is necessary to good health, Charle's Forde's Bile Beans for Biliousness are invaluable. They remove the waste matter from the body and keep the digestive organs in good working order. If used at this season of the year they will be found very effective for Rheumatism, Sciatica, and in breaking up colds and influenza, and ailments such as liver chill, *i.e.* (coldness in the morning, shivering cold hands and feet, etc). Bile Beans are sold by all chemists or can be obtained direct from the London Depot of the Bile Beans Manufacturing Company, 119 and 120, London Wall, on receipt of prices, 1s 1½d and 2s 9d per box.

As a safe, permanent, and warranted cure for Pimples, Scrofula, Scurvy, Bad Legs and Blood Diseases, and Sores of all kinds, we can with confidence recommend CLARKE'S WORLD-FAMED BLOOD MIXTURE. Sold by Chemists everywhere.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CHILDREN'S HOMES.

Besides having special fare for the holiday, sixpence each from Councillor and Mrs. Alf. Cooke, and one shilling per head for toys, an entertainment was given on Boxing Day, to the children of the Homes, by Mr. J. Elstob, of Rothwell. The programme, which was given under the presidency of Mr. John Butterick, supported by Mrs. Dickenson, Rev. Father Dillon, and Guardians Robb and Bamforth, included lantern views of scenery on the British coast, recitations in the Yorkshire dialect by Miss Butterfield, of Stourton, and several recitations by boys and girls of the Homes. Mr. A. Batty, who had promised to assist, was unfortunately prevented by illness from being present. The evening was a most enjoyable one, both for the entertainers and the entertained, and finished with votes of thanks to those who had given their services.

EAST AND WEST YORKSHIRE UNION RAILWAY.

The official traffic return for the above railway for the week ending Dec. 23rd, 1899, is £341; the amount during the corresponding week last year was £344, thus showing a decrease of £3. For the 25 weeks ending Dec. 23rd, the return is £7716, against £6780 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of £936.

WESLEYAN QUARTERLY MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the ministers and officers of the Rothwell Circuit was held at Normanton on Tuesday, when an excellent dinner was provided by the Normanton friends, who were heartily thanked. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. S. Arnold, there being also present the Rev. W. Salisbury, Mr. J. R. Seanor, J.P., and Mr. McAdoo (circuit stewards) and about 30 other gentlemen. The income for the quarter about covers the expenditure, but the financial condition of the circuit is not quite satisfactory yet. The numbers are 481, with 50 on trial and 112 children in junior classes. The following officers were cordially thanked for their services and re-appointed:—Mr. Seanor and Mr. McAdoo, circuit stewards; Mr. A. Marshall, circuit secretary; Councillor Walter Hargreaves, circuit chapels secretary; Messrs. Butterick and A. Ward, and Messrs. Stephenson and Kale, auditors; Councillor James Hargreaves and Mr. McAdoo, delegates to the Nonconformist Union. Mr. H. Armitage was elected Education secretary, and Messrs. W. Clarke, W. Stephenson, and S. Morton, representatives on the Leeds Methodist Council. Letters acknowledging valued assistance were ordered to be sent to the ladies of Rothwell and Normanton. It was also agreed that the Secretary undertake to obtain the local information necessary for compiling a year book for the Leeds district.

FOR THE INFIRMARY.

On Sunday evening last, there was a large congregation present at the Rothwell Wesleyan Church, where an effort was made for securing a good collection towards the funds of the Leeds Infirmary, resulting in a sum of £3 11s, which, with over a guinea at the morning service, enabled the officials to hand over £4 12s 6d to our local treasurer. The Rev W Salisbury preached an excellent sermon on "Christ and Pleasure," introducing the solid satisfaction felt by doing good to others. The latter part of the evening, from seven o'clock, was pleasantly occupied in listening to a short programme of suitable music, provided by Mr Marshall, the regular organist. Organ voluntary, "Pastoral symphony;" sacred songs, "For behold," and "The people that walked in darkness," Mr D Tilley; "Angels are watching," Miss Edith Batley; "The flight of ages," Mr. Thompson; "He will forgive," Miss Bertha A Batley; "The trumpet shall sound," Mr D Tilley; a duet, "Battle prayer," Misses Batley; and two Christmas carols, "Bethlehem's star" and "Happy Christmas," by the choir. The kind and effective efforts of the ladies and gentlemen were much appreciated and enjoyed; and a very pleasant evening was concluded before eight o'clock with the benediction.

NORTHERN UNION—SECOND COMPETITION—EAST DIVISION

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9.

	Pl	Wn	Lt	Dn	Pts	For G	For T	For P	Against G	Against T	Against P
Normanton	12	10	1	1	21	12	13	63	1	4	14
Kinsley ..	10	7	2	1	15	13	26	104	6	8	36
York	8	6	2	0	12	14	22	94	6	2	18
Featherstone	8	5	2	1	11	9	13	57	8	10	49
Alverthorpe	9	5	4	0	10	7	9	41	8	8	40
Pontefract	10	3	5	2	8	9	10	48	11	14	64
Ossett	9	3	5	1	7	8	3	25	11	8	46
Goole	11	3	7	1	7	7	10	44	10	14	62
Rothwell ..	10	3	7	0	6	4	7	29	16	26	110
Outwood C	12	2	8	2	6	3	4	18	8	16	64
Eastmoor..	10	2	7	1	5	5	6	28	9	16	66

E. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

ASSOCIATION

WEST YORKSHIRE LEAGUE

RESULTS UP TO SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9.

	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts
Featherstone....	3	3	0	0	6
Ossett..........	5	2	1	2	6
Altofts	4	2	1	1	5
Dodsworth Inst	4	2	2	0	4
Rothwell W R ..	3	1	1	1	3
Oulton	5	1	4	0	2
xDewsbury......	4	1	3	0	0

x Two points deducted for Breach of Rules.

	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts
Woodlesford	6	5	1	0	10
Ferrybridge	5	3	1	1	7
Hunslet N C	4	2	1	1	5
Altofts 'A'	3	2	1	0	4
Rothwell W R 'A'	4	1	3	0	2
Dodsworth Inst A	4	1	3	0	2
Purston United..	6	1	5	0	2

W. H. EASTON, Hon. Sec.

EPPS'S COCOA ESSENCE.—A THIN COCOA—The choicest roasted nibs of the natural Cocoa, on being subjected to powerful hydraulic pressure, give forth their excess of oil, leaving for use a finely flavoured powder—a product, which, when prepared with boiling water, has the consistence of tea, of which it is now with many, beneficially taking the place. Its active principle being a gentle nerve stimulant, supplies the needed energy without unduly exciting the system. Sold only in labelled tins. If unable to obtain it of your tradesman, a tin will be sent post free for 9 stamps.—James Epps and Co., Ltd, Homœopathic Chemists, London.

CHRISNMAS CRACKERS.

When is a wall like a fish? When it is *scaled.*
Why is a miser like a fish?—Because he is scaley.
Why is a commercial traveller like an experienced workman?—Because he is a journeyman.
Why is 1860 like 1862? Because the one is 1860 and the other is 186(2) too.
Why can the world never come to an end?—Because it is round.
When is an umbrella like suet?—When it is *dripping.*
Why is a fretful man liked a hard-baked loaf?—Because he is *crusty.*
Why is a tailor like a street-drain?—Because he is a *common-sewer.*
Why is dancing like new milk?—Because it strengthens the *calves.*
Why is your nose in the middle of your face?—Because it is the scent-er (centre).
Why is a gipsy's tent like a beacon on the coast? Because it is a light-house.
When is soup likely to run out of the saucepan?—When it has a hole in it.
Why is a first-floor like a falsehood?—Because it is a *story.*
Why is a torch like the ring of a chain?—Because it is a link.
Why is a madman like two ordinary men?—Because he is a man beside himself.
Why are niggers like outcasts?—Because they are out of the *pale society.*
Why is a red-haired female like a regiment of infantry?—Because she carries *firelocks.*
Why is an umbrella like a Scotch shower?—Because the moment it rains its miss'd (*mist*).
Why is a lamplighter like a cowardly sentinel?—Because he runs away from his post.
Why does a cabman try a fourpenny piece with his teeth?—To prove that it is a fourpenny *bit.*
Why should a Frenchman eat no more than one egg?—Because one egg is un œuf (enough).
Who is a gardener better paid than other tradesmen?—Because he has more celery (salary).
Why is my servant Betsy like a racecourse?—Because she is a Bet in place (betting place).
When does the weather most resemble a bookseller?—When it keeps stationary (stationery).
Why is the profession of a dentist always precarious?—Because he lives from *hand to mouth.*
Why are tears like potatoes?—Because they spring from the eyes.
Why is a avaricious merchant like a Turk?—Because he worships the profit.
When is a woman not a woman?—When she is a little cross.
When is a plant to be dreaded more than a mad dog?—When it is madder.
Why is a miser like a man with a short memory?—Because he is always *for getting.*
Why is a railway carriage like a rope-dance?—Because it goes on a line.
Why is Kossuth like an Irishman's quarrel?—Because he is a patriot (Pat riot).
Why is drunkenness like a ragged coat?—Because it is a bad habit.
Why is new bread like a caterpillar?—Because it makes the *butterfly.*
Why is a benevolent man like a rogue?—Because he takes poor *people in.*
Why is a used-up horse like a bad play?—Because it can't run and won't draw.
Why is a harmonium like the Bank of England?—Because it issues *notes.*
Why is a spendthrift's purse like a thunder-cloud?—Because it is continually lightening (lightning).
Why is a Printer like a postman?—Because he picks up and distributes letters.
Why are domestic squabbles like pots of preserves? Because they are family jars.
Why should blacksmiths be shunned as companions?—Because they are much given to *vice.*
Why is a silk dress the most appropriate for walking in?—Because it is not satin (*sat-in*).
Why is the letter G like the sun?—Because it is the centre of light.
Why is a well-trained horse like a benevolent man?—Because he stops at the sound of wo (woe)
Why is a good sermon like a kiss?—Because it only requires two heads and an application.
Why is a hen walking like a base conspiracy?—Because it is a foul (fowl) proceeding.
Why is a widower like a house in dilapidation?—Because he wants to be re-paired.
When is an enemy's encampment most likely to be set on fire?—When the tents are pitched.
What faction ought to be uppermost?—Satis Faction
Why should M. Patti make good soup?—Because she is neither Alboni nor Grizi.
What is that which is always in visible yet never out of sight?—The letter I.
Which was the most formidable stand made for liberty?—The ink-stand.
Which of Shakspeare's characters suitsa squinting man?—Lear—with a strong cast.
What is a muff?—A thing that holds a young lady's hand without squeezing it.
When is a book like a prisoner in the States of Barbary?—When it is bound in Morocco.
Why is a retired carpenter like a lecturer on natural philosophy?—Because he is an *ex-plainer.*
Why should battle-fields be very gay places?—Because palls and routs are common there.
When is a soldier not half a soldier?—When he is in quarters.
Why is a mushroom like a dandy?—Because it is rapid in its growth, slim in its trunk, and thick in its head.
Why are ships frequently uncomfortable?—Because they are often put about and sometimes get into straits.
What is the difference between an encased lancet and a certain oft-used expression?—One is a point in case, the oher a case in point.
Why are those who quiz ladies' bustles very slanderous persons?—Because they talk of them behind their backs.
Why is a baker a most improvident man?—Because he is always selling what he kneeds (needs) himself.
Why is a locomotive like a handsome and fascinating lady?—Because it scatters the sparks and transports the males (males).
Why is a man's mouth when very large like an annual lease?—Because it extends from ear to ear (year to year).
Why should travellers not be likely to starve in the desert?—Because of the sand which is (sandwiches) there.
If you pull my dog's tail, why is that like your tea-caddy?—Because you're teazing it (your tea's in it).
Why should the name of a bill-sticker and that of a gambler be synonymous?—Because placards (play-cards) is what they delight in.
Why is a man who keeps his eyes shut like an illiterate schoolmaster?—Because he keeps his *pupils* in darkness.
Why is the western window of Westminster Abbey like a gouty man?—Because it has many panes (pains).
Where did the executioner of Charles I. dine, and what did he take?—He took a *chop* at the King's Head.
Why should the world become blind if deprived of its philosophers?—Because there would be no seers.
Why is an honest baker like a vessel without ballast?—Because being short of weight he gives a roll over.
Why is a lady's hair like the latest news?—Because in the morning we always find it in the *papers.*
Why is a merciless reviewer like a careless driver? Because he is given to running people down.
Why is a donkey like the most unfortunate creditor in the world?—Because he gets nothing in the *pound.*

"Oh, I need not go up," she said to herself. "I suppose cook has stayed at home after all"; and having, by this time, reached the door, she indeed saw, by the waning light, the figure of an elderly woman turning the landing of the flight of stairs opposite to the drawing-room door. She returned to her sofa; but the child's crying did not cease; on the contrary, it seemed to increase from a whining to a wail of terror. In genuine alarm she started up and ran to the nursery.

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FOOTBALL

WEST YORKSHIRE CUP.

WOODLESFORD v. FEATHERSTONE.

As a result of the short time played by the above teams in the West Yorkshire Cup Competition on December 2nd., the match according to the decision of the Cup Committee, was replayed on Saturday last, on the Woodlesford ground. Twenty-five minutes of the stipulated period was still to be played on the former date, when darkness interfered with the game, Featherstone then having a record of two goals to nil. The Woodlesford team may therefore be considered fortunate in having to again face their opponents with a clean sheet, the score of the previous game being considered null and void. Woodlesford suffered through the suspension of Mitchell, and had a player short when the ball was kicked off; the vacancy being filled after about fifteen minutes play. Of the visitors, it is only fair to say that they were short-handed throughout the game, besides which they had to play several members of the 'A' division, and were particularly unfortunate in having a man disabled, Pearson having to be carried off the field with a broken leg, just before half-time arrived. From the kick-off the homesters showed paramountcy of power, and it was not long before Hobson and Ferret put in a bit of nice work, as a result of which the latter netted. The visitors soon afterwards got up a strong attack and became dangerous; bad kicking by the home backs made the position of things more perilous, and for an infringement of the rules, the visitors were awarded a penalty kick, which was successfully taken, the home custodian having little chance to save. The accident to Pearson soon afterwards happened, and half-time arrived with a drawn score of one goal each. With Pearson off the field, and the remaining Featherstone players evidently demoralised, the Woodlesford players had matters much their own way in the second half, and won a keen but one-sided game with a score of 4 goals to one.

OULTON NATIONAL SCHOOLS CONCERT.

In our report of this concert in last week's issue, we inadvertently omitted the name of Mrs. Pringle, the mistress of the Girls' department. We understand that Mrs Pringle was responsible for the training of the girls, whose efforts met with such hearty approval, and we regret the omission of a well-deserved tribute to her painstaking endeavours.

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